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GOOD FRIDAY

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The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Stand

COLLECT

P 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.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Moment of Silence - A candle is extinguished.

Stand

COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

HYMN

#451 - "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Sit

READING OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

P The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

Reading: John 18:1-11 (Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus)

Soloist: #439, stanza 1 "O Dearest Jesus"

Reading: John 18:12-27 (Jesus before the High Priest and Peter's Denial)

Congregation: #439, stanza 2 "O Dearest Jesus"

Reading: John 18:28-40 (Jesus before Pilate)

Congregation: #439, stanza 3 "O Dearest Jesus"

Reading: John 19:1-16a (Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion)

Congregation: #439, stanza 4 "O Dearest Jesus"

Reading: John 19:16b-24 (The Crucifixion of Jesus)

Congregation: #439, stanza 5 "O Dearest Jesus"

Reading: John 19:25-30 (Jesus' Mother and His Death)

After the reading of the words, "He bowed His head and gave up His spirit," the congregation remains silent. You may silently pray the Lord's Prayer.)

Cello: #439 "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

(Please silently meditate on the words as the cello plays the melody.)

Reading: John 19:31-42 (Jesus' Side Is Pierced)

Soloist: #439, stanza 13 "O Dearest Jesus"

Congregation: #439, stanzas 14-15 "O Dearest Jesus"

Moment of Silence - A candle is extinguished.

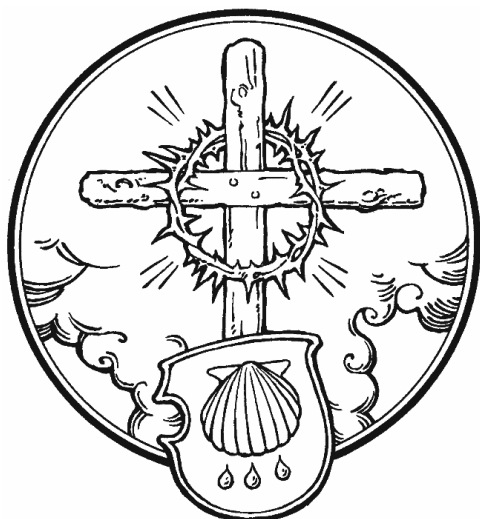
HOMILY

TO THE TESTIMONY!

THE NEW-LIFE WATER OF BAPTISM

"But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe."

John 19:34-35



Theme: Holy Baptism is God's testimony that we have died with Christ and walk in new life.

Key Verses

Matthew 3:16-17 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Romans 6:3-4 "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with

him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

Titus 3:5-6 "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior."

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."



Stand

BIDDING PRAYER

The use of the Bidding Prayer on Good Friday dates back over a thousand years in the Church. It consists of eight "bids" or prayers. The bid is first read by the assistant telling us what we will pray for. Then follows a time of silence for individual prayer. After this, the Pastor brings our prayers together in a collect. The congregation then closes the collect with the "Amen."

- A** Let us pray for...
(Please pray for the particular bid individually during a time of silence)
- P** ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- A** Finally, let us pray for all things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:
- 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.**

REPROACHES

Micah 6:3—4

(The reproaches are an ancient liturgical text known in Latin as the Improperia. They are based on Old Testament passages and are a series of stinging accusations brought by Christ against His Church. They reveal our sin and guilt while praying for mercy from the Lamb of God who bore all our sins on the cross. These reproaches have long been part of the Good Friday service.)

- 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.
- C** **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.**

Moment of Silence - A candle is extinguished.

Hymn #434, stanza 1 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"



[Jeremiah 2:6—7]

- 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.

- C** 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.

Moment of Silence - A candle is extinguished.

Hymn #434, stanza 2 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

Isaiah 5:2—4

- 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.
- C** 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.

Moment of Silence - A candle is extinguished.

Hymn #434, stanza 3 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Moment of Silence – The final candle is extinguished.

THE STREPITUS (Closing of the Book) acknowledges that with the sealed tomb, the meaning of the cross is fulfilled: Christ's sacrifice is complete.

All leave the church in silence.



THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor..... Rev. Jonathan P. Boehne
Organist Judi Volker
Cello Rebekah Boehne



Easter Vigil Service w/ Holy Communion (March 30)

5:00 p.m.