

THY WILL BE DONE



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Love God
Care for Others

Thy Will Be Done
Good Friday: God's Will Is Done
March 30, 2018

Service begins in silence – No Bells or Pre-Service music

Introduction: *"It was the will of the Lord to crush him." Isaiah 53:10*

P Our worship service tonight is a continuation of the worship that began Maundy Thursday evening, and will not be concluded until we join together on Easter Sunday. Our service therefore neither begins with an invocation, nor ends with a benediction, since the events we mark this evening are neither the beginning nor the end of the story.

The word "tenebrae" means shadow, and as our Tenebrae service unfolds tonight, the shadows will grow. This is the hour of darkness. We gather to hear the seven last words of Jesus from the cross, and combine them tonight with Scripture that points us to God's will being done here, on the cross, for us.

Stand

Confession and Absolution *Colossians 2:13–15*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(We take an extended time of silence to personally confess our sins before the Lord's throne of grace and prepare our hearts to hear words of forgiveness.)

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear now words of forgiveness, spoken to you, flowing from the cross: "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him."

On the cross, God the Father took your sins and laid them upon His Son, Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus triumphed over sin, death, hell, and the devil. Everything Jesus did on the cross, He did for you. Because of the cross, you are fully and freely forgiven.

C **Amen.**

PAs the nails were driven into Jesus' hands, all of our sins were being forgiven. I invite you to come forward and hammer a nail into the cross. May this be a powerful time of reflection as we remember that God took our sin away, "nailing it to the cross."

Nailing of the Cross

Worshippers are invited at this time to come forward toward the chancel, where a cross has been placed. Adults assist children, and all worshippers are invited to contemplate Christ's sacrifice by nailing individual nails into the crossbeam.

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

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Prayer of the Day

P O Jesus, how can I ever understand the depth of your suffering, the depth of your love? O Father, how can I fathom what you did in order to rescue someone like me? How could your will be to crush your own beloved Son so my sin could be cleansed? O Holy Spirit, draw me to the cross this day; give me a heart to receive this gift, to marvel at the cost, and to stand in awe that the Father's will was done for me. Amen.

Offering

“Were You There”

Handbells

Seven candles are lit

The First Word, Luke 23:32-34

P Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 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. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. **Amen.**

A Reading, Luke 13:34-35

L Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’” **Amen.**

1st Meditation

The first candle is extinguished

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 450 sts. 1, 3



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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The Second Word, Luke 23:35-43

P 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 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.” **Amen.**

Reading, 1 Timothy 2:3-6

L This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. **Amen.**

2nd Meditation

The second candle is extinguished

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 450 sts. 5, 7



5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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The Third Word, John 19:25-27

P But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. **Amen.**

Reading, Matthew 6:9-13

L Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

3rd Meditation

The third candle is extinguished

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

LSB 451 sts. 1–2



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

The Fourth Word, Matthew 27:35-36, 39-46

P And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 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?” **Amen.**

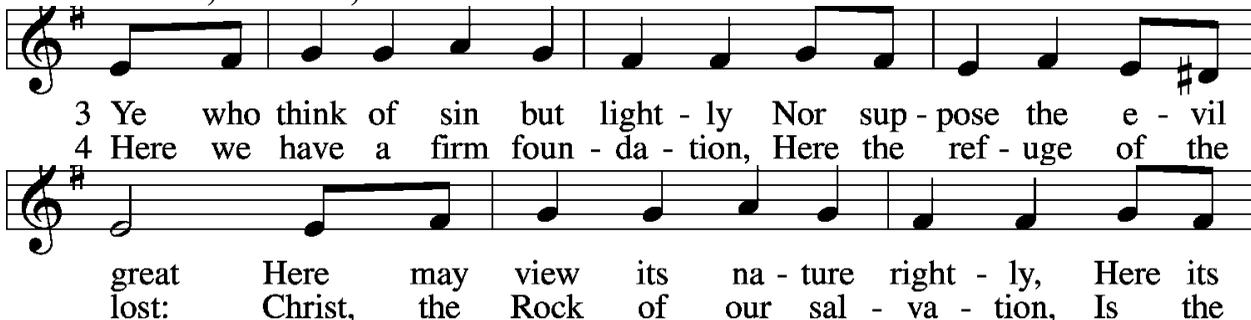
Reading, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

