ISAIAH 53:3, NIV

He was despised and rejected ... a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.



Good Friday Tenebrae

April 15, 2022

7:00 p.m.

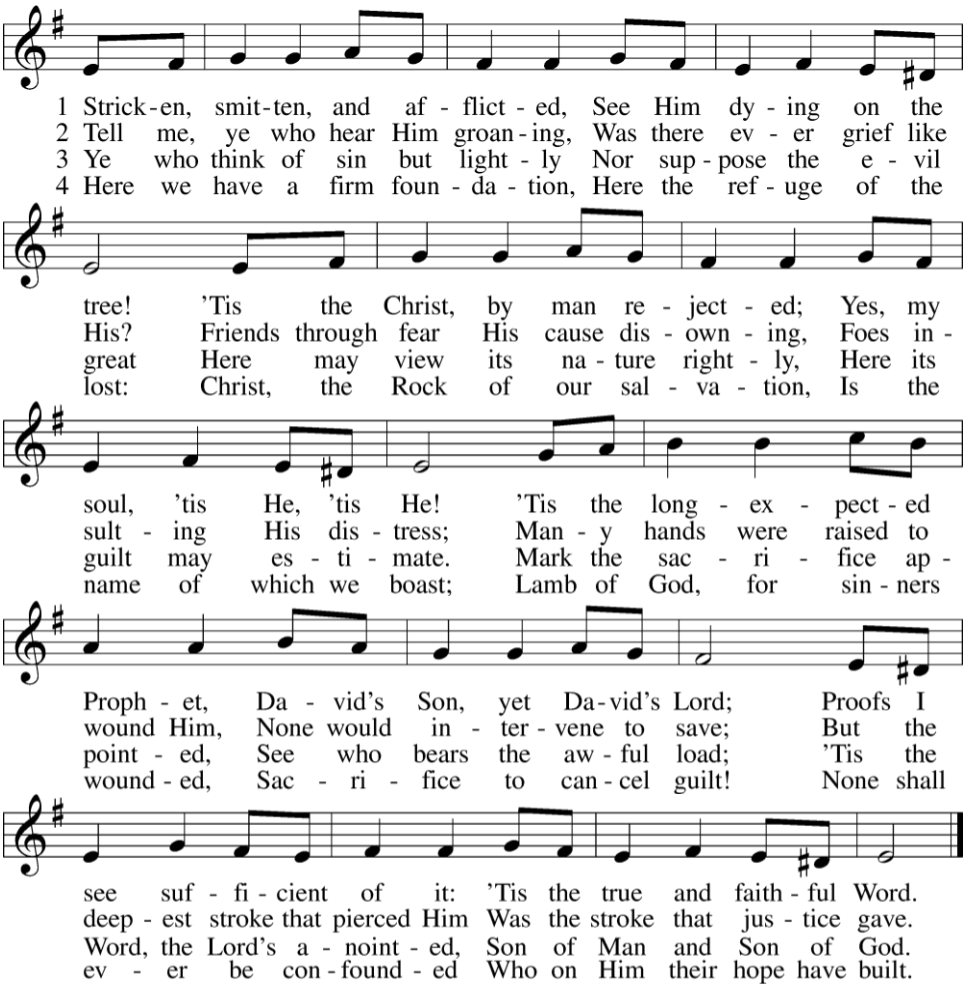
Our journey to follow Christ through Witnesses to Christ arrives now at the cross. Tonight, we view Christ on the cross through the author's eyes—John, Apostle and Evangelist, the beloved disciple, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of James. By John's witness, we view Jesus beaten and bloodied. We hear His words of forgiveness and fulfillment. We see Him shedding His blood for the life of the world. As we sing and pray and sit in silence this evening, we ponder Christ's love for us. We marvel at His gifts of forgiveness and salvation, for we have been clothed with the blood of Christ.

The Good Friday Tenebrae helps us experience the time of darkness that occurred during Jesus' crucifixion. The Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") is a worship service observed during Holy Week to impress upon us the horrifying consequences of our sin and the magnitude of our Savior's sacrifice for us. Candles are extinguished to remind us of the darkness of that day and the darkness of our sinful world. The removal of the Christ Candle near the end of the Tenebrae signifies the death of Jesus. The loud sound—the *strepitus*—represents the closing of the tomb. However, we do not leave in total darkness. The return of the Christ Candle reminds us that death is not the end of Jesus, nor the end of us. We end with silence and confidence, knowing that the light of Easter will soon scatter the darkness of Good Friday.

