# **GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday, March 29, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.



We gather in silence.

Worshipers are invited to ponder the Scripture readings for the evening.

#### As We Gather

Good Friday is the day that Jesus dies. Scripture tells us this is the day that "He was pierced for our transgressions." But why? We are not perfect like Him. We are not holy in our own right like He is. We are not blameless or without sin. But we are loved. Jesus shows us just how great that love is when He does on the cross to save us from our sin.

#### **Red Connection Pads**

Welcome! Please add your name to the connection pad at the end of your row or record your attendance online at <u>clcs.org/attendance</u> or the QR code on the right.

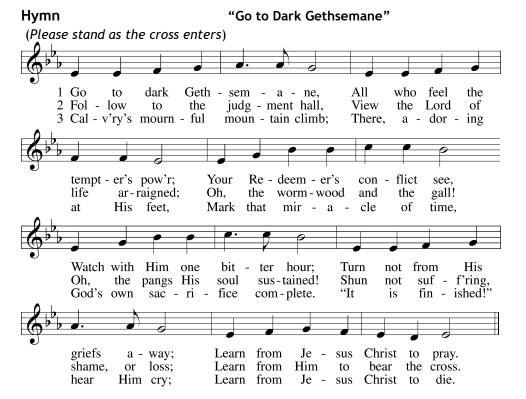


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A Note on Offerings As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our time, talents, and financial gifts. Donation boxes are located by each entry door or if you would like to contribute online, with either a onetime or ongoing gift, please use <u>clcs.org/give</u> or the QR code to the left.

#### Welcome

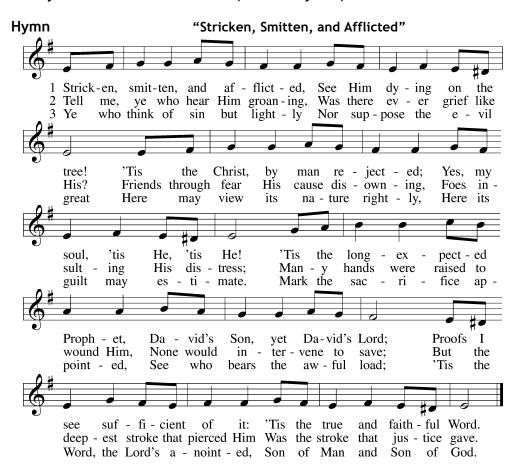


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## **Opening Sentences**

Philippians 2; 1 John 2; Isaiah 53

- L: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
- C: He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- L: We have an advocate with the Father;
- C: Jesus Christ, the righteous one!
- L: He was delivered up to death;
- C: He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
- C: yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.



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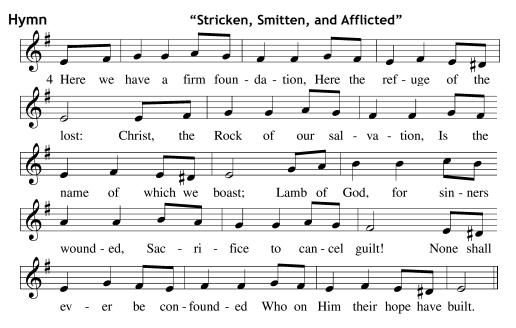
### Psalm of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

Based on Psalm 38 & Isaiah 53

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- L: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
- C: nor discipline me in your wrath!
- L: For your arrows have sunk into me,
- C: and your hand has come down on me.
- L: There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;
- C: there is no health in my bones because of my sin.
- L: For my iniquities have gone over my head;
- C: like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
- L: I confess my iniquity;
- C: I am sorry for my sin.
- L: Make haste to help me,
- C: O Lord, my salvation!
- L: He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the punishment which brought us peace; and by his wounds, we are healed. The holy death of our Lord Jesus Christ on this good day was for You. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C: Amen.



