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GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, 2015

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Prelude “Were you There?” Brass
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Handbells

Opening Hymn “Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted” #451
Invocation

P *In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives power to become the children of God and promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord to us all.*

C **Amen**

Introit

P *Out of the depths*

C **I cry to You, O Lord;**

P *O Lord, hear my voice.*

C **Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

P *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,*

C **O Lord, who could stand?**

P *But with You there is forgiveness;*

C **therefore You are feared.**

P *I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,*

C **and in His word I put my hope.**

P *My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,*

C **more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

P *O Israel, put your hope in the Lord,*

C for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption.

P *He Himself will redeem Israel*

C from all their sins.

Collect

P *Let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

"See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at him— his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness— so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God (Spoken)**

Gradual

P *[Christ] entered the Most Holy Place once for all*

C **by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.**

P *He is the Mediator of a new covenant,*

- C **that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**
- P *He provided redemption for His people,*
- C **He ordained His covenant forever.**

Handbells “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Handbells “O Dearest Jesus”

Stand

Verse

C **Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him and afflicted.**

Holy Gospel

John 19:17-30

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.*

c **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." 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. 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."

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

c Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” #425

Sermon

Offering

Good Friday Litany

- P *O Lord, have mercy upon us.*
C **O Lord, have mercy upon us.**
- P *O Christ, have mercy upon us.*
C **O Christ, have mercy upon us.**
- P *O Lord, have mercy upon us.*
C **O Lord, have mercy upon us.**
- P *O Christ, hear us.*
C **O Christ, hear us.**
- P *O God, the Father in heaven,*
C **Have mercy upon us.**
- P *O God, the Holy Spirit,*
C **Have mercy upon us.**
- P *Be gracious unto us.*
C **Spare us, good Lord.**
- P *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,*
C **Have mercy upon us.**
- P *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,*
C **Grant us Your peace.**
- P *O Christ, hear us.*
C **O Christ, hear us.**
- P *O Lord, have mercy upon us.*
C **O Lord, have mercy upon us.**
- P *O Christ, have mercy upon us.*
C **O Christ, have mercy upon us.**
C **Amen.**

Bidding Prayer

- V **Let us pray for ourselves and for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend us against all the assaults and temptations of our adversary, the devil and keep us perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:**
- P *Almighty and everlasting God, since you have revealed your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of his truth, keep, we ask you, in safety the works of your mercy so that your Church, spread throughout all nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve you in true faith and persevere in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
C **Amen.**
- V **Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:**
- P *O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray you*

graciously to regard your servants, especially those in authority over us that all who receive the sword as your authority may bear it according to your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

V Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that he would deliver the world from disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick, comfort and protection to those who serve and protect us and a safe journey to all who travel:

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of those who labor, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to you graciously come before you, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

V Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and his only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into his family, the Church:

P Almighty and everlasting God, because you seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of you, free them from their error, and for the glory of your name bring them into the fellowship of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

V Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable to their salvation:

P O almighty, everlasting God, through your only Son, our blessed Lord, you have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore you that by your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and of one mind and heart with us and with your whole Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Finally let us pray for all these things for which you, our Lord would have us ask, praying in Jesus name.

C Amen.

Office of Tenebrae

First Reading

John 19:16-24, Luke 23:34

P Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others--one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." 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.

**c Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."
And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.**

**Hymn "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" #438 vs.1 & 3
(the first candle is extinguished)**

Second Reading

Luke 23:35-43

P *The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, 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." 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 Christ? 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."*

c Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

**Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #450 vs. 1-3
(the second candle is extinguished)**

Third Reading

John 19:25-27

P *Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.*

c **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 "Jesus, In Your Dying Woes" #447 vs. 7-9
(the third candle is extinguished)**

Fourth Reading

Matthew 27:45-46

P *From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"*

c **which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

**Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #450 vs. 4-7
(the fourth candle is extinguished)**

Fifth Reading

John 19:28-29

P *Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled,*

You are invited to return to worship and celebrate the joy of Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the dead and receive again God's assurance of His great love for you given in Jesus your Savior.

Easter Saturday Evening Easter Vigil, 6:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion, 6:30 A.M.

Easter Breakfast, 7:45 - 8:45 A.M.

Easter Balloon Lift-off, 9:00 A.M.

Sunday School, 9:15 A.M.

Easter Worship with Holy Communion, 10:30 A.M.

He is Risen!

.He is Risen Indeed!

Good Friday and our worship here this evening is a time of somber reflection as we approach the mystery of Jesus' death on the cross. We remember that Jesus' death is celebrated because of the forgiveness of sins and life that flow from Him and His cross to us for our salvation. The message of Jesus' cross is the message of Scripture, it was planned by God, proclaimed by the prophets, and fulfilled in Christ. Today is "Good Friday" for God's revelation of His love for us in Christ, has been fulfilled.

Part of our service is patterned after the ancient office of "Tenebrae", which means darkness. Our worship tonight is to remind us of the terrible reality of our sin, which caused our Savior, Jesus to die for us. As the Passion account is read, the candles will be extinguished one by one and the lights will dim, causing the chancel to become increasingly dark. This is to symbolize our Lord's death for our sin and remind us of the darkness, the spiritual darkness that Jesus, the Light of the word, had come to overcome.

The removal of the Christ Candle, near the close of the service, signifies Jesus', true man and True God, death and burial. The "strepitus", the loud noise of the shutting of a book, that is heard near the end of the service symbolizes the closing and sealing of the tomb. The Christ Candle is not extinguished at any time during the service, as it is symbolic of the eternal light of God's love given us in His Son Jesus. Though evil had its hour, the Light of God's love continues to burn to all eternity.

In keeping with the solemnity of the service, there is no organ postlude and everyone is asked to leave the church quietly and in silence.

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