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted — LSB 451



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Versicles and Opening Sentences

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,
People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
People: make haste to help me, O Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Pastor: Our Lenten journey with Jesus arrives at the cross.
People: We have followed Jesus from the Upper Room to Gethsemane.

Pastor: We have followed as Jesus stood trial before the chief priests and Pontius Pilate,
People: and we follow Him now to the cross.

Pastor: On the cross, Jesus bore our griefs and carried our sorrows.
People: On the cross, Jesus was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities.

Pastor: On the cross, Jesus shed His blood for us and for our salvation.

Salutation and Collect

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

Old Testament *Isaiah 52:13—53:12*

Reader:
13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.
14 As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
15 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.
1 Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
2 For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
**People: he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.**

Reader: [3]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.

People: [4]Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

Reader: [5]But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.

People: [6]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.

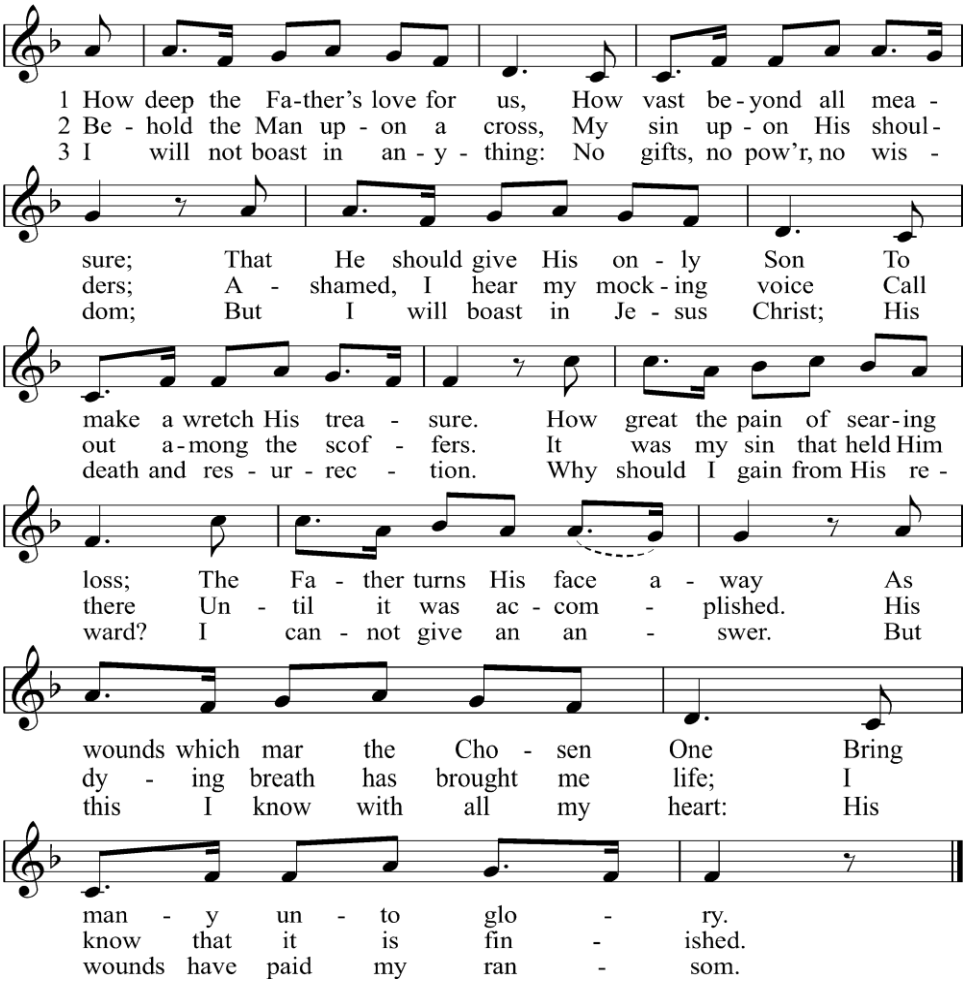
Reader: [7]He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.
[8]By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
[9]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.
[10]Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
[11]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.
[12]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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Meditation

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



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Message

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now — LSB 440



5 If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

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Our Lord's Passion

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus — John 18:1-11

Music Meditation

Behold Him in Dark Gethsemane — Adult Choir

Behold Him in dark Gethsemane. Behold Him alone in agony.
Hear the Savior softly pray, "Father, take this cup away."
Behold Him in dark Gethsemane.