Homily (Please be seated)

## T SERVICE OF DARKNESS T

Based on the Words Spoken by Our Lord from the Cross

## The First Word from the Cross

Luke 23:32-38

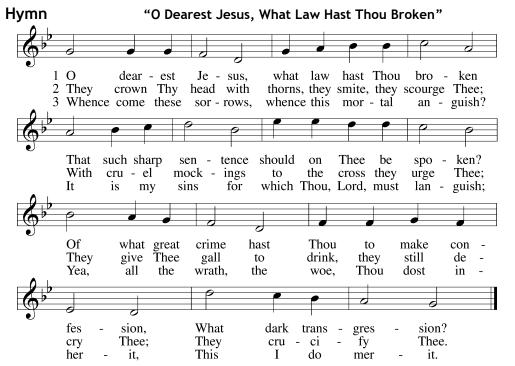
P: <sup>32</sup> Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

# Prayer

Based on Hebrews 12

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- P: Heavenly Father, we stand in awe of Your Son who forgave those gathered at the cross.
- C: Teach us to forgive those who hurt us in the same way.
- P: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,
- C: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Amen.



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#### The Second Word from the Cross

Luke 23:39-43

L: <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

# Prayer

- L: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, guide and direct us into Your paradise which awaits us,
- C: And reveal Your perfect peace to us.
- L: Help us to cling every day to the life You have given us,
- C: And by Your Holy Spirit, help us to glorify You in all we do. Amen.

#### Reproaches

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

"The Reproaches"

LSB 434 Calvary Chorale

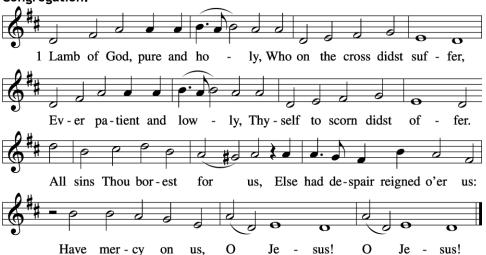
Men of Choir:

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

## Women of Choir:

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

## Congregation:



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#### Men of Choir:

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

#### Women of Choir:

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

#### Congregation:

2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
 Who on the cross didst suffer,
 Ever patient and lowly,
 Thyself to scorn didst offer.
 All sins Thou borest for us,
 Else had despair reigned o'er us:
 Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

#### Men of Choir:

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

## Women of Choir:

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

## Congregation:

3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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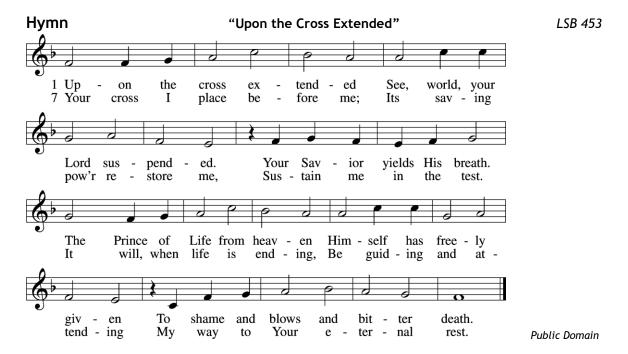
#### The Third Word from the Cross

John 19:25-27

P: <sup>25</sup> Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"<sup>27</sup> Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## Prayer

- P: Almighty Father, help us learn from our Lord's example to love others as He has loved us.
- C: While we often see the worst in others and in ourselves, help us to rejoice in the forgiveness and acceptance we receive from You.
- P: Encourage us to strive by the power of the Holy Spirit toward greater unity in our own families
- C: and toward unity in the family of believers in Christ Jesus. Amen.



(The Third Candle Is Extinguished. The Sanctuary Lighting is partially dimmed.)

#### The Fourth Word from the Cross

Matthew 27:45-46

L: <sup>45</sup> Now, from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

## **Prayer**

- L: Lord, we would never forsake You,
- C: But in the busyness of our lives, we sometimes forget You.
- L: We would never condemn You, shouting "crucify!"
- C: Yet we have allowed evil to be done in Your name.
- L: We would never deny You, saying, "I do not know the man!"
- C: But we have avoided opportunities to witness to Your love and to share the good news of salvation in Your name. Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.

## Hymn

#### "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

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- O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.
   O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine!
   Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.
- 3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain; Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place; Look on me with Thy favor, and grant to me Thy grace.
- What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
   For this Thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
   O make me Thine forever! and should I fainting be,
   Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for Thee.

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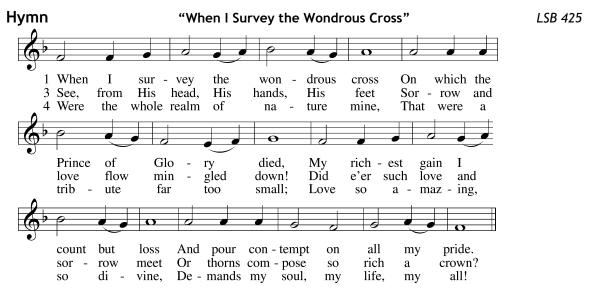
#### The Fifth Word from the Cross

John 19:28-29

P: <sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth.

