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*Good Friday Service*  
*April 15, 2022 ~ 7:30 PM*  
*With Pastor Jerel, Marie & Friends*  
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PRELUDE: “*When I survey the Wondrous Cross*” ~ Hagarty

SILENT PRAYER

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + One God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new. **Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God’s promise of mercy. (Silence is kept for reflection)

God at the margins, **We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and our love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ, leading you from death into life. **Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day:** Let us pray.....**Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: “There in God’s Garden” No 342

The Passion According to St. Mark

During this dramatic reading, there will be pauses where stanzas from various hymns will be sung.

Hymn: “*Go to Dark Gethsemane*” No. 347 vs 1
Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s pow’r; your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*” No. 351 vs 1
O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*” No. 351 vs 3
What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Hymn: “*Were You There*” No. 353 vs 1
*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)*

Hymn: “*Were You There*” No. 353 vs 3
*Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)*

Hymn: “*Were You There*”

No. 353 vs 5

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Worship Choir Anthem

“The Love Behind the Cross”

~ Rahtjen

***Bidding Prayer**

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for *Christopher* our bishop, for our pastors, and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God. Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ or Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism. Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ. Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look

with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God. Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God. Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation. Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need. Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask:

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.

***Reflections on the Cross**

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

Oh, come, let us worship him.

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