



**Good Friday
Worship Service**
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ABOUT THE SERIES: We live in an increasingly angry culture. Although we may feel justified at becoming angry with something or someone who violates the Word of God, we often express that anger in unhelpful and even harmful ways. Our 2020 series, “Deliverance from Danger,” will explore the destructive nature of supposed “righteous” anger in humans. In response to all this misplaced, misinformed and misguided human anger, Jesus responds with grace and mercy, compassionately dispensing God’s gifts.

THEME OF THE DAY: As Jesus makes His way to the cross, scorn, anger and hatred were heaped upon Him. People insulted Him, reviled Him and lashed out against Him in cruel and spiteful ways. Yet amid all the hateful barbs that Jesus endures, His thoughts and concerns focus on the Father’s plan of salvation. Christ’s words from the cross demonstrate His pain and suffering but also His boundless compassion and mercy. As Jesus comes into His kingdom, securing salvation for all, he gives assurance of that salvation to a repentant thief.

+ Order of Worship +

Hymn

“Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted”

LSB 451

Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open my lips

C: **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Prophecy of Christ’s Suffering and Death (from Isaiah 53)

P: Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

C: **For he grew up before Him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground.**

P: He had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
And no beauty that we should desire Him.

C: **He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.**

P: And as one from whom men hide their faces,
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

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

P: But He was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;

**C: Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.**

P: We all, like sheep, have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way.

C: And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

P: Who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgressions of my people?

**C: And they made His grave with the wicked,
and with a rich man in His death,**

P: although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

**C: Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;**

P: When his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

C: Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied.

P: By His knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
Make many to be accounted righteous.

C: And he shall bear their iniquities.

Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, graciously uphold 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.

Tenebrae Sequence

Tenebrae, meaning “darkness,” derives its name from the darkening of the church as candles are put out one by one. There are seven candles on the altar. One will be extinguished following each of the seven words or phrases that Jesus spoke from the cross and at other points in the service.

First Word

Luke 23:32-34a

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Hymn

“Upon the Cross Extended”

LSB 453 v.1

Second Word

Luke 23:35-43

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Hymn

“Upon the Cross Extended”

LSB 453 v.2

Third Word

John 19:25-27

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Hymn

“Upon the Cross Extended”

LSB 453 v.3

Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45-47

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 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?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

Hymn “Upon the Cross Extended” LSB 453 v.4

Fifth Word Matt. 10:38-42, John 19:28-29

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

Hymn “Upon the Cross Extended” LSB 453 v.5

Sixth Word John 19:30a

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hymn “Upon the Cross Extended” LSB 453 v.6

Seventh Word Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 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.

Hymn “Upon the Cross Extended” LSB 453 v.7

Responsory

P: We have an advocate with the Father;
Jesus is the propitiation of our sins.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: We have an advocate with the Father;
Jesus is the propitiation of our sins.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.



Sermon “Jesus Prepares a Heavenly Kingdom” Luke 23:39-43

Prayer of the Church

P: Almighty and everlasting God, because You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep in safety the works of your mercy so that Your Church, spread through all nations, may be defended from all evil and may serve you in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our prayers on behalf of all ministers of the Word and all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may serve according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God and Father, You always grant growth to Your Church. Increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C: Amen.

P: Merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and all the powers that exist in the nations of the world and because You have ordained them for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do well, graciously regard our leaders and Your servants, especially our president, Congress, Judiciary and all who make, administer and judge our laws; that all who bear the sword as Your ministers may do so according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Great Physician of body and soul, You are the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak. May the prayers of those in tribulation and distress 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: Merciful God, You seek not the death but the life of all. Hear our prayers for those who have no right knowledge of You. Free them from their error, and for the glory of Your holy name, bring them into the fellowship of Your church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Creator, by Your Word, You created and continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that we might receive and give thanks for all Your blessings; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

Concluding Prayer

P: Let us pray: Almighty 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 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

The Final Reading: Jesus is Buried

John 19:38-42

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been placed. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, and because the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Hymn

"Were You There?"

LSB 456

The Strepitus

The service concludes with a loud noise that brings to mind the closing of Christ's tomb.

Take a few minutes of silence to ponder the mystery of the cross and Christ's atoning death.

