



Call to Worship

P: Lord, we cry out to You as we find ourselves surrounded by the darkness of sin.

C: We would examine our lives from within, that we might see ourselves as You see us.

P: Lord, we are mindful of those who crucified Jesus, as they allowed sin to direct their lives.

C: We would see ourselves in the lives of others, and realize that we were there when they nailed him to the cross.

P: Father, as we remember that You sent your Son into the world to become the Savior of all people, we praise You and wait before You in the shadows of the cross. We see ourselves as sinful persons, with our hearts filled with hatred, jealousy, envy, and greed, which was also evident in the lives of those who were there when Jesus was crucified. Forgive us our sin, let us die to ourselves and raise us up as faithful witnesses to the truth that your Spirit lives and reigns within us, through this same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Vs. 1&2)

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

The Word of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:33-38

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus here with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

Meditation on the First Word

Prayer

P: Dear Heavenly Father,

C: we praise and thank you for your great gift of forgiveness given to us in Jesus Christ. Take our sins away from us, remember them no more. In Jesus' name! Amen.

Hymn: Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

(Refrain) O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. *(refrain)*

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. *(refrain)*

The Word of Concern

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Meditation on the Second Word

Prayer

P: God, our stronghold,

C: protect us from the destroyer! Lift us up face to face with our salvation. Amen.

Hymn: Jesus Remember Me (Sing 3x)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

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The Word of Love

Scripture Reading: John 19:25-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Meditation on the Third Word

Prayer

P: Dear Heavenly Father,

C: the story of Christ's great love for us causes us to tremble. Forgive us for not clinging to your Word of life. Give us new life and a renewed sense of oneness with your body here on earth, the church, the community of believers. In Jesus' name! Amen.

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (Vs. 1&3)

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 'til now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

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.

The Word of Loneliness

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:45-46

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Meditation on the Fourth Word

Prayer

P: Dear Jesus,

C: we give you thanks and praise that you have faced the enemy of death and despair and won the victory. Awaken our hearts to the glory of your resurrection and enliven in us the hope for the final day when you will come again to judge the living and the dead and take us home to be with you. In your precious name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Vs. 1&3)

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.

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?

The Word of Suffering

Scripture Reading: John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Meditation on the Fifth Word

Prayer

P: Lord,

C: give us your living water, that we may never be thirsty. In Jesus' name! Amen.

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Vs. 1&2)

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus my eye at times can see
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me;
And from my contrite heart with tears, two wonders I confess,
The wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

The Word of Victory

Scripture Reading: John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Meditation on the Sixth Word

Prayer

P: Gracious Lord God,

C: remind us that our story does not end in death, but in new life. Lead us from darkness to light, from death to life. Open our hearts and minds to see you present with us each moment of every day. Help us to sing with the Psalmist, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane (Vs. 1-3)

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.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

The Word of Reunion

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Meditation on the Seventh Word

Prayer

P: In your cross, O Christ, we glory,

C: May it stand for us as the cornerstone on which we live! In the name of Jesus! Amen.

Hymn: Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Verse Four: Duet with Pastor Dwight Rudquist & Michelle Lynch

Verse Five: Solo by Michelle Lynch



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Announcements

All church activities have been suspended through the end of the month which includes Sunday Worship, Tuesday Evening Choir Practice, Wednesday Evening Lenten Supper and Worship, Wednesday Evening Youth Group, and Thursday Morning Quilting. The local school district is closed so there will be no packing for the Food4Kids Program.

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: April 19th

Additional Readings for Good Friday ♥

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Additional Songs to Enjoy ♥

Broken for Me—Click [HERE](#)

We Remember You—Click [HERE](#)

Worship Video Credits:

Pastor Dwight Rudquist

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