Welcome
Good Friday
April 2, 2021
3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally-Grounded - Congregationally Focused
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The sanctuary lights are turned down.
SILENCE IS OBSERVED

ANTHEM

“At Gethsemane”

Chancel Choir

Please stand as able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P What’s happened? Why are you here?
MEN We have come because they have crucified our Lord.
P Who has crucified your Lord?
WOMEN The Roman soldiers, at Pilate’s command, as requested by the Jewish leaders.
P But I heard you yell “Crucify!” in the awful silence of your souls.
C We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

PERSONAL ABSOLUTION

Worshipers who would like to receive personal absolution after public confession of sins may come forward, kneel before pastor, and receive the laying on of hands and receive Christ’s forgiveness.

CORPORATE ABSOLUTION

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
C Amen.

Please be seated/

In the Hour of Trial

1 In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me,
2 With forbidden pleasures Should this vain world charm,
3 Should thy mercy send me Sorrow, toil, and woe,
**I. THE CROSS OF CHRIST…THE SUFFERING SERVANT**

**P** Let us pray,

**C** O God and Father of us all, by our sin we were separated from you. We thank you that, in the power and wisdom of the Cross, you have reconciled us to yourself and have received us as your children. Amen

**ISAIAH 53:1-9**

53:1 Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2For 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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 3He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. 4Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. 5But 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. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearsers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
2 Upon the cross of Jesus, My eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shadow For my abiding place;

The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land,
The very dying form of one Who suffered there for me,
I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of his face;

A home within a wilderness, A rest upon the way,
And from my contrite heart, with tears, Two wonders I confess:
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,
II. THE CROSS OF CHRIST...FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY

P    Let us pray.
C    O Lord, God of the universe, our Heavenly Father, you promised in the Old Testament that you would send a Redeemer. We give you thanks for fulfilling the promise that you made. Amen.

PSALM 22 (Selected Verses)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
6But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
7All who see me mock at me;
they hurl insults at me, shaking their heads;
8“He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him.
Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”
10From birth I was cast upon you,
from my mother’s womb you have been my God.
15My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.
16Dogs have surrounded me;
a band of evil men has encircled me.
They have pierced my hands and feet.
17I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
18they divide my garment among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

JOHN 1:29

29The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
MATTHEW 26:57-66

57 Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. 58 But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. 59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" 60 The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" 61 But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." 62 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." 63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death"

IV. THE CROSS OF CHRIST...THE PAIN OF REJECTION

Let us pray,

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” Amen
LUKE 23:13-23

13 Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him." 18 Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" 19 (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) 20 Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" 22 A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." 23 But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.

HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (vs 1 & 2)

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.

V. THE CROSS OF CHRIST…THE MAGNITUDE OF HIS LOVE

P   Let us pray,
C   The cross, O Lord, is your love extended to us. For you so loved the world that you gave your only Son. Strengthen our faith, that we might not perish, but have eternal life. Amen

MATTHEW 27:27-32

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. 28 And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. 31 And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. 32 As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross.
VI. THE CROSS OF CHRIST…THE SUFFERING OF OUR LORD

P Let us pray,

C Heavenly Father, help us to see that it was our own sinfulness which made the horror and tragedy of the cross necessary. may we never forget what Jesus endured for us. Amen

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

So they took Jesus, and went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. 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 vinegar, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The Chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” One of the criminals who hanged with him 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 are indeed condemned justly; for we are receiving the due reward for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power.” Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, Today you will be with me in Paradise.” When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, 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 house. Now from the six hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” After this, Jesus knowing that all was now finished, said, “I thirst.” A bowl full of sour wine stood there; so they put a sponge full of the wine on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then crying out with a loud voice, Jesus said, “Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.” And he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. And all the multitudes who had assembled to see the sights, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.

Please be seated/

SERMON

Rev. Heidi Punt

The Iniquity of Us All

MUSIC

“They Crucified My Lord”

Jan Huffman

The cross is processed in and stops halfway up the center aisle. “He never said a mumbling word.”

P    Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world

C    Oh, come, let us worship him.

MUSIC

“They Crucified My Lord”

Kevin Huffman

The cross is brought to the foot of the altar stairs. “He never said a mumbling word.”

PROCESSION

P    Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world

C    Oh, come, let us worship him.

MUSIC

“They Crucified My Lord”

Kevin Huffman and Jan Huffman

The cross is laid down at the altar.
Please kneel or lean forward reverently as able.

VII. THE CROSS OF CHRIST...THE REALITY OF DEATH

P Let us pray,

C O Father, help me when grief overwhelms me. Be with me when loved ones have gone to be with you. Amen

MATTHEW 27:57-61

57 As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. 58 Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body; and Pilate ordered it be given to him. 59 Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance of the tomb and went away. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P Remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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
Please stand as able.

Were You There

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you
4 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? Were you

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
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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 laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
The lights will be turned down.  

STEPITUS *Loud noise signifying the sealing of the Tomb*  

SILENT PRAYER  
*We invite you to remain in silent prayer, if you desire.*  

The assembly departs in darkness and silence.

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A charter congregation of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

**OUR MISSION:** *And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* Matthew 28:18-20

**OUR VISION:** *One Relationship at a Time*

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**OFFICE HOURS:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday

**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)  
10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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