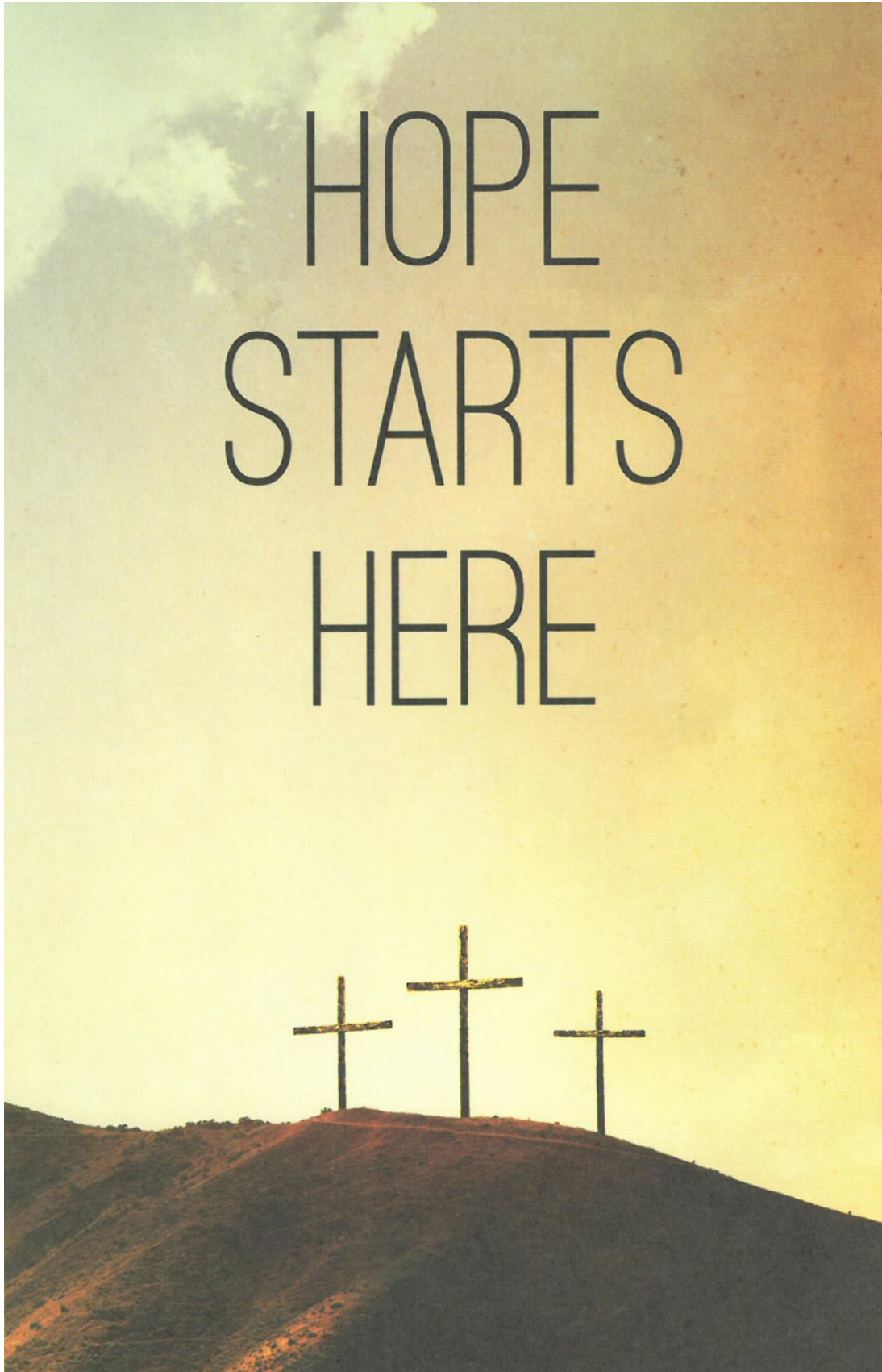


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AMAZING GRACE HOLY WEEK

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

On this day the church gathers to hear the proclamation of the Passion, to pray for the life of the world, and to meditate on the life-giving cross. The ancient title for this day--the triumph of the cross--reminds us that the church gathers to offer thanksgiving for the wood of the tree on which hung our salvation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymns are from the Green Hymnal.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE SHARE IN THE LAST SUPPER✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

The Crucifixion Psalm

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? I have cried desperately for help, but it still does not come?

During the day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. I call at night, but get no rest.

Hurry and help me, my Savior!

Song

“Abide With Me”

(vs. 1) # 272

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, oh, abide with me.

Our ancestors put their trust in you.

They trusted you and you saved them.

They called to you and escaped from danger.

The trusted n you and were not disappointed.

But I am less than human.

I am a worm, despised and scorned by everyone.

All who see me make fun of me; they stick out their tongues and shake their heads.

“You relied on the Lord,” they say. “Why doesn’t he save you? If the Lord likes you, why doesn’t he help you?”

Don’t stay away from me! Trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

Song*“Abide With Me”***(vs. 3) # 272**

*Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;
 earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
 change and decay in all around I see;
 O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

Many enemies surround me like bulls.

They are all around me, like fierce bulls from the land of Bashan. They open their mouths like lions, roaring and tearing at me.

My strength is gone, gone like water spilled on the ground.

All my bones are out of joint; my heart feels like melted wax inside me. My throat is as dry as dust, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.

