



Good Friday

March 25, 2016

THE SILENT PROCESSIONAL

In solemn silence, we gather at the foot of the cross.

GATHERING WORDS

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the shadow of sin.

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the weight of the world.

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the suffering of our Savior.

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the sorrow of Jesus Christ.

P: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

OPENING HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” [LW 115]

FIRST READING – Crucifixion: Luke 23:32-43

³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.”

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom,”

⁴³Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

THE RESPONSE

(6:00) “Above All”

(8:00) “He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word”

arr. Hart Morris

DNP Handbells; Valerie Howell, clarinet

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (*Matthew 11:28*)

C: **He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

P: Let us lay our sins at the cross of Christ.

C: **I come to you, Jesus, burdened with my own sin. You know the sins I carry and how they weigh me down. I bring these to your cross, asking your forgiveness and mercy. You suffered because of me. You bled because of me. You chose to die instead of me. Change me from the inside out and cleanse me from my sin.**

P: Receive the forgiveness Jesus gives to you. By His wounds you are healed. His blood has set you free. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane” [*LW 110*]

SECOND READING – Death: Luke 23:44-49

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” ⁴⁸When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. ⁴⁹But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

SERMON “The Day the Music Died”

OFFERING

(6:00) “Christ the Life of all the Living”

Traditional

Cindy Hurd & Mat Trammell

(8:00) “Lenten Song”

Mark Hayes

Voices of Peace; Allison Blassingame, oboe

THIRD READING – Burial: Luke 23:50-56

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man,
⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of
Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God.

⁵²Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen
cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was
Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

⁵⁵The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb
and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But
they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

HYMN “Were You There” [LW 505, v. 1-3]

REMOVING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Light has always been a symbol of God's presence with His people. As the Christ Candle is
removed from the Sanctuary, we recall how the presence of Jesus was removed from His
disciples, but only for a time. Easter morning, the candle will return, just as Jesus rose from the
dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true!*

RESPONSE

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

arr. Hayes/Gaspard

Piano/Organ

THE STREPITUS

*The loud noise, or “strepitus,” signifies the end of our service of darkness. Jesus is shut in a
tomb. The Word of God has been fulfilled. The sacrifice is complete. Yet in the darkness, there is
a promise of hope . . .*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken in a whisper*)

~ PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE ~

There is no Benediction at this service, for this is not the end.

Our service continues on Easter.

Come and experience the Joy of Easter!

Sunrise Worship is 7:00 am under the carport.

Easter Celebration is 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am.

Easter breakfast will be served from 7:30-9:30 am