+ GOOD FRIDAY + MARCH 29, 2024

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(PLEASE ENTER CHURCH IN SILENCE)

SILENT MEDITATION

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Were You There African American Spiritual Setting by C. Winfred Douglas Anchormen

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

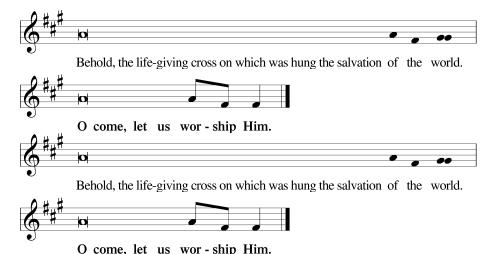
C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

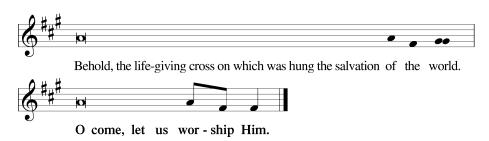
P: Let us pray.....

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 forever.

C: AMEN.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS (Sung 3 times)





(please be seated)

THE REPROACHES

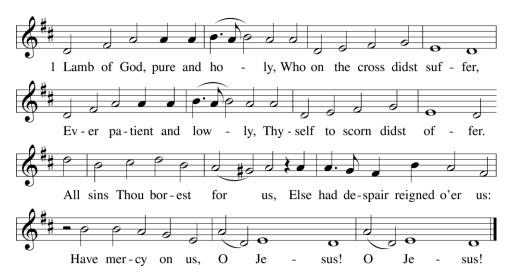
P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

Choir: Holy Lord God, Holy and Mighty God, Holy and Most Merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

LSB 434, v. 1



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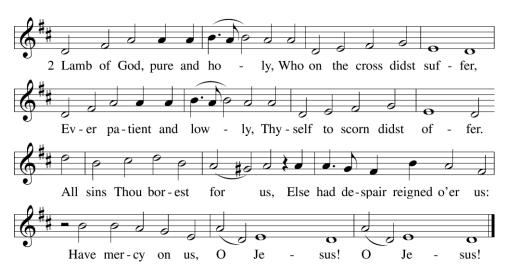
P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

Choir: Holy Lord God, Holy and Mighty God, Holy and Most Merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

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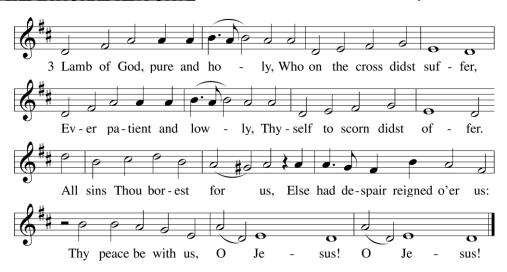
P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

Choir: Holy Lord God, Holy and Mighty God, Holy and Most Merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

LSB 434, v.3



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ADORATION OF CHRIST



C: WE ADORE YOU, | O LORD, *

AND WE PRAISE AND GLORIFY YOUR HOLY RESUR- | RECTION.

FOR BEHOLD, BY THE WOOD | OF YOUR CROSS*

JOY HAS COME INTO | ALL THE WORLD.

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO US AND | BLESS US,*

AND CAUSE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON US, AND HAVE MERCY UP- | ON US.

WE ADORE YOU, | O LORD, *

AND WE PRAISE AND GLORIFY YOUR HOLY RESUR- | RECTION.

For behold, by the wood \mid of Your cross*

JOY HAS COME INTO | ALL THE WORLD.

HYMN LSB 450 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

VOLUNTARY When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Bell Choir

Ronald Kaufmann

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 (Please use pew Bible) (p. 646)

HYMN LSB 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

<u>PASSION ACCORDING TO ST JOHN</u>

John 18:1 – 19:42 (pp. 929-932)

(Please use pew bible)

HYMN LSB 439 "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken" vv.1-5,7,12,13,15

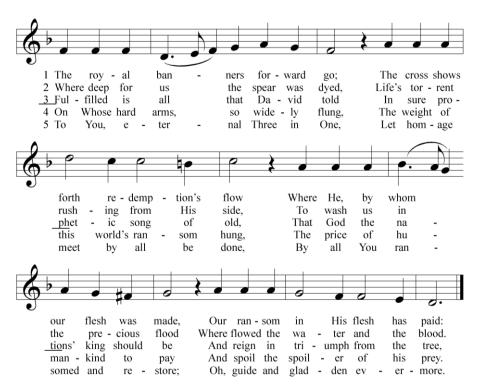
TENEBRAE ("shadows")

(the sanctuary is darkened completely as a sign of the Lord's death. The loud crack in the midst of the silence reminds us of the earthquake, the tearing of the temple curtain, and the sound of the stone rolled into place to seal Jesus' tomb.

But, the lights come back on. Death is not the end. We stand now and acknowledge the victory Christ has won on the cross.)

"The Royal Banners Forward Go"

LW 103 vv. 1-4



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SERMON

HYMN LSB 429 "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"

GOOD FRIDAY BIDDING PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend Her against all the assaults and temptations of the Adversary and keep Her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

(silent prayer)

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.

P: Let us pray for all pastors, bishops, all ministers of the Word, all servants of the Church, and for all the people of God:

(silent prayer)

P: Almighty and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church so that they and we may faithfully do the work to which You have called us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us pray for all catechumens, and especially for those persons who are preparing for Baptism, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy seat, that having received the remission of their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and throughout their lives remain faithful to Christ Jesus, our Lord:

(silent prayer)

P: Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of all catechumens and those who prepare for Baptism, that recalling the new birth by the water and the Spirit, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one Church all those who know Christ as Lord:

(silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, You gave Your Church her unity. Look with favor upon all who follow Jesus, Your Son. We are all consecrated to You by our Baptism; make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God, that they may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises:

(silent prayer)

P: Almighty and Holy God, long ago You gave Your promise to Abraham and his posterity. Hear the prayer of Your Church that the people You first made Your own may arrive with us at the fullness of redemption; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation:

(silent prayer)

P: Holy and Immortal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the Gospel. Help us, Your people, to grow in love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of Your Godhead, and so to become more perfect witnesses of Your love in the sight of all people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God, that they may find Him Who is the Author and Goal of our existence:

(silent prayer)

P: Holy and Merciful God, You created humanity so that all might long to know You and have peace in You. Grant that, in spite of the hurtful things and hostilities that stand in their way, those who do not believe in You may come to recognize in the lives of Christians the tokens of Your love and mercy, and gladly acknowledge You as the one true God and Father of us all; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

(silent prayer)

P: O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of the world 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 the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially the President and Congress of the United States, the Governor of this state, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, that all who receive the sword as Your minister may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

(silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal 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.

P: 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.

(silent prayer)

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 one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His Own goodwill.

(silent prayer)

P: O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You still continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us by Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that He may dwell in our hearts and we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and those things that pertain to our bodily needs; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN.

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

(please stand)

C: 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.

ADORATION

(please be seated)

P: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C: FOR BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.

(You are welcome to stay for a time of prayer and contemplation of the mystery of our redemption in Christ's blood. When you are ready, please leave the church in silence. The offering will be received at the door.)

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PASTOR – Rev. Barry Long **ORGANIST** -- Bruce Tagge

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Pascha (Easter) Sunday

Easter Proclamation/Holy Communion 8:00 am
Easter Breakfast 9:30 -11:00 am
Spoken Divine Service 11:45 am