## Prayer

- P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, sometimes we forget the true anguish You suffered.
- C: We often feel sorry for ourselves, without realizing what You suffered on our behalf.
- P: Having given Your life on our behalf, empower us to live boldly for You.
- C: Amen.



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#### The Sixth Word from the Cross

Luke 23:44-46a

L: <sup>44</sup> It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup> while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!"...

## Prayer

- L: Teach our hearts, O Lord, that when our last hour comes, we may confidently commit ourselves into Your loving arms. Lead us, Lord, that we may follow You through the valley of the shadow of death into the place prepared for us at Your throne in Paradise.
- C: Amen.

Special Music "Ave Verum Corpus" W.A. Mozart (1756-1791) Calvary Chorale

Ave verum corpus, Hail, true Body,

natum de Maria Virgine, born of the Virgin Mary, vere passum, immolatum truly suffered, sacrificed in cruce pro homine on the cross for mankind, cuius latus perforatum from whose pierced side unda fluxit et sanguine: flowed water and blood: esto nobis prægustatum in the trial of death.

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## The Seventh Word from the Cross (Please stand)

John 19:30

P: <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

## **Prayer**

- P: Lord Jesus, we give You thanks that You finished the course set by the Father, that leads to our salvation. Strengthen us to remain faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of life. Lead and guide us, O Lord, beyond the darkness of evil into the light of Your grace. Ensure us that we will not wander in the darkness of sin forever, but on that day of your return, we will see You in Your glorious light.
- C: Amen.



(The Seventh Candle is Extinguished)

The Burial of Jesus John 19:38-42

L: <sup>38</sup> After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.<sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.



- 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

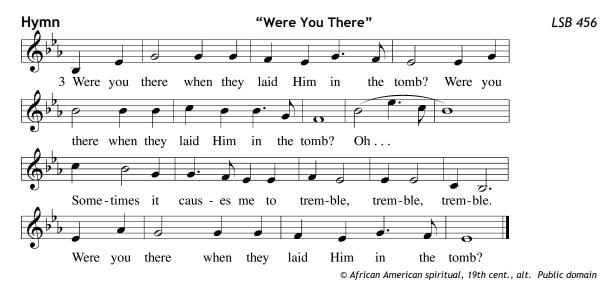
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#### Removal of the Christ Candle

(The lights are completely dimmed, as the Light of Christ is removed. Jesus—the author of life—was laid into the tomb and the darkness of death.)

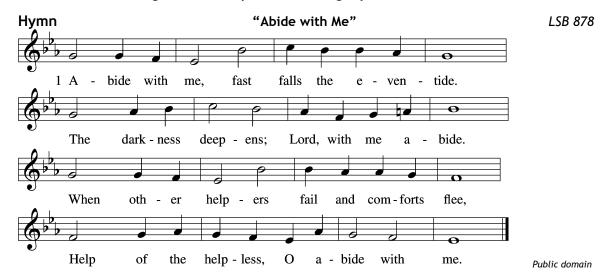
**Closing of the Tomb** ("Strepitus" - A loud noise is heard symbolizing the closing of the tomb.)



#### **Lord's Prayer** (whispered softly by all)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



(We depart in silence, awaiting the joyous songs of Easter morning.)

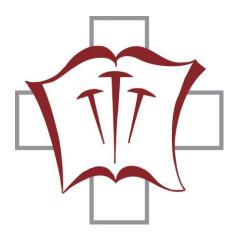
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Organist: Tony Spelde

Musicians: Calvary Chorale, Jacqueline Wiernicki-Violin

**Projectionist:** Steve Bardonner **Press Creator:** Steve Bardonner





## Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Bridges the gap between the darkness of Good Friday and the joy of Christ's resurrection.



## Easter Sunday, March 31st at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Both services provide an opportunity to celebrate the joy of the resurrection of Jesus with special music from our choir, handbells, and other musicians.

#### Easter Breakfast from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Food service takes place in the cafeteria with seating in the gym. A freewill offering will take place to support our youth attending the mission trip to St. Louis this summer.

