

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, 2021

PRE-SERVICE READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

THE TENEBRAE SERVICE

OPENING ANTHEM

"The Passion Suite"

Adult Bells Narration by Rocky Harding

THE INVOCATION AND ACT OF ADORATION

P: Almighty God, before whose presence the angels veil their faces, with reverence and love we acknowledge your glory and worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity. Blessings and honor and power and glory be unto our God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN – LSB 451

"Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted"

**♪ 1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He,
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.**

♪ 2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

♪ 3. Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

♪ 4. Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

P: The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 2:15-17

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. We have eaten from the tree you told us not to eat.

C: **We deserve to die. Our blood we owe you.**

P: In Your mercy you sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who shed his blood in our stead, earning for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation.

C: **Forgive us our impure thoughts, words, and actions.**

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: **have mercy.**

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: **grant us Your peace. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Behold the Savior” – Mengel
Adult Choir

SERMON

“Jesus Said”
Rev. Mark W. Arendell

THE SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS

HYMN OF MEDITATION – LSB 440

“Jesus, I will Ponder Now.”

**♪ 1. Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff’ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.**

I. “Father, forgive them...”

The Reading – Luke 23:32-37

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

HYMN OF MEDITATION – LSB 438

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

**♪ 1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer,
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies, “All this I gladly suffer.”**

II. "Today you will be with me in paradise."

The Reading – Luke 23:38-43

There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

HYMN OF MEDITATION – LSB 438

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

♩ 3. "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly
I'll bear what You command Me.
My will conforms to Your decree,
I'll do what You have asked Me."

O wondrous Love, what have You done!

The Father offers up His Son,
Desiring our salvation.

O Love, how strong You are to save!

You lay the One into the grave
Who built the earth's foundation.

III. "Here is your son...here is your mother."

The Reading – John 19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

HYMN OF MEDITATION – LSB 453

“Upon the Cross Extended”

♪ 1. Upon the cross extended
See, world, you Lord suspended.
Your Savior yields His breath.
The Prince of Life from heaven
Himself has freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.

♪ 2. Come, see these things and ponder,
Your soul will fill with wonder
As blood streams from each pore.
Through grief beyond all knowing
From His great heart came flowing
Sighs welling from its deepest core.

IV. “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?”

The Reading – Matthew 27:45-50

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.” And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

HYMN OF MEDITATION – LSB 453

“Upon the Cross Extended”

**♪ 3. Who is it, Lord that bruised You?
Who has so sore abused You
And caused You all Your woe?
We all must make confession
Of sin and dire transgression
While You no ways of evil know.**

**♪ 5. Your soul in griefs unbounded
Your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
You healed my wounds and set me free.**

V. “I am thirsty.”

The Reading – John 19:28-29

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

HYMN OF MEDITATION – LSB 439

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken?”

**♪ 1. O dearest Jesus,
What law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence
should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast
Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?**

♪ 4. What punishment so strange
is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for
Sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt
His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.

♪ 5. The sinless Son of God
Must die in sadness;
The sinful child of
Man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his live
and is acquitted;
God is committed.

VI. "It is finished."

The Reading – John 19:30

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

HYMN OF MEDITATION – LSB 450

" O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

♪ 1. 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.**

VII. "Into Your hands I commit my spirit!"

The Reading – Luke 23:44-49

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

HYMN OF MEDITATION – LSB 456

"Were You There?"

**♪ 1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
♪ Oh...Sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

LORD'S PRAYER

(Whispered)

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

ANTHEM

"Wondrous Love"

-Cameron

Adult Choir

As the light returns, the congregation leaves in silence.