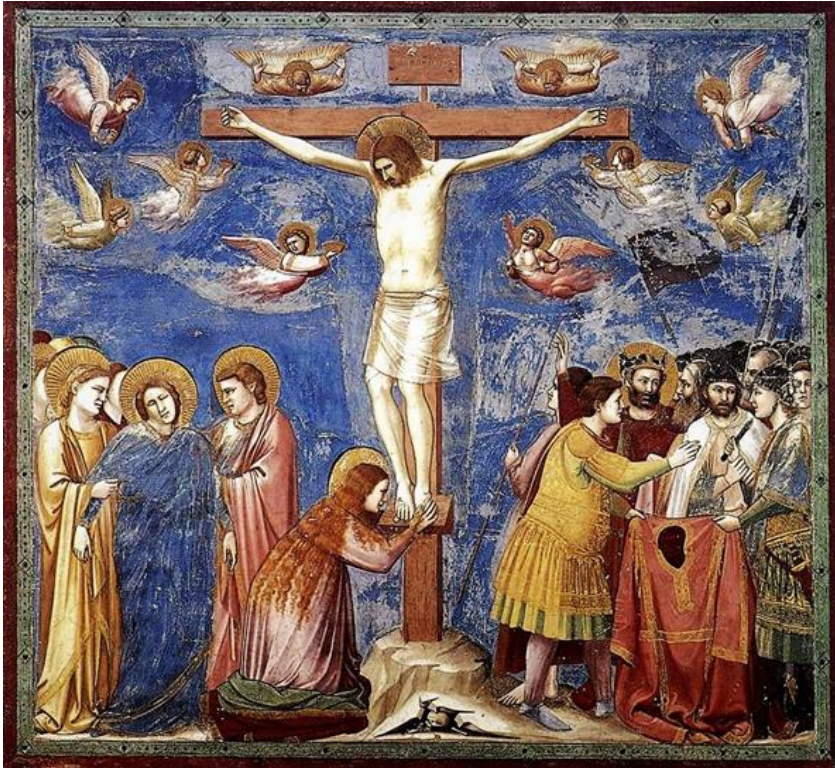


Good Friday Service
29 March 2024



Bethlehem Lutheran Church,
170 Flinders Street, Adelaide

OPENING SENTENCES

- M: God forbid that I should boast of anything
C: but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
M: In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;
C: by Him we are redeemed and set free.
M: May God be gracious to us and bless us
C: and make His face shine upon us.

CHOIR *Crux fidelis – John IV of Portugal*

*Cross most faithful, high exalted, Noble tree beyond compare: Never
grew there one so blessed, Branches, blossoms green and fair: Sweetest
wood, sweetest nails, Sweetest burden thou dost bear. Amen.*

COLLECT

- M: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
M: Let us pray. Almighty God, look graciously on this Your family, for whom
our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given up into the
hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; through Your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:13-53:12

- R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR Psalm 22:1-19 *chant by William Morley (1680-1731) LH 677*

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

- R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN LH 58 O World see Thy life languish

Chorale Prelude: O Welt, ich muss dich lassen - J. S. Bach

**1 O world, see thy Life languish
Upon the tree in anguish;
Thy Lord and Saviour dies.
The prince of power with meekness
Submits in mortal weakness
To blows, and jeers, and railing cries.**

**2 My Saviour, who hath wrought Thee
Such pain, and who hath brought Thee
Such sad and dire disgrace?
By sin Thou art not tainted,
Nor is Thy soul acquainted
With evil like our fallen race.**

Choir:

3 I caused Thy grief and trembling
With sins in sum resembling
The sand-grains by the sea;
They sore Thy soul have cumbered,
And raised those woes unnumbered
Which press in dark array on Thee.

