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Worship for Good Friday

April 18, 2025

12:00 P.M.

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Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* Harold DeCou

Call to Gather on Good Friday (Responsive)

Today the carpenter's hands are nailed to a cross, the King of kings is crowned with thorns and wears the purple robe of mockery.

Today he sets us free, himself imprisoned on a tree. Today is God's Friday. We come in worship.

King of Glory, we adore you, our Savior and Lord. You suffered on the cross and gave your life as a ransom for many. **We bless and thank you for the outpouring of your love and offer our worship today out of unspeakable gratitude.**

O Christ, who forsook no one but was forsaken by the closest of friends, and who committed no crime yet was sentenced to a criminal's death, we enter your presence in awe and adoration.

On this day, centuries ago, you could have saved your life, but you refused to betray the purpose for which you had been born.

You had come into the world to love God and neighbor as yourself, and when that love required you to shoulder a cross, you summoned the strength to bear it.

Today, O Christ, as we sing and pray about the cross, teach us its meaning once again and help us to take up our cross and follow you.

Hymn 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Prayer for Confession

Loving God, we know that you love us, so we confess that we have let you down. Every day we betray you, deny you, misunderstand you, crucify you. We betray you when we are selfish or unkind. We deny you when we do not speak out for justice and truth. We lament that war and deception flourish and grow every day. Forgive us our cruel indifference to the cross. We are truly sorry, and we wait for your word of love. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon & Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Lesson (responsive)

Isaiah 52:13-53:6

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire

him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Anthem Solo

Consider, O My Soul from St. John Passion
Wayne Pope, baritone, Nathaniel Brown, organ
J. S. Bach

The Gospel Reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ | John 18 & 19

Meditation

Response Hymn 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
HAMBURG

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Moment of Silence

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.

Benediction

Depart in Silence