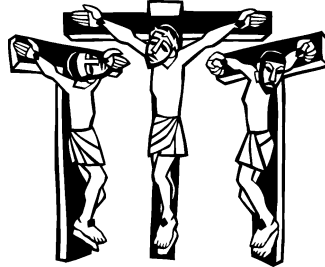


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Worship for Friday, April 7, 2023
Good Friday Service with Holy Communion



Preface to Worship: MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH. APRIL 7, 2023

“The Dark Day of Good Friday”

INTRODUCTION: Worship Monologue – (through the eyes of Peter)

Opening Hymn ELW#332 ‘I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say’

- 1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.” I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad; I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.**
- 2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down, and drink and live.” I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.**
- 3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light; look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.” I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.**

Opening Prayer

PART 1: THIS DAY THROUGH THE EYES OF PETER

Hymn ELW#347 ‘Go To Dark Gethsemane’ (vs. 1-3)

PART 2: HEADING TOWARD JERUSALEM

Hymn ELW#351 ‘O Sacred Head, Now Wounded’ (vs. 1-3)

PART 3: CONCLUSION: INESCAPEABLE REALITY

Hymn ELW#353 ‘Were You There’

GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 15:22-39

²² They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). ²³ Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. ²⁵ It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷ They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁸ ²⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ come down from the cross and save yourself!” ³¹ In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! ³² Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

The Death of Jesus

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). ³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.” ³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said. ³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. ³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, ⁴⁰ he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Silence: As we prepare for the Lord’s Supper.

THE LORD’S SUPPER: WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND DISTRIBUTION

Closing Hymn ELW#324 ‘In the Cross of Christ I Glory’

Closing Prayer 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.

Benediction. AMEN.

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