



Good Friday Service

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The concept of substitution lies at the heart of both sin and salvation. For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man."

—John Stott

"But what does it all mean?" asked Susan when they were somewhat calmer. "It means," said Aslan, "that though the Witch knew the Deep Magic, there is a magic deeper still which she did not know. Her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, into the stillness and the darkness before Time dawned, she would have read there a different incantation. She would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backward."

—"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," C.S. Lewis

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 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Josh Johnson

 **RESPONSIVE READING**

from Isaiah 52-53

Leader: Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

All: *As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—*

Leader: 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.

All: *Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*

Leader: 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,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

All: *He 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.*

 Congregation stand as able.

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

*All: But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.*

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

*All: He 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.*

Leader: By 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?

*All: And 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.*

Leader: Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

*All: Out 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.*

Leader: Therefore 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.

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ HYMN OF SALVATION

"When I Survey (The Wondrous Cross)"

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all.
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 15:1-20

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, "Why, What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF LAMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

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HYMN OF SALVATION
"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed?"


1. A - las and did my Sav - ior bleed?
 2. Was it for crimes that I had done,
 3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide,
 4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face,
 5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay



And did my Sov - 'reign die?
 He groaned up - on the tree?
 And shut its glo - ries in,
 While His dear cross ap - pears;
 The debt of love I owe;



Would He de - vote that sa - cred Head
 A - maz - ing pi - ty! Grace un - known!
 When God, the might - y Mak - er, died
 Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness,
 Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way,



For sin - ners such as I?
 And love be - yond de - gree!
 For His own crea - ture's sin.
 And melt mine eyes to tears.
 'Tis all that I can do.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 15:21-47

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²²And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

David Driskill

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious God,
 Our hearts praise you for the wonder of your love in Jesus;
 He is heaven's exalted king, but is for us
 The incarnate, despised, rejected, crucified sin-bearer;
 When our hearts are stone, forgive us;
 Melt them with your love.
 When our hearts are locked, forgive us;
 Let your love be the master key to open them.
 O Father, we adore you for your great love in the gift of Jesus,
 O Jesus, we bless you for sacrificing your life for us,
 O Holy Spirit, we thank you for revealing to us the mystery of the gospel.
 Great God, lead us away from false trusts to rest in Jesus and him alone.
 Let us not be so callous to his merit as not to love him,
 So indifferent to his blood as not to desire cleansing.
 In the arms of love enfold and subdue our willful spirits.
 In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him
 we might become the righteousness of God.
 —2 Corinthians 5:21

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins,
 true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of
 His Holy Spirit.

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"



1. Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the tree!
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan-ing, was there ev-er grief like his?
3. Ye who think of sin but light-ly nor sup-pose the e-vil great,
4. Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, here the ref-uge of the lost;



'Tis the Christ by man re-ject-ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-sult-ing his dis-tress;
 here may view its na-ture right-ly, here its guilt may es-ti-mate.
 Christ, the Rock of our sal-va-tion, his the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed Proph-et, Da-vid's son, yet Da-vid's Lord;
 man-y hands were raised to wound him, none would in-ter-pose to save;
 Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-point-ed, see who bears the aw-ful load;
 Lamb of God, for sin-ners wound-ed, sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt!



by his Son God now has spo-ken: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.
 but the deep est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus-tice gave.
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 None shall ev-er be con-found-ed who on him their hope have built.

 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

O sacred Head now wounded
 With grief and shame weighed down;
 Now scornfully surrounded
 With thorns Thine only crown;
 How pale Thou art with anguish,
 With sore abuse and scorn;
 How does that visage* languish
 Which once was bright as morn?

What Thou my Lord hast suffered
 Was all for sinners' gain;
 Mine, mine was the transgression,
 But Thine the deadly pain;
 Lo, here I fall my Savior,
 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
 Look on me with Thy favor,
 Vouchsafe** to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
 To thank Thee dearest friend?
 For this Thy dying sorrow,
 Thy pity without end;
 O make me Thine forever,
 And should I fainting be;
 Lord let me never, never
 Outlive my love to Thee.

*face; expression; countenance

**to grant or give, as by favor

 **BENEDICTION**

HYMN CREDITS

Find our gathered worship playlist at covpres.com/music-worship.

"When I Survey (The Wondrous Cross)"

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709. Music: Gregorian chant; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1823.

"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed?"

Words: Issac Watts, 1707. Music: anonymous; arr. Ralph E. Hudson, 1885.

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Words: Thomas Kelly, 1804, alt. 1961. Music: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN, Geistliche Volkslieder, Paderborn, 1850, arr. by Fernando Ortega.

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

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Join us on

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

Sunrise Service at Vulcan Park | 6:15 am

Pancake Breakfast at Covenant | 7:00 am

Gathered Worship | 8:00 am*

Gathered Worship | 9:30 am*

Gathered Worship | 11:00 am**

**Children's Worship will be available at the 8:00 and 9:30 services.*

***Our 11:00 am service will be livestreamed at covpres.com/livestream.*

Death and the curse were in the cup.
Oh Christ, 'twas full for Thee.
But Thou hast drained the last dark drop;
'tis empty now for me.
That bitter cup, love drank it up;
now blessings draught for me.

—Ann Cousin

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