L So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. **Amen.**

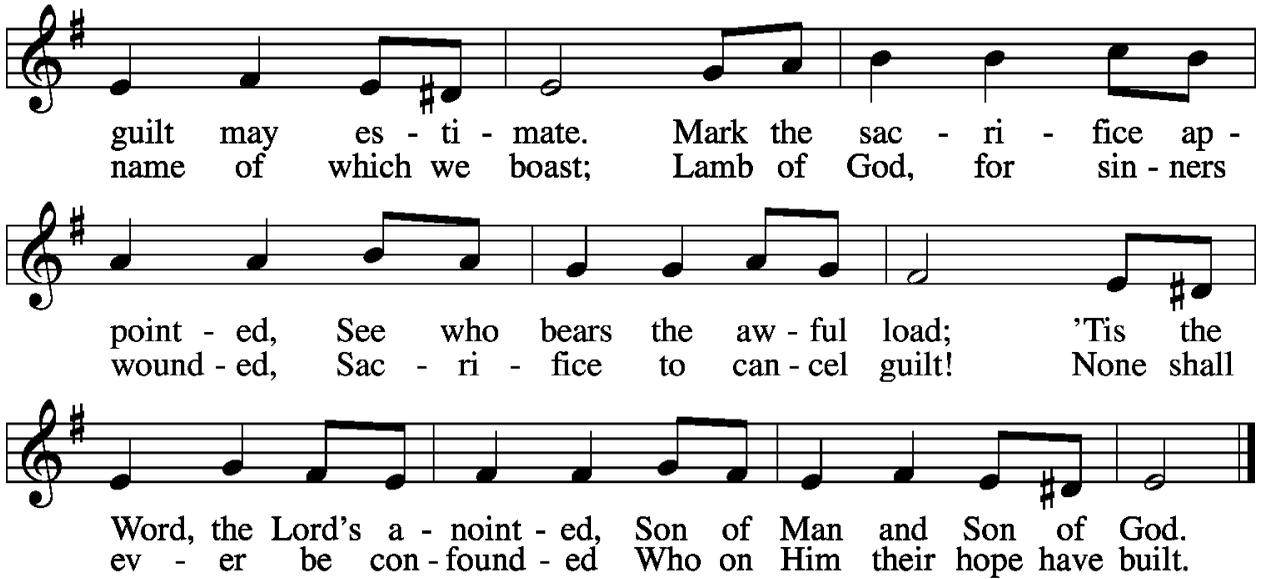
4th Meditation

The fourth candle is extinguished

451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted *LSB 451 sts. 3-4*



3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners

point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall

Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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The Fifth Word, John 19:28-29

P After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop and held it to his mouth. **Amen.**

Reading, Matthew 26:36, 39, 42

L Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” **Amen.**

5th Meditation

The fifth candle is extinguished

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

LSB 439 sts. 1-3



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
her - it, This I do mer - it.

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The Sixth Word, John 19:30

P When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. **Amen.**

Reading, Psalm 53

L The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good. God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. Have those who work evil no knowledge, who eat up my people

as they eat bread, and do not call upon God? There they are, in great terror, where there is no terror! For God scatters the bones of him who encamps against you; you put them to shame, for God has rejected them. Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad. **Amen.**

A time of Silence takes place

The sixth candle is extinguished

439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

LSB 439 sts. 4-5



4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants
Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -



owe Him, Who would not know Him.
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

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The Seventh Word, Luke 23:44-46

P It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. **Amen.**

The Easter Triduum is the period of three days that begins with the Maundy Thursday Service and concludes Easter Sunday; it is essentially one three day long service or vigil. It recalls the passion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

As the “middle” part of the Easter Triduum, this service does not include an Invocation or Benediction.

The congregation departs the service in reverent silence, anticipating the victory of Easter Day.

Serving this Evening:

Preaching: Pastor Jeffrey King Liturgist: Pastor Claudio Perez

Organist & Cantor: Stephen Hernandez Acolyte: Lawrence King

First Reader: Lonnie Angst Second Reader: Mike Rivera

Third Reader: Max Bolen Fourth Reader: Robert Dupree

Fifth Reader: Steve Hairgrove Sixth Reader: Philip Nelson

Seventh Reader: Ray Thomas

Altar Guild: Antonieta Sherwood & Vivian Garcia

Easter Weekend Activities:

Saturday Community Egg Hunt 10:00 am

Sunrise Worship w/Communion Sunday,

April 1, 2018 @ 8:00 am

Light Easter Breakfast following Service

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing: Christopher Atsinger (grandson of Pastor & Sylvia Atsinger), Barbara Boyd, Carolyn Breithaupt, Doug Cooper (husband of Liz Cooper), Carlos Garcia (husband of Vivian Garcia), Steve Hairgrove, Robert Heath, Hever Hernandez, Norman Kleiner (father of Diane Robinson), T.C. Koester, Chris Kramer (husband of Cheryl Kramer), Rose Lugo (Dora Schulle's sister), Larry Nerrettig, Bill & Mary Osborn, Frank & Tina Petway, Andrew Robinson (son of Joel and Diane Robinson), Bonnie Thomas, Randy Wilcox, Mark Zander.

Our Home Bound/Shut-in Members: Doris Baker, Jean Bradham, Fred & Marilyn Cooper, Betty Harris, T.C. Koester, Mary Perez, Herbert Richter, Gail Walther, Ed and Helen Walther, Nancy Warmke, Dick and Vernice Wilson.

Members of Armed Forces: Ernie Martin IV & Kaz Martin, U.S. Army (grandsons of Martha and Bob McFarland); Ernest Martin III, U.S. Navy (son-in-law of Martha and Bob McFarland); Noe Muniz (nephew of Dora Schulle); Jack Mossbarger, USCG (son of Cathy Swanstrom); Lt. Taylor Meave, USMC (nephew of Jamie and Connie Meave); Christopher Kieschnik (grandson of Mary Rose Kieschnik, friend of Rod and Jackie Anderson); Brenden Elliott, U.S. Army (cousin of Winnie McNamara), Christopher McNamara U.S. Army National Guard, (nephew of Winnie McNamara), Mark Baker & Christopher Baker, USMC (grandsons of Doris Baker), Wolfgang Harris & Lee Horne, U. S. Army National Guard (nephews of Pastor King) Courtney Ysaquirre, U.S. Navy (daughter of Jason & Snowy Ysaquirre).

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Welcome - we are glad that you have joined us here this evening to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ. We invite all present to please register your attendance on the attached registration card and then place it in the collection plate or hand it to an usher. Know that you are always welcome at Immanuel!

