

# GOOD FRIDAY

1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

April 18, 2025



THE PRICE OF SIN!

## AS WE GATHER IN SILENCE AND REVERANCE

As we gather for worship, we continue the service begun last night with Holy Thursday. Following Jesus' celebration of Passover, He was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. From there, our Savior fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah's Suffering Servant. "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Jesus willingly subjected Himself to abuse, ridicule, mocking, flogging, and finally death. **He died the death we deserve**, so that just as He lives we shall live also.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: *Brothers and sisters, when God became man, it was no illusion, no spiritual game-playing. Today we are observing, as it were, the funeral of the man Jesus, who is in fact God who bleeds, God who dies. God the Son became a true human being for one purpose: to die for us. When He compared Himself to a good shepherd, He said, "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me,*

**C but I lay it down of My own accord."** *John 10:17-18*

***(Please follow the cross as it makes its way from the narthex to the chancel.)***

**SILENT PROCESSION**

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## + PREPARATION FOR THE DEATH OF JESUS +



Pastor: Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, by the way of the cross;

People: **O Lord, my God, have mercy.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, by the nails and thirst;

People: **O Lord, my King, have mercy.**



Pastor: Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, by the blood that stained the holy cross;

People: **O Lord, my God, have mercy.**

Pastor: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,

People: **who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and now He sits at the right hand of the throne of God.** *Heb 12:2*

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: **make haste to help me, O Lord. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

## Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed  
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
 time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
 Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
 Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
 Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
 true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
 hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.

### MESSAGE Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

4 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,  
 Be for all the noblest tree;  
 None in foliage, none in blossom,  
 None in fruit Thine equal be;  
 Symbol of the world's redemption,  
 For the weight that hung on thee!

5 Unto God be praise and glory;  
 To the Father and the Son,  
 To the eternal Spirit honor  
 Now and evermore be done;  
 Praise and glory in the highest  
 While the timeless ages run.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray,

O Lord, Your innocent suffering and death is beyond our comprehension. You have become flesh, blood, and bone knowing the intensity of human anguish and pain. In love and grace You have bore the enormity of our sin and guilt securing for us life eternal. By faith, may we confidently know that Your great sacrifice is sufficient to sustain us in this life and the next. Grant us Your peace, Lord, as we remember this day the ultimate price You paid for our salvation.

**People: Amen.**

## PASSION READING John 18:28-40 (*Jesus faces interrogation before Pilate.*)

Pastor: Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked,

**Women: "What charges are you bringing against this man?"**

**Men: "If He were not a criminal, we would not have handed Him over to you." they replied,**

**Women: Pilate said, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law."**

**Men: "But we have no right to execute anyone,"**



Pastor the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death He was going to die would be fulfilled. Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked Him,

**Women: "Are you the king of the Jews?"**

Pastor: "Is that your own idea, [Jesus asked,] or did others talk to you about Me?"

**Men: "Am I a Jew? [Pilate replied] It was Your people and Your chief priests who handed You over to me. What is it You have done?"**

Pastor: [Jesus said] "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jews. But now My kingdom is from another place."

**People: "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.**

Pastor: [Jesus answered,] "You are right in saying **I am a king**. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me."

[Pause]

Pastor: "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against Him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?" They shouted back,

**People: "No, not Him! Give us Barabbas!"**

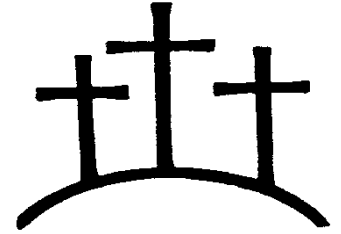


**HYMN****The Old Rugged Cross**

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

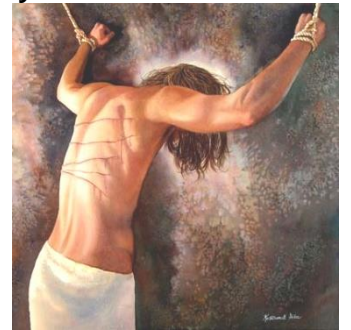
Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.



**READING** John 19:1-7 (*Jesus' Lordship is mocked with a crown of thorns.*)

Elder: Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They clothed Him in a purple robe and went up to Him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck Him in the face. Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing Him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against Him." When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the Man!" As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw Him, they shouted,



**People: Crucify! Crucify!**

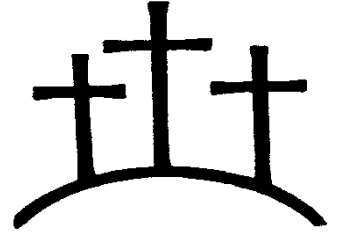
Elder: But Pilate answered, "You take Him and crucify Him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against Him." The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law He must die, because He claimed to be the Son of God."

## HYMN

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.



