

Good Friday

April 7, 2023



Public Domain. Léon Bonnat (1833–1922) Christ on the Cross 1874

Zion Lutheran Church

Nipawin, Sk.

315 Center Street

A Congregation of The NE Lutheran Parish SK

All enter in silence.

Six Candles are lit and placed on the altar in preparation for the Service

Prelude Music by the McLeans

Hymn #445 – When You Woke That Thursday Morning

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Philippians 2:5,8; 1 John 2:1–2; Isaiah 53:4*

Pastor: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

People: **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

People: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Pastor: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

People: **Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 52:13–53:12*

SERMON – The Day of Atonement

HYMN # 430 – My Song is Love Unknown

BIDDING PRAYER

Asst. Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Asst. Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN # 425 – When I Survey the Wonderous Cross Vs 1

Asst. Let us pray for all catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

Pastor: Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of all catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Asst. Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

Pastor: O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Charles our King, all Members of Parliament, Justin our Prime Minister, Scott our Premier; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws may do so according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN # 425 – When I Survey the Wonderous Cross Vs 2

Asst. Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Asst.: Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have

no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Asst. Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN # 425 – When I Survey the Wonderous Cross Vs 3

Asst. Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

Pastor: O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Asst. Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

Pastor: O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the

fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN # 425 – When I Survey the Wonderous Cross Vs 4

Asst. Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

People: **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**

TENEBRAE SEQUENCE

[An acolyte should extinguish the candles as indicated. As the candles are extinguished, the lights in the church may be dimmed gradually. As the last candle is removed from the altar area, all the lights in the church should be turned off. After the last candle has returned, enough light should be turned on to allow people to leave the sanctuary in safety.]

FIRST WORD *John 19:14–16a; Luke 23:32–34a*

Lector: Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. 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. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.
People: By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.

Pastor: God forbid that I should glory
People: except in the cross of our Lord, Jesus.

Pastor: Almighty God, Your dear Son, our Lord, did not go up to joy before first He suffered pain; He did not enter into glory before He was crucified. Mercifully grant that we in faith may walk the way of His cross and find in it the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN # 456 – Were You There vs 1

The first candle is extinguished.

SECOND WORD *Luke 23:35–43*

Lector: 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!” The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” There was also an inscription over Him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” And He said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.
People: By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.

Pastor: Surely He has borne out griefs
People: **and carried our sorrows.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, while You hung on the cross, You showed mercy to the dying thief. With that mercy, look on us also, we pray, and at our last hour, comfort us with Your promise that we will dwell forever in paradise with You.
People: **Amen.**

The second candle is extinguished.

THIRD WORD *John 19:25–27*

Lector: 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, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.
People: **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

Pastor: Bind us to one another with bonds of charity and love
People: **that we ever reflect the great and sacrificial love that You have showed to us through Your suffering, pain, and death on the cross.**

HYMN # 456 – Were You There vs 2

Pastor: O God, You know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright. Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

The third candle is extinguished.

FOURTH WORD *Matthew 27:45–47*

Lector: 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.”

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.
People: **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world**

Pastor: Keep us mindful of Your abiding presence with us
People: **that our witness to the love You have shown us may never falter or fail.**

Pastor: Grant, we pray, merciful Lord, to Your faithful people pardon and peace. Cleanse us from all our sins, that we may serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The fourth candle is extinguished.

FIFTH WORD *Matthew 10:38–42, John 19:28–29*

Lector: [Jesus said to His disciples,] “Whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 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.

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.
People: **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

Pastor: Grant us peace and patience under all trials.
People: **Keep us mindful of the great sacrifice You willingly made for us to pay the price of our sins.**

HYMN # 456 – Were You There vs 3

Pastor: O God, for our redemption, You gave Your only Son to die the death of the cross, and by His resurrection, You have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

The fifth candle is extinguished.

SIXTH WORD *Hebrews 9:11–12, 15, 27–28; John 19:30a*

Lector: But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished."

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.
People: **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

Pastor: Help us begin all our works of charity and love in Your name
People: **and find Your blessing in their completion to Your glory.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You set the boundaries of our lives and grant us tasks to do in Your name. In Your great love, You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. With the aid of the Holy Spirit, lead us to complete all You intend for us to do in this world until that time when we share in Your eternal presence in the world to come.
People: **Amen.**

The sixth candle is extinguished.

SEVENTH WORD *Luke 23:44–46; Matthew 27:54*

Lector: It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed his last.

Pause for meditation.

Lector: 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!"

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.
People: **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

Pastor: Preserve and defend us, gracious Lord,
People: **so that when our last hour comes, we may know
Your abiding care.**

HYMN # 456 – Were You There vs 4

Pastor: Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over to the hands of sinful men to suffer death on the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

A rough-hewn cross may be carried in procession through the church and/or placed in front of or near the altar.

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The final candle is taken out of the sanctuary as the lights are completely turned off. After a brief time, a loud noise (strepitus) symbolizes the closing of the tomb, the earthquake at the time of Christ's death, and the "closing of the book" on Jesus' sacrifice. After the loud noise, the candle is returned to its place at the altar, symbolizing that our redemption is complete.

The congregation leaves the church in silence.