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GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, 2021

6:30 PM Worship Service

Prelude

Joybells: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley", *arranged by Douglas E. Wagner*

Opening Prayer

1st Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:34

34 "Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

1st Word: Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.

Just as I Am, without One Plea

**LSB #570
vs. 1-4**

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Moment of Reflection

2nd Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:39-43

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

2nd Word: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.

Jesus Remember Me

LSB #767

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
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Moment of Reflection

3rd Word

Scripture Reading

John 19:25-27

- 25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
26 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,"
27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

3rd Word: Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.

Abide with Me

**LSB #878
vs. 1, 5, 6**

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Moment of Reflection

4th Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:45-46

45 From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.
46 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?"

4th Word: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Joybells: "The Lamb", arranged by Sheryl Hansen and John Behnke Bell Piece

Moment of Reflection

5th Word

Scripture Reading

John 19:28

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

5th Word: I am thirsty.

Nearer My God To Thee

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me!
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

Though like a wanderer, daylight all gone,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

There let the way appear, steps up to heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

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6th Word

Scripture Reading

John 19:29-30

29 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.
30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

6th Word: It is finished.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**LSB #425
vs. 1-3**

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 death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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Moment of Reflection

7th Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:44-46

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

7th Word: Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

Were You There

**LSB #456
vs. 1-3**

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?

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?

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?

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Moment of Reflection

Closing Prayer

Joybells: "Remembering", composed by John Behnke

An original piece to remember those who have passed away due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this reflective piece has minimal bell changes and no sharing of bells. The music begins with a tolling bell, then a melody emerges which seeks to express the significance of each life lived, including their struggle with this virus.

Leave in Silence

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Safety Measures

The Leadership Team moved to continue our current mask policy until further notice. We will keep the mask policy in place until at least Memorial Day as a safety measure and in support of GLEE, which will also continue to mask until at least then. We also encourage you to practice social distancing.

Although the state no longer requires masks, every organization has the right and responsibility to determine what is best for conducting its business. As we carry out the Lord's business at Grace, our leadership is firmly committed to maintaining the highest safety standards.

At Grace, the primary motivation for wearing masks has never been "because it's the law." As Christians and citizens, we honor and obey the laws of our government. But the primary reason for masks is grounded in Jesus' call to "love your neighbor." (Mark 12:31) We love one another by protecting each other's health.