

GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 3, 2015

A Holy Week Service of Lessons and Psalms

Preparation for Worship *Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.*

*“When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the cross of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.”*
~ Isaac Watts

Pastor’s Welcome and Announcements

*A cry room for small children with televised worship
is available in the Fellowship Hall during the service.*

Prelude (C321) *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

Responsive Congregational Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

Leader: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*
People: Help us to really know you,
to bless, worship, and praise you for all your works
and for all that shines forth from them:
your almighty power, wisdom, kindness,
justice, mercy and truth.
Help us to direct all our living ~
what we think, say, and do ~
so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us
but always honored and praised.

Leader: *Your kingdom come.*
People: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way
that more and more we submit to you.
Keep your church strong, and add to it.
Destroy the devil’s work;
destroy every force that revolts against you
and every conspiracy against your Word.
Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect
that in it you are all in all.

Leader: *Your will be done on earth as in heaven.*
People: Help us and all people to reject our own wills
and to obey your will without any back talk.
Your will alone is good.
Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to,
as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

Leader: *Give us today our daily bread.*
People: Do take care of all our physical needs
so that we come to know
that you are the only source of everything good,
and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts
can do us any good without your blessing.
And so help us to give up our trust in creatures
and to put trust in you alone.

Leader: *Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*
People: Because of Christ’s blood,
do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are,
any of the sins we do
or the evil that constantly clings to us.
Forgive us, just as we are fully determined,
as evidence of your grace in us,
to forgive our neighbors.

Leader: *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*
People: By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment.
And our sworn enemies ~
the devil, the world, and our own flesh ~
never stop attacking us.
And so, Lord,
uphold us and make us strong
with the strength of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may not go down to defeat
in this spiritual struggle,
but may firmly resist our enemies
until we finally win the complete victory.

Leader: *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.*
People: We have made all these requests of you
because, as our all-powerful King,
you not only want to,
but are able to give us all that is good;
and because your holy name,
and not we ourselves,
should receive all the praise, forever.
It is even more sure that you listen to our prayer,
than that we really desire what we pray for.

All: *Amen.*

Call to Worship 1 Peter 1:3-5

The First Lesson *Betrayal ~ John 13:12-30*
He that eateth my bread lifted up his heel against me.

Psalm 41:7-10
(Tune: “Abide with Me”)

Against me all my foes are whispering;
The worst of fates for me their minds devise.
They say, “a vile disease has struck him down;
He never will get up and leave his bed.”

My closest friend has turned his back on me ~
My trusted friend, with whom I shared my bread.
But you, O LORD, be merciful to me
And raise me up their malice to repay.

The Second Lesson *Rejection ~ John 15:18-27*
They hated Me without a cause.

*** Psalm 35:19-21**
(Tune: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”)

O Lord, how long will you look on? Defend me from their strife;
From these marauding lions’ teeth protect my precious life.
Then where the great assembly meets to you I will give praise;
Among the crowds of worshippers in thanks my voice I’ll raise.

Let him not gloat who, without cause, is my fierce enemy,
Nor those who hate me unprovoked stare spitefully at me.
They do not speak in peaceful words, but cunning schemes have planned,
Accusing those who live at peace and quiet in the land.

Triumphantly they shout and say, “His wickedness we see!”
LORD, you have seen; hold not your peace. Lord, be not far from me.’

The Third Lesson *Trial ~ John 18:28-19:15*
Away with Him, away with Him. Crucify Him!

The Fourth Lesson *Mocking ~ Matthew 27:24-34*
They gave Him wine to drink mingled with gall.

Psalm 69:17-21
(Tune: “How Great Thou Art”)

Do not conceal your face from me your servant;
answer me quickly, for I am distressed.
Come near and rescue me from my opponents;
save me from those by whom I am oppressed.

You know how I am taunted and dishonored;
to you my enemies are all well known.
Because they scoff at me, my heart is broken,
and I am left defenseless and alone.

I looked for sympathy, but no one heeded;
for comforters, but I found none at all.
They gave me vinegar when I was thirsty,
and with my food they mingled bitter gall.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

The Fifth Lesson *Crucifixion ~ John 19:17-24*
They divided My outer garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

Psalm 22:14-18
(Tune: “Lamb of God”)

Like water I am emptied out, and all my bones are torn apart;
My inmost being melts away, and into wax is turned my heart.

My strength is dried like shattered clay, and, as I fight to draw my breath,
My tongue is sticking to my jaws; You lay me in the dust of death.

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

A pack of dogs encloses me; their circle round me is complete.
I am beset by evil men and they have pierced my hands and feet.

I count the number of my bones; with gloating eyes the people stare.
They throw the dice to get my coat; among themselves my clothes they share.

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

The Sixth Lesson *Insults ~ Matthew 27:35-44*
He trusts in God; let Him deliver Him.

Psalm 22:6-8
(Tune: “Lamb of God”)

But I’m a worm and not a man, by people scorned, reproached by all.
And those who see me shake their heads; they sneer at me, and thus they call:

“This man has trusted in the LORD, so let him save him from his plight.
Now let his God deliver him, because in him he takes delight.”

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

The Seventh Lesson *Darkness ~ Matthew 27:45-49*
My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?

* If you are able, please stand at these times.

*** Psalm 22:1-3**
(Tune: "Lamb of God")

My God, my God, O why have you forsaken and abandoned me?
Why are you far from giving help, from listening to my anguished plea?

My God, I cry to you by day; You do not hear when I complain.
I call to you throughout the night; in silence I cannot remain.

Yet you are holy: on the praise of Is-ra-el you are enthroned.
In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted, and were not disowned.

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

The Eighth Lesson *Committal ~ Luke 23:46-49*
Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit.

