

**GOOD FRIDAY ~ \* ~ MARCH 29, 2024**

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**"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."**

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*If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.*



*This service of progressive darkness commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. It is based on the ancient Tenebrae Service used by the church since approximately the 8<sup>th</sup> century. The silence and darkness of this service reflects the gloom of Good Friday. On that day even the sun hid its face. Yet the one candle that will remain at the end of tonight's service reminds us of what is written in John's gospel: The light shines in darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

*please stand in body or spirit*

Procession of the Cross

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*(As the cross is brought forward the dialog is repeated three times)*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Hymn

## On a Hill Far Away *The Old Rugged Cross*



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,  
 2 Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,  
 3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
 4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
 a won - drous beau - ty I see;  
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,  
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
 Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,

for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
 to . . . . bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
 to . . . . par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

*Refrain*

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my

tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged

cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

## Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*please be seated*

## Reading

Isaiah 52:13--53:12

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. <sup>14</sup>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—<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the

wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Bidding Prayer

*As we gather at the foot of the cross, we join centuries of Christians who have offered these intercessions up in prayer. An invitation to prayer (the bid) will be offered, followed by generous silence for your prayers and meditations. Each bid will then be concluded with a final prayer:*

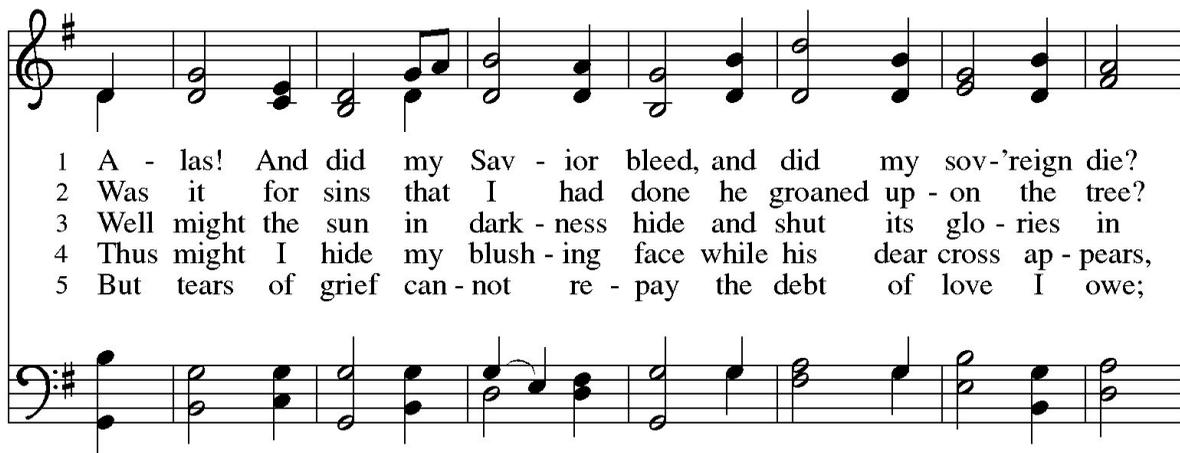
...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*please stand in body or spirit*

Hymn

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## Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die? 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree? 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears, 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
 when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
 Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

*please be seated*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 18:1-11

“There in God’s Garden” (vs. 1 & 3)

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

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John 18: 12-27

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” (vs. 1 & 2)

The High Priest and Peter

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John 18:28 – 19:3

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (vs. 1 & 2)

Jesus before Pilate

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John 19: 4-16a

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Jesus Sentenced to Death

#803 vs. 1 - 3

John 19: 16b-30

“Were You There” (vs. 1-3)

The Crucifixion of Jesus

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John 19: 31-37

“Were You There” (vs. 4-5)

Jesus’ Side Is Pierced

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The Light of Christ Is Carried into the Tomb

*A Time of Silence and Meditation in Darkness*

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 Light of Christ Is Returned

Silent Recessional

*You may depart in silence.*

