

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

1764 Meyersville Rd, Meyersville, Texas 77974 361-277-8653 Pastor John Boor April 2, 2021 Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.

Prelude Ringing of the Church Bells Announcements

> TENEBRAE SERVICE A Service Of Darkness

Greeting

Opening Hymn

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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

How art thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn; How does that visage languish Which once was bright as morn! Thy grief and bitter Passion Were all for sinners' gain; Mine, mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend, For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, And, should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love to thee.

Lord, be my consolation; Shield me when I must die; Remind me of thy Passion When my last hour draws nigh. These eyes, new faith receiving, From thee shall never move; For he who dies believing Dies safely in thy love.

A Bidding Prayer

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

Each petition ends with "But You have prepared a cross for your Savior" Respond with: "Lord have mercy upon us"

Hymn

"There is a Green Hill Far Away"

There is a green hill far away, Outside a city wall, Where the dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell, What pains he had to bear, But we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiv'n; He died to make us good, That we might go at last to heav'n, Saved by his precious Blood. First Reading (The religious leaders conspire against Jesus)

Second Reading (Judas plots with the authorities to deliver Jesus)

Third Reading (Jesus tells his disciples where to celebrate the Paschal meal)

Fourth Reading (Jesus announces that one of his disciples will betray him)

Fifth Reading (Jesus recites the Words of Institution)

Hymn "The Cup of Love" (Vocalist)

Sixth Reading (Jesus tells his disciples that they will all desert Him)

Seventh Reading (In Gethsemane the disciples fall asleep)

Hymn "Could You Not Watch" (Vocalist)

Eighth Reading (Jesus is betrayed by Judas and the seized by the Romans)

Ninth Reading (Jesus' trial begins in the court of the high priest Caiaphas)

Tenth Reading (Peter denies having any knowledge of Jesus)

Hymn

"Ah Holy Jesus" (Verses 1-2)

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I. Lord Jesus, I it was I denied thee: I crucified thee.

Eleventh Reading (Jesus is put in custody of Pontius Pilate)

Twelfth Reading (Jesus is put on the stand before Pontius Pilate)

Thirteenth Reading (The crowd shouts "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!")

Hymn

"Deep Were His Wounds"

Deep were his wounds, and red, On cruel Calvary,
As on the cross he bled In bitter agony.
But they, whom sin has wounded sore, Find healing in the wounds he bore.

He suffered shame and scorn, And wretched, dire disgrace; Forsaken and forlorn, He hung there in our place. But all who would from sin be free Look to his cross for victory. His life, his all, he gave When he was crucified; Our burdened souls to save, What fearful death he died! But each of us, though dead in sin, Through him eternal life may win.

Fourteenth Reading (The Roman Soldiers mock Jesus)

Fifteenth Reading (Jesus is Crucified)

Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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.

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.

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?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Sixteenth Reading (Jesus breathes his last breath)

Organ Interlude

"Ah Holy Jesus"

Seventeenth Reading (The curtain of the temple is torn, the earth shakes)

THE EARTHQUAKE

Organ Only

Hymn

"Were You There" (Verses 1-3)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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 laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Dismissal

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, yes, even death on a cross keep you and strengthen you this night, and forever more.

AMEN

Good Friday



For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit (1 Peter 3:18)

Good Friday

April 2, 2021

Good Friday (Year B)

The solemnity of this day is one that can bring us to tears as we reflect on our sinfulness and contribution to Jesus' death. In his last moments, Jesus entrusted his mother's care to the disciple he loved. Knowing that his time was almost gone, he uttered, "I thirst." When he received his last sip of sour wine, he proclaimed to all who could hear, "It is finished." Darkness took over even as God continued to act.

