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**GOOD FRIDAY**

**APRIL 2, 2021**

**+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +**

*(Please be seated and remain silent as we reflect on our Lord's sacrifice for all humankind.)*

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:**    *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*           Instrumental

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** ~ *St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)*

**Leader:**           O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins.

**People:**           **Mercifully kindle in me the fire of Your Holy Spirit.**

**Leader:**           Take away from me the heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh.

**People:**           **A heart to love and adore You, a heart to delight in You,  
a heart to follow You, my God, Father + Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**Leader:**           Holy God, source of all love, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus gave His disciples a new command, to love one another as He had loved them.

**People:**           **Write this command on our hearts, O Lord, and strengthen us to live it out in our lives that we might know You more deeply in Your suffering and death. Amen.**

# + *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

## THE LECTION & HOLY COMMUNION: *John 13*

**B**efore the Passover festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go back to the Father. Jesus loved His own who were in the world, and He loved them to the end.

While supper was taking place, the devil had already put the idea of betraying Jesus into the mind of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." – ESV ®

## + *The Service of Holy Communion* +

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Holy Cross in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

### LORD'S SUPPER:

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

**J**esus got up from the table, removed His outer clothes, took a towel, and tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel that He had tied around His waist.

After Supper the sang a hymn and went out to the mount of Olives.

SERMON HYMN:

*“Were You There”*

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1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
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Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

SERMON:

HYMN:

*“Near the Cross”*

Duet

*+ The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. John +*

THE PASSION: *John 18:1-11 (Betrayal and arrest of Jesus)*

LORD’S PRAYER:

**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.**

**THE PASSION:** *John 18:12-27 (Jesus before the High Priest and the denial of Peter)*

**INSTRUMENTAL:**            *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

**THE PASSION:** *John 18:28-40 (Jesus before Pilate)*

**INSTRUMENTAL:**            *“At the Cross”*

**THE PASSION:** *John 19:1-16a (Jesus prepared for crucifixion)*

**Leader:**            Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,

**People:**            **have mercy on us.**

**Leader:**            Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,

**People:**            **grant us peace.**

**Leader:**            Gracious Jesus, very Lamb of God,

**People:**            **at this hour, You bore our sin in Your own body on the tree; You did this, so that we, being dead to sin, might live for righteousness.**

**THE PASSION:** *John 19:16b-24 (The crucifixion of Jesus)*

**INSTRUMENTAL:**            *“At the Cross” (continued)*

**THE PASSION:** *John 19:25-30 (Jesus’ mother and His death)*

**Leader:**            Holy Father, merciful Lord, God of grace, in Your great love for us,  
You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to suffer  
and die on the cross that we might joyfully live in You.

**People:**            **Grant that all who die, find salvation in His death.  
Grant that all who suffer, find consolation in His suffering.  
Grant that all who are rejected, find acceptance in His condemnation.  
Finally, grant that all who live, find hope in His life. Amen.**

**HYMN:**                        *“Ten Thousand Angels”*                        Duet

**THE PASSION:** *John 19:31-42 (Jesus’ side is pierced)*

Leader: Have mercy on us now and at the hour of our death,  
and give us a holy and peaceful life in this world.

**People: Jesus, Lamb of God, take away my sin,**

Leader: have mercy on us.

**People: Jesus, Lamb of God, take away my sin,**

Leader: grant us peace.

**People: Through Your grace, grant us eternal glory in the life to come,  
where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
You live and rule, One God forever. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus, the Lamb of God, has taken away the sins of the world.  
By the command of Christ and through the redeeming power of His death,  
I forgive your sins in the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

+ *We Give Thanks for God's Word* +

**INSTRUMENTAL:** *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

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*You are asked to leave in silence, anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday. The omission of the benediction today indicates that our worship is not complete until joined with the celebration of Easter. You are welcome to remain in the courtyard or sit in the sanctuary quietly for private prayer, meditation and contemplation upon Jesus suffering and death.*

**SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Preacher: Pastor Kevin L. Kritzer

Duets: Sherry Hernandez and Carol Doss

Recorder of Service: Carol Doss

Ushers: Mark and Liz Ruhl

Keyboard: William Morrison

Powerpoint Operator: Richard Staley and Jean Stone