**READING** John 19:8-15 (*Pilate is persuaded by an angry mob.*)

Elder: When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. "Where do You come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. "Do You refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't You realize I have power either to free You or to crucify You?" Jesus answered, "You would have no power over Me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed Me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting,

**People:** **"If you let this Man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."**

Elder: When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your King," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted,

**People:** (*with LOUD voices*) **"Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!"**

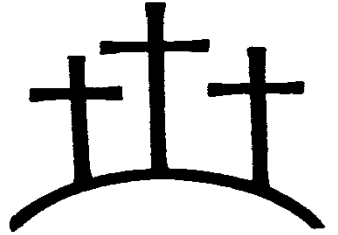
Elder: "Shall I crucify your King?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

## HYMN

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.



## PRAYERS OF CONFESION AND FAITH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, in the words of Isaiah the prophet.  
O Lord, Jesus Christ, surely You have borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed You stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

**People: Lord, we give You heartfelt thanks for knowing our griefs and sorrows.**

Pastor: You were wounded for our transgressions; You were crushed for our iniquities; upon You was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with Your stripes we are healed.

**People: Lord, we ask that You would continually forgive our sins and be our physician in the face of all illness and injury.**

Pastor: Lord, You have forsaken Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, that we may prosper in this life. Increase our joy, knowing that our redemption is secure in the life and death of Jesus.

**People: Lord, may Your righteousness be made known through our actions and our speech. Cleanse us from all iniquity that we may purposely seek to do Your will among all people. Amen.**



**READING** John 19:16-22

Elder: So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read,



**People: " JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS."**

Elder: 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. So the chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate,

**People: "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, 'I am King of the Jews.'"**

Elder: Pilate answered,

**People: "What I have written I have written."**

**READING** John 19:23-27 (*Soldiers gamble for Jesus' garments.*)

Elder: When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided My garments among them and cast lots for My clothing." So this is what the soldiers did. 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 His mother, "Dear 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**

4. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

**READING** John 19:28-30 (*Jesus' thirst is quenched with a bitter drink.*)

Elder: Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the 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. When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

**We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card** during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

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## + SACRAMENT + 1:00PM only

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**People: we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**  
 Pastor: Come for all things are ready.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**DISTRIBUTION** (Holy Communion is given in silence)

## THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

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**READING** John 19:31-37 (*Jesus' body is speared to fulfill Holy Scripture.*)

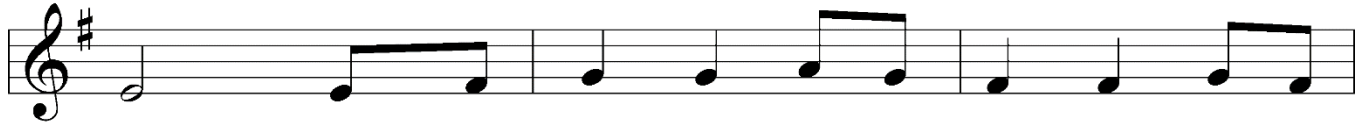
Elder: Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of His bones will be broken," and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."



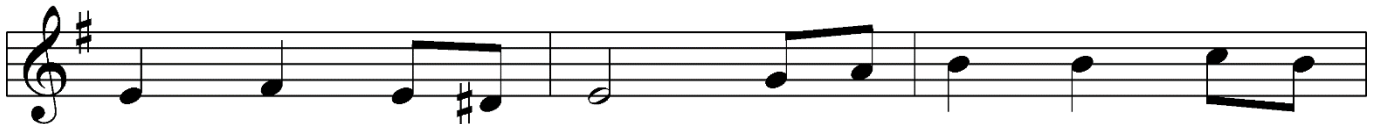
## Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



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.

### READING John 19:38-42 (*Jesus' lifeless body is cared for.*)

Elder: Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen.

This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

## Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.

### *Refrain*



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.



<sup>11</sup>Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.  
<sup>12</sup>In a loud voice they sang:

**"Worthy is the Lamb,** who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

*Revelation 5*

*Spoken softly:*

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**People: 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.**

### SYMBOLIC REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*A single candle is removed from the altar and taken from the chancel area.*

This symbolizes that our Savior hung in darkness for three God-forsaken hours before He died for the sins of the world.

### SHUTTING OF THE TOMB

***STREPITUS*** (A loud noise symbolizing the closing of Christ's tomb.)

*The candle is returned to the altar in the darkness in recognition that God is eternally alive.*

*The **Benediction** is omitted, indicating that this service is not complete until joined with the celebration of Easter.*

*(After a time of silent prayer, all may leave the church in silence.)*

***Please join us for Easter Festival Worship  
on Sunday at 8:30am or 11:00am***

**Where We Serve**

Preacher		Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant		Pastor Jim Frusti
Music Director		Paul Ventimiglia
Elder	1pm 7pm	Mark Baumgarten Scott Huggins
Family Life Director		Jeanette Koch
Ushers	1pm  7pm	Christian Krauter Lenny Elliott  Chuck Hempel Patrick Baker
Reader	7pm	Joanne Bandoni

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