

Good Friday

April 19, 2019

7:00 PM

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

The Prelude

Grazioso

Telemann

Teresa Deckard, flute

Maria Schwartz, cello

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

Choral Introit

When Jesus Wept

Billings

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

*The Call to Worship

based on Isaiah 59 & 60

We wait for the light, and lo! There is darkness; and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

But the LORD will arise upon you, and nations shall come to your light.

The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.

For the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

*Hymn No. 305

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Lenox

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

*Invocation

Psalter Reading

Psalms 22:1-22

Hymnal, pg. 790

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.

In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

“He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.

“Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother’s breast.

From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

Dogs have surrounded me;

A band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:20b-24 (ESV)

But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

For to this [we] have been called, because Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example, so that [we] might follow in his steps.

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed.

Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, VIII.5

The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience, and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of His Father;¹ and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father has given unto Him.²

¹ Rom. 5:19; Heb. 9:14, 16; 10:14; Eph. 5:2; Rom. 3:25, 26

² Dan. 9:24, 26; Col. 1:19, 20; Eph. 1:11, 14; Jn 17:2; Heb. 9:12, 15

*Hymn No. 246

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Bliss

Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Our Prayers of Thanksgiving
Offertory Anthem

Who Is Jesus?

Dudley-Smith & Honoré
The Adult Choir

Who is Jesus? Friend of sinners, whom in love the Father gave; born within a borrowed stable, laid within a borrowed grave, Son of God and son of Mary, Son of Man, to seek and save. Who is Jesus? Man of sorrows! see his glory all put by; Prince of life and sinner's ransom stumbles forth to bleed and die; Lamb of God and Love immortal hangs upon the cross on high. Who? Risen Savior! to his throne restored, restored, first born of the new creation, sun and star and saints' reward: Prince of glory, King of ages, Christ the ever living Lord!

Sermon Text

Luke 23:32-46

(Pew Bible, pg. 748)

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ 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. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ 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!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ 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.

Sermon

"Save Yourself!"

Pastor Bell

The Litany

The Book of Common Prayer, 1928

From all blindness of heart, from all hardness of heart, from all coldness of heart:

O Lord, deliver us!

From all pride and vain glory, from all conceit and self-suffering, from all hatred and contempt of Thy holy commandments:

O Lord, deliver us!

From lack of reverence in Thy presence, from lack of gratitude for Thy suffering; from lack of thankfulness for Thy love and grace:

O Lord, deliver us!

By the mystery of Thy incarnation; by the ministry of Thy nativity; by the mercy of Thy baptism, fasting and prayer:

O Lord, redeem us!

By Thine agony and bloody sweat; by Thy cross and passion, by Thy precious death and burial:

O Lord, redeem us!

In the time of temptation; in the hour of death, in the day of judgment:

O Lord, redeem us.

O Shepherd of God, who giveth Thy life for the sheep.
Have mercy upon us.
O Son of God, who redeemest our life from destruction:
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world:
Have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Hymn

Beneath the Cross

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Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand;
And wonder at such mercy, that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me, hold wounds which tell me "come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one, through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps, where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us—to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, We will gladly live our lives.

*Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (*Hymnal*, pg. 740)

Danish

Almighty Father, look graciously upon this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, Good Friday

Postlude

Postludium Op. 64, No.2

Goltermann

*Those who are able, please stand.

We welcome all our visitors this evening, and especially the congregation of Loch Raven Presbyterian Church, and their pastor, David Milligan.

We are giving again this year to the Compassion Ministry of Mission to the World. You may use the envelope from your 2019 offering envelopes, or a pink pew envelope marked "Easter". Include your name or your envelope number so that we can record your gift on your annual statement. Please make all checks payable to *Aisquith*.

The Sunrise Service at Beachmont will be at 6:30 AM on Easter Sunday.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter, but Worship will be at the normal time at 10:30 AM. There will be no Youth Activities that evening.