

**April 15, 2022.**

**Good Friday  
Service of the Cross**



**“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.”**

*(There should be no talking or visiting as you enter the sanctuary. Most of the service is simple and austere. There is little movement in the chancel.)*

## **AS WE GATHER**

This is a service of meditation and silence, commemorating what is the most solemn day of the Church Year. We will hear again Isaiah's prophecy of the Suffering Servant and the full account of the Passion of our Lord. At the end of the service, you may remain for meditation and reflection as long as you wish. Please exit in silence.

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

*There is no prelude. The pastor enters in silence and goes to his place.*

## **PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **HYMN # 453 Upon the Cross Extended**

1 Upon the cross extended  
See, world, your Lord suspended.  
Your Savior yields His breath.  
The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself has freely given  
To shame and blows and bitter death.

- 2 Come, see these things and ponder,  
Your soul will fill with wonder  
    As blood streams from each pore.  
Through grief beyond all knowing  
From His great heart came flowing  
    Sighs welling from its deepest core.
- 3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You?  
Who has so sore abused You  
    And caused You all Your woe?  
We all must make confession  
Of sin and dire transgression  
    While You no ways of evil know.
- 4 I caused Your grief and sighing  
By evils multiplying  
    As countless as the sands.  
I caused the woes unnumbered  
With which Your soul is cumbered,  
    Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.
- 5 Your soul in griefs unbounded,  
Your head with thorns surrounded,  
    You died to ransom me.  
The cross for me enduring,  
The crown for me securing,  
    You healed my wounds and set me free.
- 6 Your cords of love, my Savior,  
Bind me to You forever,  
    I am no longer mine.  
To You I gladly tender  
All that my life can render  
    And all I have to You resign.

7 Your cross I place before me;  
Its saving pow'r restore me,  
Sustain me in the test.  
It will, when life is ending,  
Be guiding and attending  
My way to Your eternal rest.

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## **OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (*The Suffering Servant*)

### ***He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions***

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

<sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

<sup>15</sup>so shall he sprinkle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they understand.

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men;  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,

smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?

<sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death

and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**EPISTLE** Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 (*Jesus the great High Priest*)

***Jesus the Great High Priest***

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

**GOSPEL** John 18:1-19:42 (*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.*)

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**Narrator 1:** When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them,

**Jesus:** Whom do you seek?  
**People:** **Jesus of Nazareth.**  
**Jesus:** I am He.

**Narrator 2:** Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. So He asked them again,

**Jesus:** Whom do you seek?

**People:** **Jesus of Nazareth.**

**Jesus:** I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go.

**Narrator 1:** This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter,

**Jesus:** Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?

**Narrator 2:** So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people. Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter,

**Woman:** *You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?*

**Peter:** *I am not.*

**Narrator 1:** Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. Jesus answered him,

Jesus: I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said.

**Narrator 2:** When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying,

**Lector:** Is that how You answer the high priest?

**Jesus:** If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?

**Narrator 1:** Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him,

**People:** **You also are not one of His disciples, are you?**

**Peter:** *I am not.*

**Narrator 2:** One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

**Servant:** Did I not see you in the garden with Him?

**Narrator 1:** Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed. Then they led Jesus from house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said,

**Pilate:** What accusation do you bring against this man?

**People:** **If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you.**

**Pilate:** Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law.

**People:** **It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.**



**Narrator 2:** This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die. So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him,

**Pilate:** Are You the King of the Jews?

**Jesus:** Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?

**Pilate:** Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?

**Jesus:** My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.

**Pilate:** So You are a king?

**Jesus:** You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world---to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.

**Pilate:** What is truth?

**Narrator 1:** After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,

**Pilate:** I find no guilt in Him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?

**People:** **Not this man, but Barabbas**

**Narrator 2:** Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. They came up to Him, saying,

**People:** **Hail, King of the Jews!**

**Narrator 1:** and struck Him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them,

**Pilate:** See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.

**Narrator 2:** So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

**Pilate:** Behold the man!

**Narrator 1:** When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out,

**People:** **Crucify Him, crucify Him!**

**Narrator 1:** Pilate said to them,

**Pilate:** Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.

**People:** **We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God.**

**Narrator 2:** When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus,

**Pilate:** Where are You from?

**Narrator 2:** But Jesus gave him no answer.

**Pilate:** You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?

**Jesus:** You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin.

**Narrator 2:** From then on, Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out,

**People:** **If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.**

**Narrator 1:** So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,

**Pilate:** Behold your King!

**People:** **Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!**

**Pilate:** Shall I crucify your King?

**People:** **We have no king but Caesar.**

**Narrator 2:** So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

**People:** **Do not write "The King of the Jews," but rather, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."**

**Pilate:** What I have written I have written.

**Narrator 1:** When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another,

**People:** **Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.**

**Narrator 1:** This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of

Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother,

**Jesus:** Woman, behold, your son!

**Narrator 2:** Then He said to the disciple,

**Jesus:** Behold, your mother!

**Narrator 2:** And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),

**Jesus:** I thirst.

**Narrator 1:** 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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said,

**Jesus:** It is finished,

**Narrator 1:** and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness---his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth---that you also may believe.

**Narrator 2:** For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of His bones will be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They will look on Him whom they have pierced." After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might

take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away His body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

### **HYMN # 456 Were You There**

- 1    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?
  
- 2    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?
  
- 3    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?

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## **SERMON**

### **OFFERING**

*Due to Covid restrictions, we are not passing the offering plate among the pews. You may consider giving your offering either by placing it on a plate as you exit the church today or sending us an e-transfer. For information, please call our office during the week to set this up. Thank you, may God continue to bless you*

### **PRAYERS**

Pastor: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the Holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship Him in peace and tranquility.

*(Various intercessions are offered. Each petition ends with the words, "Lord, in Your mercy," and the congregation responds, "hear our prayer.")*

Pastor: Let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

### **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

**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.**

Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

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

*(There is a time of silence for reflection.)*

### **HYMN # 449 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

- 1 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.
  
- 2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve Thy place;

Look on me with Thy favor,  
And grant to me Thy grace.

3 What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever!  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never,  
Outlive my love for Thee.

4 Be Thou my consolation,  
My shield, when I must die;  
Remind me of Thy passion  
When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,  
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold Thee.  
Who dieth thus dies well.

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## CLOSING

**Pastor:** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

**People:** **By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world. You have redeemed myself. Thank you Lord Jesus!**

*(All leave in silence.)*