



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

A Southeastern Wisconsin PCA (Presbyterian Church of America) church.

Good Friday Service

March 25, 2016



The simple, unadorned cross reminds us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and with his feet they were nailed to the tree. Thus he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people. Paul tells us that the Gospel is *"the message of the cross...to us who are being saved is the power of God"* (1 Co 1:18).

The color used in the sanctuary in anticipation of Easter is purple or violet. These colors symbolize both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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Preparation for worship: Mark 15:1-39
Please gather in silence for worship.

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Ruth 2:4

Pastor: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

People: **Who redeems us from sin and death.**

Pastor: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient
unto death,

People: **Even death on the cross.**

Phil 2:8

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

* Hymn

Trinity Hymnal, #175
Man of Sorrows! What a Name

* Prayer

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 53:7-12

Hymn

Book of Psalms for Singing, #22B
My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

O my people, O my church, What have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you? Answer me.

I led you forth from the land of Egypt
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy on us.

I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna:
I brought you through tribulation and temptation,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

What more could I have done for you that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,

I made you the branches of my vine:
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

O Lord, forgive us our sin.

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counselor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, forgive us our sins.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, God of love, have mercy upon us.

Hymn

Trinity Hymnal, #178
O Sacred Head Now Wounded

We Confess Our Sins (kneeling)

O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us: Save us and help us, we humbly ask you, O Lord. Forbid, O God, that we should forget, amid our earthly comforts, the pains and

mortal anguish that our Lord Jesus endured for our salvation. Grant us this day a true vision of all that he suffered, in his betrayal, his lonely agony, his false trial, his mocking and scourging, and the torture of death upon the cross. As you have graciously given yourself utterly for us, may we give ourselves entirely to you, O Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Savior. (Silent Prayer) Amen!

Hymn

Trinity Hymnal, #187
Hark the Voice of Love and Mercy

Scripture Reading

Psalm 31:1-14

Responsive Reading

Psalm 31:15-24
Trinity Hymnal, page 617

Hymn

Book of Psalms for Singing, #22C
Be Not Far Off, for Grief Is Near

* *Gospel Lesson*

Mark 14:53 – 15:39

Sermon

Silent Meditation

* *Hymn*

Trinity Hymnal, #223
Arise, My Soul, Arise

Congregational Prayer (kneeling)

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

* ***The Congregation Departs from the Sanctuary & Church in Silence***

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Sermon Notes – Good Friday, March 25, 2016

The King of the Jews
What should a king look like?
Mark 14:53—15:39

1. The trial of Jesus before the Jewish Sanhedrin (Mk 14:53-72)
 - A. The contrasting testimonies of Jesus & Peter on trial

 - B. The *blasphemy* of Jesus – speaking against the established order, claiming to have divine authority over them (Mk 14:55-62; Jn 2:19 w Acts 6:8-15)

 - C. The high priest's sacrilege (Le 21:10; 1 Sa 15:27; 1 Kg 11:30f)

2. The trial of Jesus before the Roman governor Pilate (Mk 15:1-15)
 - A. Pilate asks Jesus the same question as the high priest's without the biblical, theological terminology, “*Are you the King of the Jews?*” (2)

 - B. Preferring Barabbas over Jesus reveals what sort of king the Jews wanted (6-15)

3. The crucifixion & death of Jesus (Mk 15:16-39)
 - A. Roman soldiers mocking acknowledge Jesus is the king (16-26)

 - B. Jews mock Jesus for thinking He could be king (27-32; Mk 10:42-45)

 - C. The Roman centurion's confession that the man Jesus *is the Son of God* (39)

 - D. The significance of Jesus' death – undergoing the covenant curse for His people (33-38; Heb 10:19-22; Ro 8:35)