

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024



THE WONDERFUL EXCHANGE

AS WE GATHER

As we gather for worship this Good Friday, we come to the cross of our dear Savior, Jesus Christ. The words of Martin Luther prepare us well to receive all Jesus dies to give us. "By a wonderful exchange, our sins are no longer ours but Christ's, and the righteousness of Christ is ours," Luther writes. "He has imparted that unto us, that He might clothe us with it, and fill us with it: and He has taken our evils upon Himself that He might deliver us from them. . . . In the same manner as He grieved and suffered in our sins . . . so also we rejoice and glory truly in His righteousness" (*Select Works*). Let us give Jesus glory for the "wonderful exchange" He has made with us at the cross!

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
Tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.

5 O my God, my rock and tower,
Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power
Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:5*

Pastor: For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,
People: so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.
 Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions;
People: He was crushed for our iniquities;
 Pastor: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
People: and with His stripes we are healed.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord our God, You took upon Your shoulders the weight of fallen humanity, becoming the sin offering for us so that we are made righteous in Your sight. Hear us as we bow before Your cross and lay our sins at Your feet.

Pastor: Gracious Father,
People: have mercy upon us. We are undeserving of Your love.

Pastor: Loving Lord Jesus,
People: take our sins from us. Show us the depths of Your love, found only in the cross.

Pastor: Renewing Holy Spirit,
People: Guide us and lead us. Enable us by faith to cling to the grace that alone can save. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His great mercy has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, He forgives you all your sins. Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross so that we may die to sin and live in His righteousness. By His wounds, you have been healed. As a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 38:1–4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5*

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

Pastor: O Lord, rebuke me not in Your anger,

People: nor discipline me in Your wrath!

Pastor: For Your arrows have sunk into me,

People: and Your hand has come down on me.

Pastor: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;

People: there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

Pastor: For my iniquities have gone over my head;

People: like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

Pastor: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

KYRIE

Pastor: Suffering Savior,

People: have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Crucified Christ,

People: have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Merciful Messiah,

People: grant us Your peace.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon us, Your people,

People: with whom Your Son exchanged places at the cross to bear our sin so we may know His righteousness;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Reader: Behold, My servant shall act wisely; He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you—His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall He sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of Him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

People: Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Reader: For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him.

People: He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But 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. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Reader: He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of My people? And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth.

People: Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for sin, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

Reader: Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

People: Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need ...

⁷ In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. ⁸ Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL*John 19:1-8, 12-16*

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting.
Amen.**

SERMON

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.

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.

+ SACRAMENT +
1:00 PM only

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for in Your great mercy, You gave Your Son into death on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. And now He gives us His body and blood to eat and drink that we might receive with confident faith the forgiveness, life, and salvation He has won for us. Keep us strong in faith as we pass through this world until we see Him in eternity with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION (Holy Communion is given in silence)

THE TENEBRAE**FIRST WORD***Luke 23:34a*

Pastor: And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes: 1-3

- 1 Jesus, in Your dying woes, Even while Your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for Your foes: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 2 Savior, for our pardon sue When our sins Your pangs renew,
For we know not what we do: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 3 Oh, may we, who mercy need, Be like You in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed: Hear us, holy Jesus.

The first candle is extinguished.

SECOND WORD*Luke 23:43*

Pastor: And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes: 4-6

- 4 Jesus, pitying the sighs Of the thief, who near You dies,
Promising him paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 5 May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Your name: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 6 May our hearts to You incline And their thoughts Your cross entwine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine: Hear us, holy Jesus.

The second candle is extinguished.

THIRD WORD*John 19:26–27*

Pastor: When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" The He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

7 Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,
And Your dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus.

8 May we in Your sorrows share, For Your sake all peril dare,
And enjoy Your tender care: Hear us, holy Jesus.

9 May we all Your loved ones be, All one holy family,
Loving, since Your love we see: Hear us, holy Jesus.

The third candle is extinguished.

FOURTH WORD*Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34*

Pastor: 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?"

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

10 Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, With our evil left alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown: Hear us, holy Jesus.

11 When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay: Hear us, holy Jesus.

12 Though no Father seem to hear, Though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near: Hear us, holy Jesus.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

FIFTH WORD*John 19:28*

Pastor: After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),
"I thirst."

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

- 13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 14 Thirst for us in mercy still; All Your holy work fulfill;
Satisfy Your loving will: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 15 May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow: Hear us, holy Jesus.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

SIXTH WORD*John 19:30*

Pastor: When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed
His head and gave up His spirit.

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

- 16 Jesus, all our ransom paid, All Your Father's will obeyed;
By Your suff'rings perfect made: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 17 Save us in our soul's distress; Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 18 Brighten all our heav'nward way With an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day: Hear us, holy Jesus.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

SEVENTH WORD*Luke 23:46*

Pastor: 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.

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

19 Jesus, all Your labor vast, All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last: Hear us, holy Jesus.

20 When the death shades round us low'r, Guard us from the tempter's pow'r,
Keep us in that trial hour: Hear us, holy Jesus.

21 May Your life and death supply Grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the home on high: Hear us, holy Jesus.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

452 O Perfect Life of Love

1 O perfect life of love! All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above To do for us below.

4 And on His thorn-crowned head And on His sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.

5 In perfect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Family Life

Jeanette Koch

Elder

1:00PM

Dennis Verseman

7:00PM

Will Hoffmeier

Ushers

1:00PM

*Mark Baumgarten
Ernie Edick*

7:00PM

*Craig Miller
Christine Lewis*