

April 18th, 2025

Good Friday

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 22:22-24

†Congregational Singing

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

The Lord has redeemed his people.

O come, let us worship Him.

†Collect

Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Save us from hardness of heart, that, seeing him who died for us, we may repent, confess our sin, and receive your overflowing love, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Address

On this day Christ the Lamb of God suffered on the cross, died and was buried in accordance with the Scriptures. He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. So we call this Friday good, and we celebrate the Passion of Our Savior. It was our sin that required the death of God's Beloved Son. Let us hear and respond to His reproach.

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

O my people, O my church, What have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy on us.

I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna. I brought you through tribulation and temptation, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine: but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced my side with a spear, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

O Lord, forgive us our sin.

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, forgive us our sins.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, God of love, have mercy upon us.

Corporate Confession

O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us: Save us and help us, we humbly ask you, O Lord. Forbid, O God, that we should forget, amid our earthly comforts, the pains and mortal anguish that our Lord Jesus endured for our salvation. Grant us this day a true vision of all that he suffered, in his betrayal, his lonely agony, his false trial, his mocking and scourging, and the torture of death upon the cross. As you have graciously given yourself utterly for us, may we give ourselves entirely to you, O Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Savior. Amen.

Congregational Singing "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading
Congregational Singing
†Tospel Reading
The Apostle's Creed
Homily

Psalm 88
Hebrews 5:7-9
The Apostle's Creed
Pastor David Salyer

"Darkness"

†Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, look with mercy on Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"See the Destined Day Arise"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Dismissal

As our Lord did enter into Death and the Grave this day, So now we depart this place in silence. Go in His Peace.

The Congregation departs from the Sanctuary and Church in Silence