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Thank you for joining us today.

GOOD FRIDAY - DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

APRIL 2, 2021 - 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PASTOR'S WELCOME

INVOCATION: Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

OUR ACT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: Service of Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession

People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Absolution

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: #437 (LSB) "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The

did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD: Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And, also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray....

Collect for Good Friday: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

PASSION READING: Luke 23:32-43

HYMN: # 435 (LSB) "Come to Calvary' Holy Mountain"

1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho-ly moun-tain, Sin-ners, ru-ined
 2 Come in pov-er-ty and mean-ness, Come de-filed, with-
 3 Come in sor-row and con-tri-tion, Wound-ed, im-po-
 4 They that drink shall live for-ev-er; 'Tis a soul-re-
 by the fall; Here a pure and heal-ing foun-tain
 out, with-in; From in-fec-tion and un-clean-ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt-y, free re-mis-sion,
 new-ing flood. God is faith-ful; God will nev-er
 Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per-
 From the lep-ro-sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou-bled, peace may find. Health this foun-tain
 Break His cov-e-nant of blood, Signed when our Re-
 pet-ual tide, O-pened when our Sav-ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re-store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem-er died, Sealed when He was glo-ri-fied.

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Pastor: GOOD FRIDAY HOMILY: Luke 23:33

Places of the Passion: "Golgotha, Place of the Skull"

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People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

People: THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: BENEDICTION

We now leave and exit God's House in silence as we ponder Christ's awesome sacrifice.

We wait the celebration of Jesus resurrection.

Come join us April 4, 2021 for Easter Morning Service at 9:15 a.m.