

**Welcome to
Grace Lutheran Church
March 29, 2024
Good Friday
*“No Regrets”***



Prelude Music
“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
The Silent Meditation For Worship

The Welcome

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Entry Of Light

The Invitation

“O come and mourn with me awhile; O come ye to the Savior’s side; O come, together let us mourn; Jesus, our Love, is crucified. “Have we no tears to shed for him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride? Ah! Look how patiently he hangs; Jesus, our Love, is crucified. “How fast his hands and feet are nailed; his blessed tongue with thirst is tied, his failing eyes are blind with blood; Jesus, our Love, is crucified.

“Seven times seven he spoke, seven words of love; and all three hours his silence cried for mercy on the souls of men; Jesus, our Love, is crucified. “O break, break, hard heart of mine! Thy weak self-love and guilty pride his Pilate and his Judas were: Jesus, our Love, is crucified. “A broken heart, a fount of tears, ask, and they will not be denied; a broken heart love’s cradle is: Jesus, our Love, is crucified. “O love of God! O sin of man! In this dread act your strength is tried; and victory remains with love; for he, our Love, is crucified.”

Opening Hymn - “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

The Words Of Gathering

P: All you who pass this way in regret

C: Look and see the shadow of sin

P: All you who pass this way in regret

C: Look and see the weight of the world

P: All you who pass this way in regret

C: Look and see the suffering of our Savior

P: All you who pass this way in regret

C: Look and see the sorrow of Jesus Christ

All: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

P: The Lord be with you

C: and also with you.

Hymn - “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” vs. 1-2

The Forgiveness For Those Who Have No Regrets

“Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 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.”

(Luke 23:32-34)

Hymn - “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” vs. 3-4

The Prayer

ALL: Forgiving Christ, when the world condemns us, when wrong is done to us, when we carry the weight of things that are too much to forgive, come along side us in the darkness, and give us the grace to be forgiven and forgiving. Amen.

The Meditation

The Silence

The Light Diminishes - The Shadows Deepen

The Cross Of The Last Minute Regret

“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!” the soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

(Luke 23:35-43)

**Hymn - "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"
vs. 1,3 and 4**

The Meditation

The Prayer

ALL: Reconciling Christ, we are weighed down by sin and regret, a world that is not at peace, people who are not whole. You reached out to the thief, you welcomed him to God's side. Come alongside us in the darkness, and bring grace and peace to everything that is broken. Remember me in Your mercy as You remembered the thief beside You. Amen.

The Silence

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The Compassion That Never Ceases

"But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. (John 19:25-27)

Hymn - "Glory Be to Jesus" vs. 1-3

The Meditation

The Prayer

ALL: Thank You for Your compassion that never ceases. Come alongside us please, and give us the strength and the compassion to care for those around us. In Your name and in Your love. Amen.

The Silence

The Light Diminishes - The Shadows Deepen

The Question That Never Dies

“And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
(Mark 15:33-34)

Hymn - “Glory Be to Jesus” vs. 4-6

The Meditation

The Prayer

ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, You know what it is to feel that God is far away. You know what it is to call out for God’s presence. You know what it is to live in the shadow of forsakenness. Come alongside us in our loneliness, and help us call out for You. Reassure us that never, ever will we be forsaken as You were, or regret the trust we place in You. Amen.

The Silence

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The Nature That Does Not Change

“After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said, “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.” (John 19:28-29)

Hymn - “Go to Dark Gethsemane” vs. 1-3

The Meditation

The Prayer

ALL: Suffering Savior, thank you for Your bloody sweat, Your agony, Your thirst, and Your Holy Cross and Passion. In all our thirst, in all our sickness, in all our longing, in all our pain, you are there. Come alongside us in the darkness, and walk with us through all our suffering. Amen.

The Silence

The Light Diminishes - The Shadows Deepen

A Clean Slate

“When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” (John 19:30)

The Meditation

The Prayer

ALL: Dearest Jesus, even in death, You are there. When we mourn, when we are afraid, when we come to our own end, You are there. Come alongside us in the darkness, when our work and life are finished. Carry us through death to life that we might surrender ourselves to You in peace. Amen.

Hymn - “The Old Rugged Cross”

The Silence

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A Bedtime Prayer

“It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 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. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things."

(Luke 23:44-49)

The Prayer

ALL: Father, into whose hands Your Son Jesus Christ commended His spirit, grant that we, too, following His example, may in all of life and at the moment of our death entrust our lives into Your faithful and fatherly hands of love. Help us to come to the end of our days with no regret. In the name of Jesus who gave His life for me. Amen.

The Meditation

The Silence

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The Burial

"When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he

*had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.”
(Matthew 27:57-60)*

Hymn - “Were You There?” vs. 1-3

{ When all have spoken a silent prayer, let them depart in silence from this place. The Peace of the Lord go with you. }

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