



Good Friday

April 15, 2022

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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**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.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.**

**And from my contrite heart, with tears,
two wonders I confess:**

the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved people of God, on this day we remember the sufferings of our Savior on the cross, his death, and his burial. We come with heavy hearts, and we pray for God to look on us with mercy.

We must die to sin if we are to live. We confess, O God, that we are sinners. Put to death in us this sin of self-pride, self-gain, and self-interest. Your Son took our sins on himself, carried the full weight of our transgressions, and lived and died for the sake of others. Through your Son, O Lord, forgive us. Amen.

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

MEDITATIONS ON THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus in Gethsemane

John 18:1-14

[Jesus] went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword,

drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Reflections on the reading

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Go to Dark Gethsemane

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**Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.**

Peter's Denial of Jesus

John 18:15-18

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

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Stay with Me

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**Stay with me, remain here with me,
watch and pray. Watch and pray.**

Jesus Before Pontius Pilate

John 18:28-32, 19:1-3

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the

headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face.

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Jesus On The Way To Calvary

John 19:14-19

Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

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The Crucifixion of Jesus

John 19:23-29

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and

divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near 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 beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

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The Death Of Jesus

John 19:30-37

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again

another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

Reflections on the reading

Solo

And the Crowd Cried Out
Sung by Richard Stinson

Jesus Laid In The Tomb

John 19:38-42

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Reflections on the reading

THE SLAMMING OF THE BOOK

THE WHISPERING OF THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who are 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

The Christ candle is removed 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 returned as a reminder the story is not over. The Light will shine again.

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