



Good Friday

April 2, 2021

Winning Through Losing

Through the eyes of the world, the crucifixion appeared to be the failure of yet another would-be messiah, but through the eyes of faith we see it as God's victory over sin and death. Through the eyes of faith, we can see Christ at work in our own suffering and death, and we can trust that we are never alone, living in the hope of restoration and redemption.

INVOCATION

*We begin worship in the name of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 53

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of the dry ground.

He was despised and rejected by others; he was a man of suffering, acquainted with infirmity.

He was a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering.

He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray.

We have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

HYMN*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

#803

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
 my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 that were a present far too small;
 love so amazing, so divine,
 demands my soul, my life, my all.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:16b-24

So they took Jesus,¹⁷ and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.¹⁸ There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek.²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom,²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be."

This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,
"They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing
they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things.

SONG*And the Crowd Cried Out*

Richard Stinson

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:25-30

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

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Bell tolls 33 times

One for each year Jesus lived among us before his crucifixion.

HYMN

"Were You There"

#353 v1

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?

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

1. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." - Luke 23:34

HYMN

"Were You There"

#353 v2

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

2. "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Luke 23:43

HYMN

Jesus, Remember Me

#616

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

3. "Woman, here is your son." - John 19:26

HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* #338 v1

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

4. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

- Mark 15:34

HYMN *"Were You There"* #353 v3

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

5. "I am thirsty." - John 19:28

6. "It is finished." - John 19:30

HYMN *"Were You There"* #353 v4

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

7. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

- Luke 23:46

HYMN *"Were You There"* #353 v5

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

The Christ candle is extinguished as a visual reminder the Light did not shine in the darkness for a time. It appeared darkness had won. After a time of silence, the candle will be lit as a reminder the story is not over. The Light will shine again.

After the lighting of the Christ Candle, you may remain for silent prayer and meditation. When you leave, please do so quietly.