

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE - 7:00 P.M. – April 7, 2023

Rev. Todd Zuidema.....Guest Minister – Good Friday

Enter humbly, worship deeply, stand by the cross to watch your Savior, then leave with a deep sense of peace at his gift for you!

WE ARE CALLED TO REMEMBER OUR SAVIOR

Prelude

*Opening Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray:

Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your children gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross.

ALL: Strengthen our faith as we worship and sing with thanks to Jesus our Savior for His sacrifice for us. Amen

*Hymn: #381:1-3 *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*

Our Confession: Isaiah 53:3-6

Pastor: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

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

Pastor: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

ALL: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:6,8

Pastor: The Gospel of Jesus Christ speaks to our deepest need. “At just the right time when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly...God demonstrates His own love for us in this; while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” At the cross of Jesus the sin of us all was placed upon the spotless lamb of God. God made His own Son a sin offering so that we, by faith, might become the righteousness of God.

Choir: *“It Causes Me to Tremble”*

WE REMEMBER JESUS’ SUFFERING AND DEATH

Pastor: Let us remember Jesus; he was condemned to die that we might be pardoned; he endured the suffering and death of the cross. That we might live through him.

ALL: May we ever be grateful for Jesus Christ and what he has done for us.

Jesus is Arrested and Disowned by Peter

Scripture Reading: (George Heynen) Mark 14:43-52

Mark 14:66-72

Hymn: #386:1-4 *“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended”*

Jesus is Tried and Sentenced

Scripture Reading: (Maureen Veldman) Mark 15:1-15

Hymn: #383:1-3 *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

Jesus is Crucified

Scripture Reading: (Eric Kroese) Mark 15:25-41

Hymn: #384:1-4 *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

WE REMEMBER THROUGH THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 13:1-17

Message: **“He Loved Them to the End”**

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: #534:1-4 *“Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy”*

WE COMMEMORATE THE LORD’S DEATH

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right for us to give thanks to you, almighty, everlasting God, through Christ our Lord.

Pastor: For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the World. By his death he has destroyed death for us.

The Institution:

Pastor: We give thanks to God our Savior, before He suffered, gave us this memorial of His sacrifice, until His coming again. For the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also the cup. After supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

The Prayer of Consecration

Pastor: Let us pray:

Almighty God, we thank you for the unspeakable gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray that in this supper, in which we commemorate the death of your dear Son, you will so work in our hearts, that we may yield ourselves ever more fully to Jesus Christ. May our contrite hearts, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be nourished and refreshed with his body and blood, with him, true God and man, the only heavenly bread, so that we may no longer live in our sins, but he is in us, and we in him.

People: Amen

The Invitation and Dedication

Pastor: Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared this table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior and who desire to live in obedience to him, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

People: Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we present ourselves a living sacrifice, and come to the table of our Lord. Amen

Distribution of the Elements

The Participation

The Thanksgiving

Pastor: Congregation in Christ, since the Lord has fed us at his table, let us praise his holy name with thanksgiving.

People: Worthy is the lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: #482:1-5 "*Man of Sorrows--What a Name*"

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

(After a moment of reflection, the congregation is asked to leave in silence. Your offering for Benevolence will be taken at the door as you leave.)

*Postlude

*indicates congregation stand
organist: Lavonne Kats