Behold Him. The hour is drawing near. Behold Him. At midnight they appear.
See the soldiers bar His way. Watch the kiss that will betray.
Behold Him. The hour is drawing near.

Behold Him within the judgment hall.
Behold Him. He answers not at all.
Hear the raging angry cry, "Crucify Him! Let Him die!"
Behold Him within the judgment hall.

Behold Him upon the shameful tree. Behold Him for all eternity.
See the sky grow dark above. Kneel before God's Gift of love.
Behold Him upon the shameful tree. Behold Him, the Lamb of Calvary.

Jesus before the High Priest — John 18:12-27
Denial of Peter

Music Meditation

"Were You There" — Congregation

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O!---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?
O!---Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Jesus before Pilate — John 18:28-40

Music Meditation

"On the Via Dolorosa" — Adult Choir

On the Via Dolorosa, way of grief and pain;
On the Via Dolorosa, spotless, Lamb, He came.
Buffeted by soldiers, spat upon by passersby,
On the Via Dolorosa, He went to die.

Condemned to death by Pilate's order,
A crown of thorns placed on His head;
Paraded through the Holy City,
To Calv'ry's fearsome hill was led.
Past His weeping mother, through the mocking crowd,
Faithful to His Father's will.

On the Via Dolorosa, way of grief and pain;
On the Via Dolorosa, spotless, Lamb, He came.
Buffeted by soldiers, spat upon by passersby,
On the Via Dolorosa, He went to die.

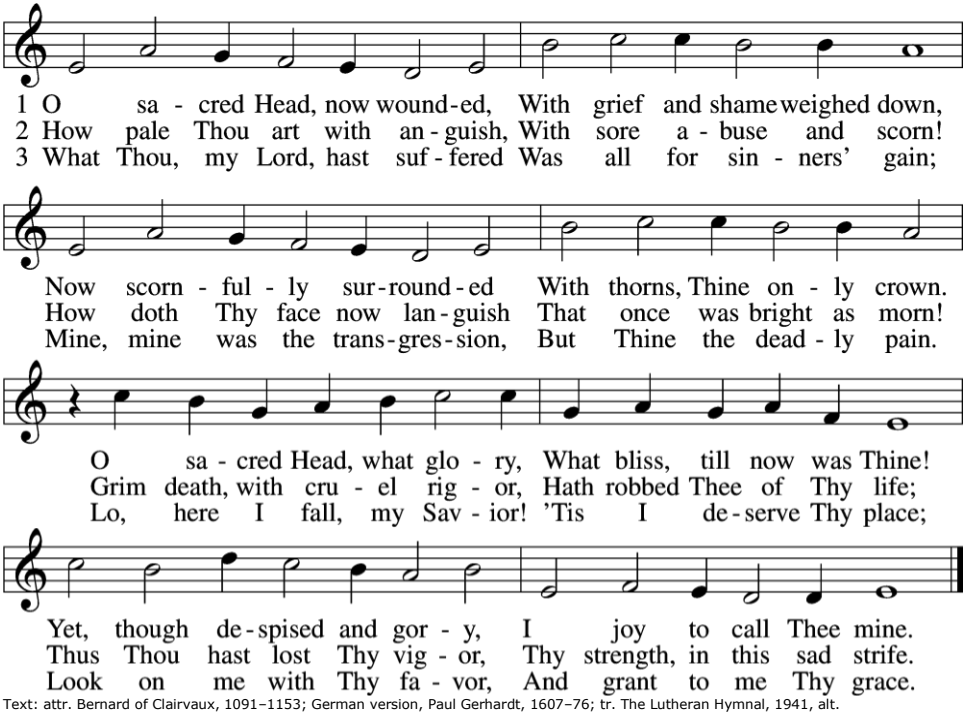
O Sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Your only crown.
Lo, here I stand, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Your place;
Look on me with Your favor, and grant to me Your grace.

