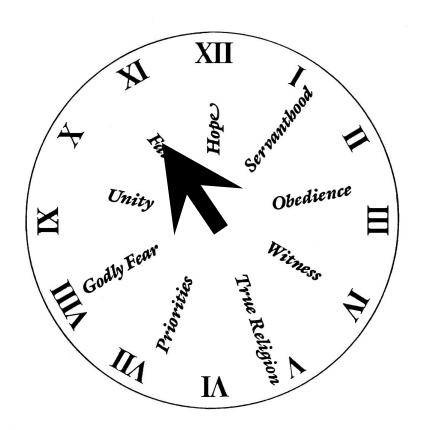
LENT: A Time for Renewal



Good Friday April 2, 2021

The Greeting

The Opening Hymn 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane



The Confession at the Cross:

P: Beloved in the Lord, on this Good Friday we enter not only this place of worship, but in spirit we go to that other place called Calvary to kneel beneath the cross. We come to the Cross, and listen to what Jesus says, as He dies for our sins.

C: We have come because we must watch and listen and pray.

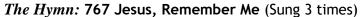
P: Jesus said: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

- C: Forgive us, Lord, for our unforgiving heart--for the grudges we carry, for our cruel words, for our own lack of kindness and compassion.
- P: Jesus said: "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."
- C: Forgive us, Lord, for seeking the things this world offers, for building our own kingdoms, for our materialism and misplaced priorities, and for neglecting the things that endure and the kingdom you came to bestow.
- P: Jesus said, "Woman, behold your son! Son, behold your mother!"
- C: Forgive us, Lord, for neglecting those in need, for ignoring the poor and helpless and hurting, for scorning your call to servanthood.
- P: Jesus said, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- C: Forgive us, Lord, for the times that we have turned our backs on your word, the times when we have gone through trial and have suspected that you weren't there, the times when we weren't there to help and comfort the lowly.
- P: Jesus said, "I thirst."
- C: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not thirsted for righteousness and peace and hope and joy and kindness, neglecting the fruitful life the Spirit would bestow.
- P: Jesus said, "It is finished."
- C: Forgive us, Lord, when we have doubted your grace and have tried to add to our salvation by depending on ourselves and what we can do to gain your favor.
- P: Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."
- C: Forgive us, Lord, for not commending our past failures to your Mercy, our present situations to your governance, and our futures to your care.
- P: This is why we are here, Lord God, for only here, in this place of turmoil, sorrow, and death can we find peace and joy and life.
- C: Lord, have mercy upon us sinners! Amen.

The Absolution

P: The Lord finished the work laid upon Him by the Father. In His perfect obedience, perfect life, willing death, completed sacrifice, He earns for us what we can not earn, gains for us what we have no right to have, and freely gives what is priceless. He gives forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of the word, in the stead, and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive all your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen





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The scripture readings for Good Friday: Psalm 51

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with in me. ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the

joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. ¹⁴Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. ¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; ¹⁹then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

A The Old Testament Reading for Good Friday is from Isaiah, chapters 52 and 53.

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—15 so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²For 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the

transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Hebrew 4:14-16; 5:7-9

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . . ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

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- **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: John 19:17-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

¹⁷[Jesus] went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate

also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many 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. ²¹So 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." ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When 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, ²⁴so 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, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A 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. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

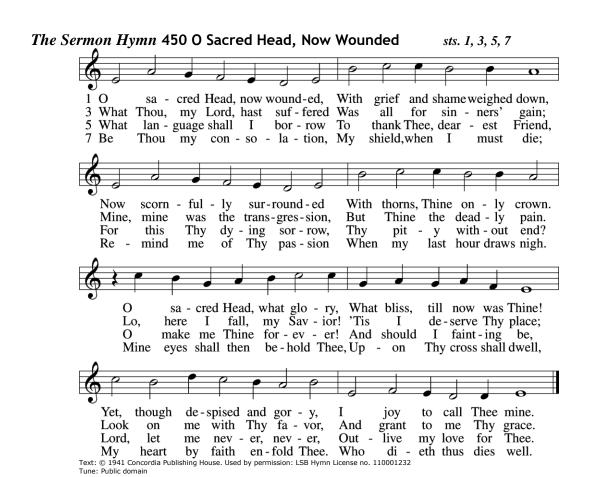
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Glory be to thee, O Christ

Apostles' Creed

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen



The Sermon: "Good Friday: A Time for Renewal of Faith: Romans 3:24-25

The Offering
The Offertory

The Prayer for Faith

P: Renew our faith, O Lord.

- C: Give us faith to believe that Christ died for our sins.
- P: Renew our faith, O Lord.
- C: Give us faith to believe that only in Christ is there peace with God.
- P: Renew our faith, O Lord.
- C: Give us faith to believe that we have died to sin with Christ and have been raised to righteousness.
- P: Renew our faith, O Lord.
- C: Give us faith to believe that your love is boundless, your mercy limitless, your forgiveness as certain as the cross on which Christ died for us.
- P: Renew our faith, O Lord.
- C: Give us the faith to take up the cross and follow Christ Jesus.
- P: Renew our faith, O Lord.
- C: Give us faith to believe that we are "justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Romans 3:24-25).

The Litany:

- P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C: O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- P: O Christ, have mercy upon us.
- C: O Christ, have mercy upon us.
- P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C: O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- P: O Christ, hear thou us.
- C: O Christ, hear thou us.
- P: O God, the father in heaven.
- C: Have mercy upon us.
- P: O God the holy spirit,
- C: Have mercy upon us.
- P: Be gracious unto us.
- C: Spare us, good Lord.

P: O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: We beseech you to hear us.

P: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: Grant us your peace.

P: O Christ, hear thou us.

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The 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.

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you:

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

The Burial of Jesus: John 19:31-41

The "Strepitus" is a harsh sound, a sound of finality, a closing tomb, a sound empty of hope. It is where those without Jesus are left when standing at grave. The harshness for the Christian is a reminder of the closed tomb of Jesus, as we wait in hope for His resurrection.

The Closing Hymn- "Were You There" Solo played by Nate Stroffregen During the final music, you may sit and ponder on the death of Jesus, when the music finishes and the silence fills the church, you may sit as long as you wish. When you are ready to leave, leave quietly, in great anticipation of the Empty Tomb.

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