

6th Reading "The Word of Triumph"

John 19:29-30

A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "**It is finished.**" With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

7th Reading "The Word of Committal"

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Good Friday Reflection

Pastor Eric

Prayer of Confession

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to your promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

To consider from the Heidelberg Catechism Q. 81

Q. Who are to Come to the Lord's Table?

A. Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Closing Song

"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?

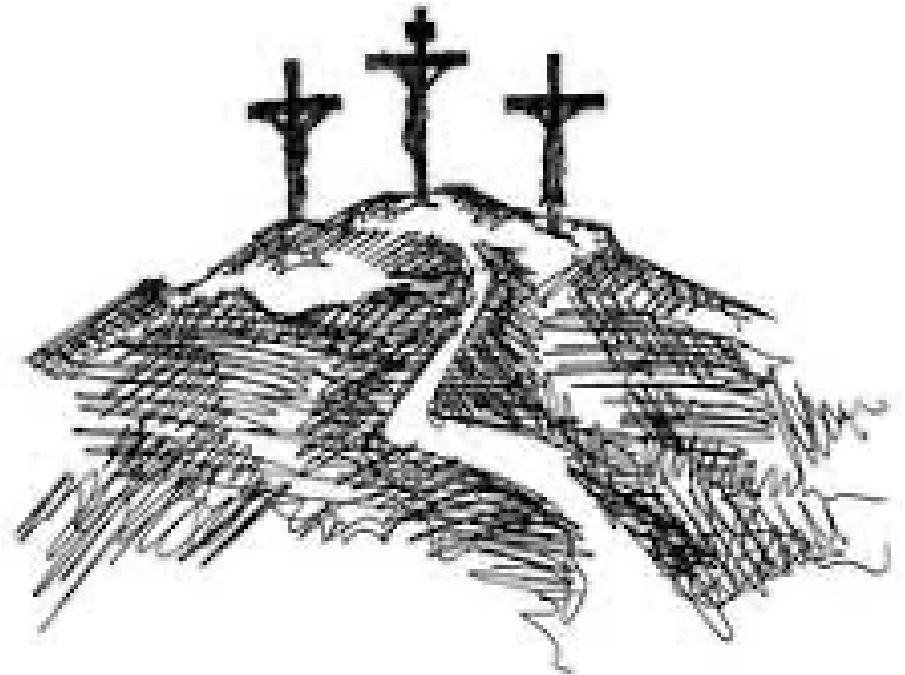
3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Benediction

Rock Creek Fellowship

Good Friday Service

March 29, 2024



Introduction and Call to Worship

Pastor Eric

Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
**Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we considered him stricken,
struck down by God and afflicted.**
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
—from Isaiah 53:1, 4-5

Worship in Song

“There is a Fountain filled with Blood”

1. There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains
2. The dying thief rejoiced to see, that fountain in his day
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away
Washed all my sins away, Washed all my sins away
And there have I though vile as he, Washed all my sins away
3. Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God, be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more
4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die
5. When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue, lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save; I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
Then in a nobler sweeter song; I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

“How Deep the Father's Love for us”

1. How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory	It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished
2. Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers	3. I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

The Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross:

1st Reading “The Word of Forgiveness”

Luke 23:32-35

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the

criminals-- one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, **"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."** And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

2nd Reading “The Word of Assurance”

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, **"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."**

3rd Reading “The Word of Comfort”

John 19: 25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, **"Dear woman, here is your son,"** and to the disciple, **"Here is your mother."** From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

“In Christ Alone”

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

4th Reading

“The Word of Desolation”

Matthew 27:41-46

In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.' In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him. From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, **"Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"-- which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

5th Reading “The Word of Suffering”

John 19:28

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, **"I am thirsty."**