You have left me for dead in the dust.

Brutal enemies attack me, like a pack of dogs. They tear at my hands and my feet. They gamble for my clothes and divide them among themselves.

Hurry and help me, my Savior!

Song*“Abide With Me”***(vs. 2) # 272**

*I need thy presence ev’ry passing hour;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?
 Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
 Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be 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 forever. Amen.

Offering**Words of Institution****Lord’s Prayer****Distribution****Communion Blessing****Song***“Abide With Me”***(vs.4,5) # 272**

*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.*

Message**“Grace in the Cross”**

Pastor Bill Peters

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

Refrain
 sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me
 in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

We gather to participate in the ancient Tenebrae service, the service of darkness. The candles will be gradually extinguished to remind us of the gathering darkness around Jesus as he moved through his passion to his death.

Tenebrae Litany

He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;

Upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

Gracious God, on this day we gather to remember the suffering death of Jesus.

We come overwhelmed by the depth of Jesus' love for us,

And his commitment to defeat evil,

Even when that meant his own suffering and his own death.

Even death on a cross, and so, in response to such love and sacrifice,

We commit ourselves as his disciples to overcome evil with good, suffering with wholeness, and oppression with justice in Jesus' name. Amen

Gospel Reading "Betrayed"

Matthew 26:36-56

Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed;

You gave your life that we might live.

(The first candle is extinguished.)

Song “*Alas! And did My Savior Bleed*”

(vs. 1,2) # 98

*Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?*

*Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!*

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Gospel Reading

“*Denial & Trial*”

Matthew 26:57-75

Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed;
You gave your life that we might live.

(The second candle is extinguished.)

Song

“*In the Hour of Trial*”

(vs. 1,2) # 106

*In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me,
lest by base denial I depart from thee.
When thou seest me waver, with a look recall;
nor from fear or favor suffer me to fall.*

*With forbidden pleasures should this vain world charm,
or its sordid treasures spread to work me harm,
bring to my remembrance sad Gethsemane,
or, in darker semblance, cross-crowned Calvary.*

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Gospel Reading

“*Questions*”

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-23

Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed;
You gave your life that we might live.

(The third candle is extinguished.)

Song “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*”

(vs. 1,2) # 117

*O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.*

*How art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
how does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.*

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, c. 1250; tr. composite

Gospel Reading

“*Condemned & Mocked*”

Matthew 27:24-31

Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed;
You gave your life that we might live.

(The fourth candle is extinguished.)

Song “Ah, Holy Jesus”

(vs. 1,3) # 123

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.*

*Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath suffered;
for man’s atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.*

Gospel Reading “Crucified”

Matthew 27:32-44

Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed;
You gave your life that we might live.

(The fifth candle is extinguished.)

Song “Ah, Holy Jesus”

(vs. 2,4) # 123

*Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.*

*For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.*

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

Gospel Reading “Died”

Matthew 27:45-56

Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed;
You gave your life that we might live.

(The sixth candle is extinguished.)

Song “Were You There”

(vs. 2) # 92

*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?*

Gospel Reading “Buried”

Matthew 27:57-66

Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed;
You gave your life that we might live.

(The seventh candle are extinguished.)

Song

“Were You There”

(vs. 3) # 92

*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?*

PROCESSION AND ADORATION OF THE CROSS

The cross is carried in and placed in the chancel. The following response will be said three times: as the procession begins, halfway to the altar, and as the cross is placed in front of the communion rail.

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

Bell tolls five times.

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Oh, come, let us worship him.

Bell tolls five times.

Silence – *A time of reflection and meditation*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Bell tolls one time.

Song

“Were You There”

(vs. 1 – a cappella) # 92

*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?*

The Christ Candle is Extinguished

Veiling of the Cross

Silence – *A time of reflection and meditation*

The Lord’s Prayer (*whispered by all*)

Please leave in silence.



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EASTER WORSHIP

“AMAZING GRACE”

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9

7:00 am Bethany & Immanuel
9:00 am Silver Lake
10:30 am Lunder & Winnebago



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witnessing to the truth

When Jesus is interrogated by Pilate, he describes his mission in this way: “For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth” (John 18:37). Even in his terrible suffering and death on a cross, Jesus witnesses to the truth of God’s love, life, and power to the end. Refusing retaliation, Christ reveals to us divine power at work through the vulnerability of suffering love and nonviolence. Crucified as a criminal, Christ demonstrates divine solidarity with all who are persecuted and victimized. Weak and dying on the cross, Christ bears witness to divine presence in the depths of human pain.

Tonight we also bear witness to the false claims and mocking cruelty of those who condemn Jesus to death. Pilate, who has the power to release or condemn Jesus, utterly lacks moral clarity and courage. How might this story serve as a mirror, leading us to reflect on and lament ongoing injustices today, from our broken system of mass incarceration to our pollution and waste of God’s good creation? What lies are told and what cruelty is inflicted against God and our most vulnerable neighbors today?

As we name these truths about our world broken by sin and truths about God’s unfathomable love in Christ, we gather around the cross in our worship spaces as a family formed by Christ, like the ones who stood faithfully by Jesus’ side as he took his last breaths. We pray for the wounded creation, for the sick and dying, for those who find their dignity denied, and more. We pray, placing our hope in the God who yet promises to bring new life. And as we pray, we wait, and we witness to the truth that God is here, abiding with us and hearing our cries.