

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15, 2022, 7pm
Tenebrae

(P: pastor; C: congregation)

THE APPROACH TO GOD

GREETING

P: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

OPENING MESSAGE

P: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

C: His mercy endures forever.

P: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into this world, and we loved darkness rather than light.

C: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

P: For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

C: Every one that does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light. But all who do what is true come to the light.

P: Come, let us worship in spirit and truth.

HYMN: "Christ, the Life of All the Living" LBW 97

**Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe;
Through your suff'ring, death, and merit Life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, Dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**You have suffered great affliction And have borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
For you chose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, Dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**Then, for all that bought my pardon, For the sorrows deep and sore,
For the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;
Thank you for the groaning, sighing, For the bleeding and the dying,
For that last triumphant cry, Praise you evermore on high.**

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

C: who redeems us from sin and death.

P: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

C: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 19:14-25a

Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" LBW 301

**Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, opened when our Savior died.**

**Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; Those who drink shall thirst no more.**

**Those who drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our redeemer died, Sealed when he was glorified.**

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

THE FIRST WORD: Luke 23:32-34

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And 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. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

COMMENTARY

HYMN: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" TLH 172, st. 4

**My burden in Thy Passion, Lord, Thou hast borne for me,
For it was my transgression Which brought this woe on Thee.
I cast me down before Thee; Wrath were my rightful lot.
Have mercy, I implore Thee; Redeemer, spurn me not!**

A candle is extinguished

THE 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!"³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

COMMENTARY

HYMN: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" TLH 172, st. 5

**My shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts divine.
Thy lips have often fed me With words of truth and love;
Thy Spirit oft hath led me To heavenly joys above.**

A candle is extinguished

THE THIRD WORD: John 19:25-27

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

COMMENTARY

HYMN: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" TLH 172, st. 6

**Here I will stand beside Thee, From Thee I will not part;
O Savior, do not chide me! When breaks Thy loving heart,
When soul and body languish In death's cold, cruel grasp,
Then, in Thy deepest anguish, Thee in mine arms I'll clasp.**

A candle is extinguished

THE FOURTH WORD: Matthew 27:45-49

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.⁴⁶ 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?"⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."⁴⁸ 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.⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

COMMENTARY

HYMN: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” TLH 172, st. 3

**Now from Thy cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair;
From Thy red lips is banished The splendor that was there.
Grim Death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou has lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.**

A candle is extinguished

THE FIFTH WORD: John 19:28-29

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”²⁹ 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.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

COMMENTARY

HYMN: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” TLH 172, st. 7

**The joy can ne'er be spoken, Above all joys beside,
When in Thy body broken I thus with safety hide.
O Lord of Life, desiring Thy glory now to see,
Beside Thy cross expiring, I'd breathe my soul to Thee.**

A candle is extinguished

THE SIXTH WORD: John 19:30

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

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

COMMENTARY

HYMN: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” TLH 172, st. 8

**What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.**

A candle is extinguished

THE SEVENTH WORD: Luke 23:46

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.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

COMMENTARY

HYMN: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” TLH 172, st. 10

**Be Thou my Consolation, My Shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy Passion When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.**

A candle is extinguished

The Christ candle is removed from the sanctuary.

While the sanctuary is darkened, there is silence for meditation.

A loud sound is heard symbolizing the closing of the tomb.

The Christ candle is returned to the sanctuary in anticipation of the ultimate victory.

P: May Jesus Christ who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you.

C: Amen

Those who wish to remain for prayer and meditation are invited to do so.

We strive to use our gifts and the best resources available to support people in their faith. To inquire about our sermons and/or the resources used to produce them please contact us through our church office. To God be the glory!

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PRAYER CARD

If you have a Prayer Request, use the YELLOW card that is available in the narthex, from an usher, or in the pew racks. Ushers will collect the cards before the Sermon so that prayers can be offered during the Intercessions.

If you are visiting with us, please use the Information Update on the reverse side of the card. Include your name and address and other important information. If our congregation can assist you in any way, please put that information on the card or speak to the Pastor.

ASSISTANCE

The ushers can supply parents of small children with soft toys, books, and a weekly children's worship bulletin. The parlor (the room behind the sanctuary) has a loud speaker and window so that, if necessary, parents can use it as a cry room and still see and hear the service. Large-print editions of our worship service are also available from the ushers.

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on the teachings of Scripture and in response to the Lord's admonition that, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)," we ask that those who attend the Lord's Supper ask of themselves the following questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's grace? (1 John 1:8-9)
2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (1 Cor. 11:26-29)
3. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior? (Romans 5:6)
4. Do you intend with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life? (2 Cor. 5:15)
5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true body and blood in the Lord's Supper? (Mark 14:22-24)
6. Do you trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in Holy Scriptures? (John 8:31-32)
7. Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? (Matthew 28:19-20)

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions, burdens, or doubts concerning the sacrament, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Adults and children not receiving the Body and Blood of Christ may instead come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Gluten free rice wafers are available. Please indicate this by clearly raising your index finger. Those who wish may use the method of intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) for receiving the sacrament. You may receive the wine from either an individual cup or the common cup. In the center of the individual cup tray will be cups holding **white grape juice** for anyone who would prefer that over wine.

Please inform an usher if you are unable to come to the altar; the elements will be brought to you.



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