

SERMON

Rev. Ken Wendland, *associate pastor*

Approaching the Cross
Luke 23:26-49 , pg. 884

HYMN N^o 247*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:51-60

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

HYMN N° 261*

What Wondrous Love Is This, *st. 1*

CLOSING PRAYER

Congregation prays in unison

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Congregation exits in silence.

HIM WE PROCLAIM

Proclamation is a Bible-centered, Christ-focused, confessional Presbyterian church serving the western suburbs of Philadelphia. We are convinced the ordinary means of grace—the Word, prayer, sacraments, and fellowship—are the primary means God uses to convert and grow His people into conformity with His Son. Toward that end, we are committed to:

- Expository preaching of the inerrant Word of God
- Reverent and joyful worship of our glorious Triune God
- Fellowship with God in prayer as we intercede for His kingdom to come
- Redemptive community within the body of Christ
- Cultivating a heart of compassion for the lost in our community and around the world

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Good Friday



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AFTERNOON WORSHIP

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7th, 2023
12:00 p.m.

Rev. Ben Falconer, *preaching*

Congregation enters in silence.

CHORAL PRELUDE

Proclamation Quartet

Adoramus Te
Mariano Garau

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:45-56

Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.

HYMN N° 248*

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:57-68

Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where

* Please stand.

the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

HYMN N° 257*

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:69-75

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Congregation prays in unison

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Silent Confession

Leader: Lord, have mercy.
Congregation: **Christ, have mercy.**
Leader: Lord, have mercy.
Congregation: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:31-44

And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Proclamation Quartet

The Reproaches
Healey Willan

O my people, what have I done to thee? Or wherein have I wearied thee?
Answer me.

Because I brought thee out of the land of Egypt, thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior. Because I led thee through the wilderness forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good, thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior. What could I have done more for thee that I have not done? I planted thee indeed my fairest vine, and thou hast become exceeding bitter unto me, for when I was thirsty thou gavest me vinegar to drink, and piercedst with a spear the side of thy Savior.

For thy sake, I scourged Egypt with her firstborn, and thou didst deliver me to be scourged. I led thee out of Egypt, drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea, and thou didst deliver me to the Chief Priests. I opened the sea before thee, and thou openedst my side with a spear. I went before thee in a pillar of cloud, and thou leddest me to the judgement hall of Pilate. I gave thee to drink the Water of Salvation from the Rock, and thou gav'st me gall and vinegar. I exalted thee with great power, and thou didst lift me up upon the Cross.

O my people, what have I done to thee? Or wherein have I wearied thee?
Answer me.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, for thou becamest obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:45-50

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