**4 The pangs that rend Thy spirit,
I, for my deep demerit,
Should suffer in Thy stead;
The fetters and the scourging,
The tide of sorrow surging
Round Thee, should break upon my head.**

**5 Thyself, Lord, Thou dost offer,
And in my stead dost suffer
The bitter cross for me;
The crown of thorns Thou wearest,
The shame and scorn Thou bearest
For guilt of mine thus patiently.**

**6 Each hour of life is showing
How all my good is owing
To this great love of Thine.
Each hour I would endeavour
My soul and body ever
To Thy blest service to resign.**

*O Welt, sieh hier dein Leben
Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)
Tr. James Drummond Burns, 1859
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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 18:1-11 Please remain seated for the Gospel readings.

HYMN LH 55 O Dearest Jesus

Chorale Prelude: Ah, Holy Jesus - G. Winston Cassler

v.1 **O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken,
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what offences must Thou make confession,
Of what transgression?**

John 18:12-27

v.2 **With thorns they crown Thee; yea, they smite, they scourge Thee,
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
Gall do they give Thee, harshly they decry Thee,
They crucify Thee.**

John 18:28-40

v.3 **Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
For my transgression, Thou, O Lord, must languish.
All Thou dost suffer, all Thou dost inherit,
This do I merit.**

John 19:1-27

v.4 **God's Son the righteous, here must die in sadness:
Man, the transgressor, now may live in gladness;
Man's life was forfeit, yet he is acquitted -
God is committed.**

John 19:28-42 Please stand.

v.5 **O love so mighty, wondrous love unbounded,
That brought Thee hither, thus by foes surrounded!
I sought the pleasures which the world doth offer;
Thou, Lord, must suffer.**

SERMON

CHOIR ANTHEM Were you there? – *Spiritual*, arr. Chilcott

BIDDING PRAYER

M: On this most sacred day when our Lord, who has been lifted up to draw all people to Himself, has gone before us to the Father, we His body stand with Him before the Father and intercede for His church and His world.

M: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

REFLECTION Komm, süßer Tod, komm, sel'ge Ruh'! BWV 478 J. S. Bach

Come, sweet death, come, blessed rest!

Come, lead me to peace,

Because I am weary of the world,

O come! I wait for you,

Come soon and lead me,

Close my eyes.

Come, blessed rest!

Come, sweet death, come, blessed rest!

Oh that I already were there,

There with the angel host,

From this dark world to rise

Into the blue starry skies,

To God's divine dwelling!

O blessed rest!

ADORATION OF THE CROSS

HYMN LH 54 When I survey the Wondrous Cross

Chorale Prelude: Rockingham Old - Guenter Raphael

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

**3 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?**

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

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

M: Behold the wood of the cross, on which the Saviour of the world was lifted up.

C: **O come, let us worship Him.**

CHOIR The Reproaches, *Tomas Luis de Victoria (1549-1611)*

FINAL PRAYER

M: Almighty God, whose Son suffered death on the cross, before He was enthroned in glory: Grant that as we walk with Him on the way of the cross, we may find it to be the way of pardon and peace and life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN LH 58 Part 2 Lord, little can I offer

**1 Lord, little can I offer
For all that Thou didst suffer;
This one thing will I do:
Till death my soul releases,
Thy dying, Thy distresses,
My heart will cherish deep and true.**

2 Thy cross will stand before me,
Its sacred power be o'er me,
Wherever I may be:
A mirror whose reflection
Shows me all pure perfection -
A seal of love and constancy.

3 My flesh now crucifying,
Its evil lust denying,
I unto sin will die.
Lord, I will never leave Thee,
But shun whate'er may grieve Thee,
Strong in the strength Thou dost supply.

A cappella (unaccompanied)

4 Thy sighing and Thy groaning,
The tears and blood atoning,
Which Thou hast freely poured,
Through life will comfort lend me,
And after death attend me
Into Thy endless rest, O Lord.

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BLESSING

M: The God of love and peace be with you.
C: **Amen.**

CONCLUDING SENTENCES

M: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.
C: **By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

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Organist: Gina Dutschke
Soloist: Kim Worley
Violin: Ebony Kitson
The Bethlehem Choir
Choir Director: Kim Worley

EASTER DAY SERVICES

6.30am Lord's Supper, Organ, Choir and Brass

9am Lord's Supper, Organ, Choir and Trumpet

11am Lord's Supper, Instrumental

7pm Lord's Supper, Organ

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