On the Via Dolorosa, way of grief and pain;
On the Via Dolorosa, spotless, Lamb, He came.
Buffeted by soldiers, spat upon by passersby,
On the Via Dolorosa, He went to die.

Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion — John 19:1-16a

Music Meditation

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" — *LSB 450*



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The Crucifixion of Jesus — John 19:16b-24

Music Meditation
"'Tis Finished" — Adult Choir

'Tis finished! The Messiah dies, Cut off for sins, but not His own.
Accomplished is the sacrifice; The great redeeming work is done.
The veil is rent in Christ alone; The living way to heav'n is seen;
The middle wall is broken down, And all the world may enter in.
'Tis finished! 'Tis finished! The Messiah dies.

'Tis finished! All my guilt and pain, I want no sacrifice beside;
For me, for me the Lamb is slain; 'Tis finished! I am justified.
The reign of sin and death is o'er, And all may live from sin set free;
Satan has lost his mortal pow'r; 'Tis swallowed up in victory.
'Tis finished! 'Tis finished! The Messiah dies.

Jesus' Mother and His Death — John 19:25-30

Music Meditation
"Go to Dark Gethsemane" — Adult Choir

Go to dark Gethsemane, Ye 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 of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned.
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished! It is finished!" Hear Him cry, Hear Him cry;

Learn of Jesus Christ to die, Learn of Jesus Christ to die;
Blessed Savior, now in love Send thy Spirit from above;
Come and dwell with us, we pray; Amen, Amen.

Jesus' Side is Pierced — John 19:31-42

The Christ Candle Is Removed *(Reminder of Christ's death)*

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The Lord's Prayer *(whispered)*

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.

"Beautiful Savior" — Congregation

Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

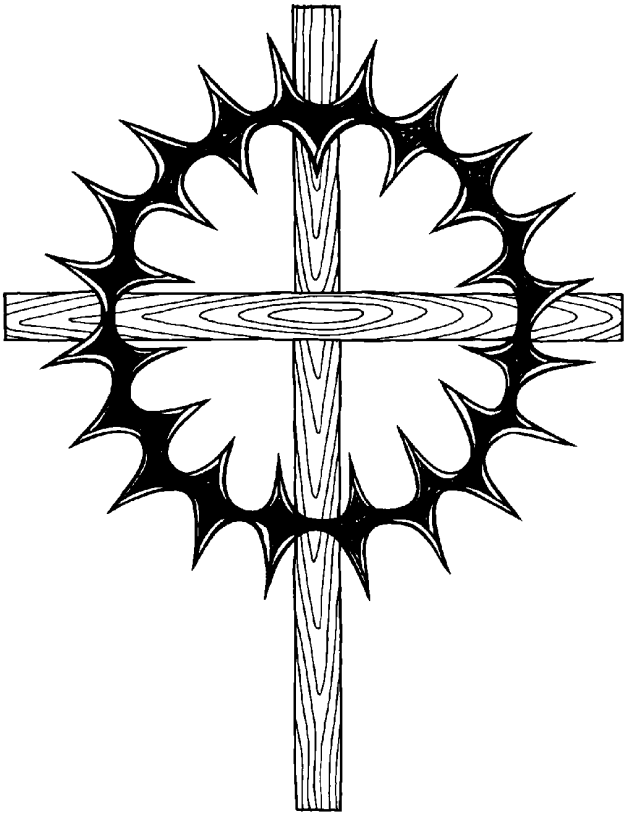
Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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The Christ Candle Is Returned *(A reminder of the Resurrection)*

(In quiet reflection, we think of this worship setting knowing the depth and magnitude of God's love for His people. We look forward to Easter Sunday to celebrate the Lamb of God – Risen and Victorious.)



"Truly this man
was the son of God!"
Mark 15:39

Easter Sunday
8:00 a.m. – Traditional
10:30 a.m. - Contemporary

Worship Leaders:	**Pastor Chris A. Spelbring**
	Seminarian Mark Esser
Elder on Duty:	**Bill Keel**
Acolytes:	**James Schiffner, Macie Dill**
Organist/Choir Director:	**Dawn Tayon, Minister of Music**
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