Psalm 31:1-6
(Tune: "Before the Throne of God Above")

In you I've taken refuge, LORD; You are my shelter in distress.
O let me never be ashamed, but save me in your righteousness.
Lord, turn your ear to hear my cry; come quickly to deliver me,
And be my rock and firm defense, my stronghold and security.

You are my fortress and my rock; for your name's sake be my sure guide.
Preserve me from the trap that's set; You are the refuge where I hide.
Redeem me, LORD, O God of truth; My spirit I commit to you.
I hate all those who trust false gods; I trust the LORD for he is true.

The Ninth Lesson *Death ~ John 19:28-37*
Not a bone of Him shall be broken.

"It Is Finished"
Girls of Grace

The Sermon Luke 23:34
"Seven Last Words (Part I): 'Father, forgive them....' "
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

***Hymn of Response** *"At the Cross" (1)*

Oh Lord, You've searched me. You know my way.
Even when I fail You, I know You love me.

Your holy presence, surrounding me.
In every season, I know You love me.

*At the cross I bow my knee, where Your blood was shed for me.
There's no greater love than this.
You have overcome the grave. Your glory fills the highest place.
What can separate me now?*

You go before me, You shield my way. Your Hand upholds me.
I know You love me.

An when the earth fades, falls from my eyes.
And You stand before me, I know You love me.

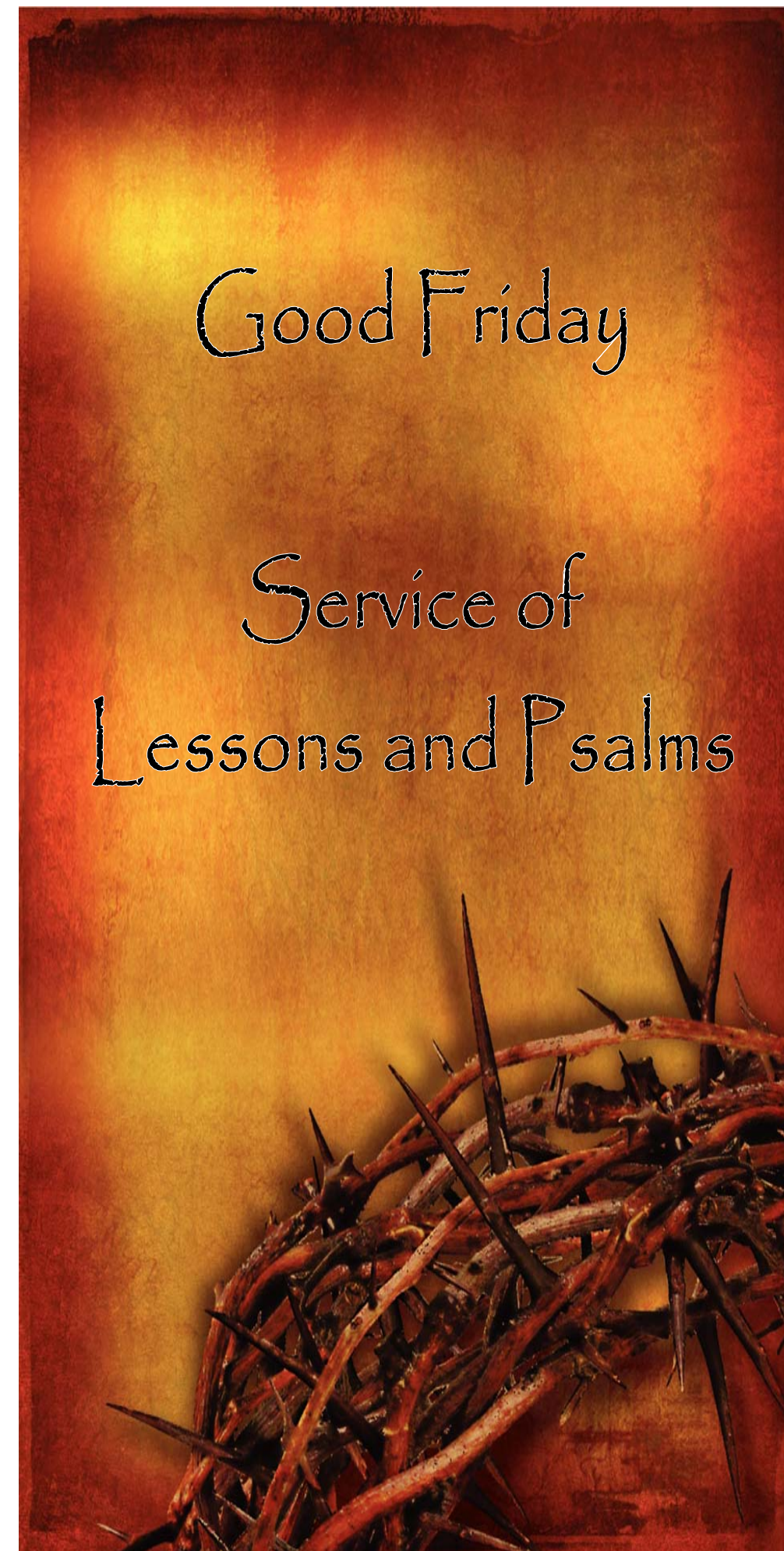
You tore the veil, You made a way, when You said that it is done.

***The Benediction** Galatians 1:3-5

***Hymn of Benediction** (C337, vv 1&4) *"Nothing but the Blood"*

Sermon Notes
April 3, 2015
Luke 23:34

"Seven Last Words (Part I): 'Father, forgive them....' "
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Easter Sunday
April 5th

Church Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
Easter Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.