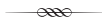




# Good Friday Service

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29, 2024 | 12:00 PM

The concept of substitution lies at the heart of both sin and salvation. For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man.

—John Stott

"But what does it all mean?" asked Susan when they were somewhat calmer. "It means," said Aslan, "that though the Witch knew the Deep Magic, there is a magic deeper still which she did not know. Her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, into the stillness and the darkness before Time dawned, she would have read there a different incantation. She would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backward."

—"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," C.S. Lewis

{ **GATHERED WORSHIP:** The Triune God Renews His People }

## ☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Marty Crawford*

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Hide not your face from your servant,  
for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.

Draw near to my soul, redeem me;  
ransom me because of my enemies!

—Psalm 69:16-18

## ☒ RESPONSIVE READING

from Isaiah 52-53

Leader: Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

*All: As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—*

Leader: 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.

*All: Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*

Leader: 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.

All: *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.*

Leader: Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

All: *But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.*

Leader: 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.

All: *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.*

Leader: 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?

*All: 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.*

Leader: Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

*All: 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.*

Leader: 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.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

"Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted"



1. Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the tree!  
 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan-ing, was there ev-er grief like his?  
 3. Ye who think of sin but light-ly nor sup-pose the e-vil great,  
 4. Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, here the ref-uge of the lost;



'Tis the Christ by man re-ject-ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-sult-ing his dis-tress;  
 here may view its na-ture right-ly, here its guilt may es-ti-mate.  
 Christ, the Rock of our sal-va-tion, his the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed Proph-et, Da-vid's son, yet Da-vid's Lord;  
 man-y hands were raised to wound him, none would in-ter-pose to save;  
 Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-point-ed, see who bears the aw-ful load;  
 Lamb of God, for sin-ners wound-ed, sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt!



by his Son God now has spo-ken: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.  
 but the deep est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus-tice gave.  
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 None shall ev-er be con-found-ed who on him their hope have built.

**READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 27:1-23

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. <sup>2</sup>And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

<sup>3</sup>Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, <sup>4</sup>saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." <sup>5</sup>And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." <sup>7</sup>So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. <sup>8</sup>Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup>and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous



man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.”<sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.<sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!”<sup>23</sup> And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**PRAYER OF LAMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,*

*for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.*

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

O sacred Head now wounded  
With grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns Thine only crown;  
How pale Thou art with anguish,  
With sore abuse and scorn;  
How does that visage\* languish  
Which once was bright as morn?

What Thou my Lord hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain;  
Lo, here I fall my Savior,  
'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor,  
Vouchsafe\*\* to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee dearest friend?  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end;  
O make me Thine forever,  
And should I fainting be;  
Lord let me never, never  
Outlive my love to Thee.

\*face; expression; countenance

\*\*to grant or give, as by favor

**READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 27:24-56

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

<sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

<sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him.

<sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup>"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him." <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him.

For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup>And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>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?" <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup>And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

<sup>55</sup>There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup>among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious God,*

*Our hearts praise you for the wonder of your love in Jesus;*

*He is heaven's exalted king, but is for us*

*The incarnate, despised, rejected, crucified sin-bearer;*

*When our hearts are stone, forgive us;*

*Melt them with your love.*

*When our hearts are locked, forgive us;*

*Let your love be the master key to open them.*

*O Father, we adore you for your great love in the gift of Jesus,*

*O Jesus, we bless you for sacrificing your life for us,*

*O Holy Spirit, we thank you for revealing to us the mystery of the gospel.*

*Great God, lead us away from false trusts to rest in Jesus and him alone.*

*Let us not be so callous to his merit as not to love him,*

*So indifferent to his blood as not to desire cleansing.*

*In the arms of love enfold and subdue our willful spirits.*

*In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

## ❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

—2 Corinthians 5:21

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

 **HYMN OF CHRIST**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure;  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life,  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything—  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart—  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## HYMN CREDITS

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### *"Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted"*

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### *"Dead and Buried"*

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### *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

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# *Easter Sunday*

March 31, 2024

Sunrise Service at Vulcan Park | 6:15 am

Pancake Breakfast at Covenant | 7:00 am

Gathered Worship | 8:00 am\*

Gathered Worship | 9:30 am\*

Gathered Worship | 11:00 am

*\*Children's Worship will be available during the 8:00 and 9:30 services.*





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