



"...they will gaze upon me whom they have pierced." - Zechariah 12:10

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**AS WE GATHER**

God is dead. Not figuratively. Literally. Today—Good Friday—we let that truth sink deep into our repentant hearts.

**\*INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

P Behold, your King comes to you—

C **Righteous and having salvation.**

P Speaking peace to the nations.

C **And ruling from sea to sea—**

P To the ends of the earth!

C **God's kingdom comes—**

P To us!

**All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord**

**HYMN****IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY****LSB 427, vs. 1, 2**

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

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**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Dear Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to reverently behold the agony of your rejection, the pain of your condemnation, and the horror of your crucifixion

C **Bring us to the places you walked and to the people you encountered on that Friday so long ago**

P Stay with us, Lord, as we witness your suffering and listen to your last words of love.  
C **As we approach Calvary let us become mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against your holy commandments.**

P Eternal God, we confess that we have turned away from you in our thinking, speaking and doing  
C **We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others.**

P We have passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.  
C **O God, we have tried to hide from you and from one another.**

P We confess our fatal attractions that enslave us and the failed relationships that haunt us  
C **We cannot plead the strength of our temptations or the frailty of our nature or place the blame on other people.**

P We can only say, "For the sake of Jesus, God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

*A moment of silent reflection*

P By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God's kingdom comes to us.  
C **Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*HYMN** **IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY** **LSB 427, vs. 4**  
Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

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**\*COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever  
C **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Zechariah 12:10-14*

<sup>10</sup>"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as

one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. <sup>11</sup>On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. <sup>12</sup>The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; <sup>13</sup>the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; <sup>14</sup>and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.

## EPISTLE READING

*1 Corinthians 2:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

## THE SECOND ARTICLE

P *Together we confess our faith using the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed*

C **And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P *What does this mean?*

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

**who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,**

**that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

## SERMON

## GOD IS DEAD

## ANTHEM

## WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

LSB 425, vs. 1, 3

## THE WORD OF FORGIVENESS

*Luke 23:33–38*

<sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals,

one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

## THE FIRST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

### HYMN

### O DEAREST JESUS

LSB 439, vs. 1

1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken  
That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -  
fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?

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## THE WORD OF PROMISE

*Luke 23:39-43*

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

## THE SECOND CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

### HYMN

### O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

LSB 449, vs. 1-cong, vs. 3-solo

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

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## THE WORD OF LOVE

*John 19:25–27*

<sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## THE THIRD CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

### HYMN

### ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

**LSB 437, vs. 1**



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?

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## THE WORD OF FORSAKENNESS

*Mark 15:25–35*

<sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!” <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save

himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah."

## THE FOURTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

**ANTHEM**

**UPON THE CROSS EXTENDED**

**LSB 453, vs. 1, 2**

**THE WORD OF SUFFERING**

*John 19:28–29*

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

## THE FIFTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

**HYMN**

**STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED**

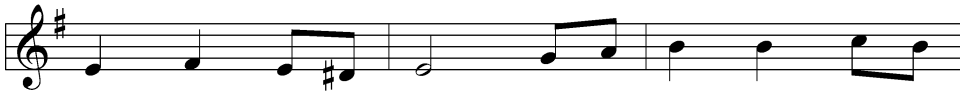
**LSB 451, vs. 1, 3**



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, See Him dy-ing on the  
3 Ye who think of sin but light-ly Nor sup-pose the e-vil



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; Yes, my  
great Here may view its na-ture right-ly, Here its



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed  
guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-



Proph-et, Da-vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I  
point-ed, See who bears the aw-ful load; 'Tis the



see suf-fi-cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith-ful Word.  
Word, the Lord's a-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.

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**THE WORD OF VICTORY**

*John 19:30*

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## THE SIXTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

**ANTHEM**

**WERE YOU THERE?**

**LSB 456, vs. 2, 4**

## THE SEVENTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**—*See projection*

## SYMBOLIC REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*The removal of the Christ Candle symbolizes that our Savior hung in darkness for three God-forsaken hours before he died for the sins of the world.*

## SHUTTING OF THE TOMB

### SILENT PRAYER

Holy Spirit, empower me to gaze upon the Pierced One—the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### SILENT RECESSIONAL

*The congregation leaves in silence and minimal light.*

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### Serving our Lord this evening

Officiant: Rev. James Kroonblawd

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Cantor/Soloist: Andy Koch

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### Easter worship service added

Trinity Lone Oak is holding three (3) services on Easter Sunday; 8:00\*, 9:30 and 11:00am. We strongly encourage you to sign up via our SignUp Genius or contact Jean at 651-454-7235. Overflow seating will be available in the TLO gym during each service, and Holy Communion will be available in the sanctuary for all who desire to commune. Come and worship!

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