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Parents of Young Children: There are busy bags for your children to use during church on the table with the bulletins. Please take the bag and its contents home with you.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please remember the following things when you come to church:

Masks are required: If you don't have a mask, we have disposable and re-usable available

Please socially distance in the sanctuary: Families can sit together with no restrictions; Please sit every other pew (sit where there are no chains) & stay six feet apart

Offerings: Leave your offering in the plates at the end of the aisle

Please use the hand sanitizer when you enter the building and whenever you touch any commonly touched surface

Wash your hands with soap and water frequently and try to not touch your face

We're Live!

If you can't make it church for worship, you now have the option of joining us LIVE every Sunday on our Facebook page! We are able to live stream and will do so every Sunday at 9 am. If you miss it, you can always go back and watch later!



Be sure to "like" our Facebook page and start watching live! Please see Kevin Bohn with any questions or concerns!



If you want to bring spring flowers/plants to beautify the altar for Easter Sunday, please bring your flowers/ plants to the church kitchen on Saturday, April 3, between 9-10 am.

Please call Doreen Walton at 920-647-0682 with questions.

HYMNSOFT: R. Rudolph ELDER: J. Schroeder

SOUND: K. Bohn



Today we behold God's Son--stricken by God, smitten and afflicted for our sins. We know that our guilt has done this to him. But the crucifixion is no defeat. By it the Father glorifies himself and his Son. He reconciles us to himself. Our King has triumphed over death. We hear in our Lord's words from the cross today our salvation fulfilled.

Pre-Service Meditation Read through Hymn 137

Oh, darkest woe! O tears, forth flow! Has earth so sad a wonder? God the Father's only Son Now is buried yonder.

Oh, sorrow dread! God's Son is dead! But by his expiation Of our guilt upon the cross Gained for us salvation.

Lo, stained with blood, The Lamb of God, The Bridegroom, lies before you, Pouring out his life that he May to life restore you.

How blest shall be Eternally
Who oft in faith will ponder
Why the glorious Prince of life Should be buried yonder.

O Jesus blest, My Help and Rest, With tears I now entreat you: Make me love you to the last Till in heav'n I greet you.

Text: Friedrich von Spee, 1591-1635, st. 1; Johann Rist, 1607-67, st. 2-5, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1, 3-5, alt.; composite, st. 2.

Darkness descended on the world that day as the world was draped in the darkness of mourning. Who could ever call this day "good?" Only those who know the truth of the cross:

"Sing my tongue the glorious battle; sing the ending of the fray. Now above the cross, the trophy, sound the loud triumphant lay. Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer, as a victim won the day."

Opening Hymn 105 v1-4 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



Scripture Isaiah 53

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

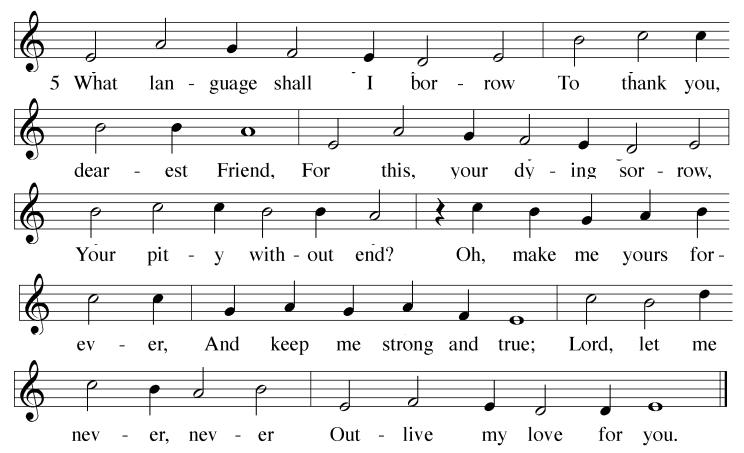


J⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

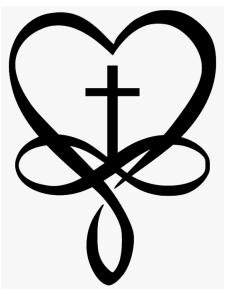
⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

Hymn 105 v5-7 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



- 6 My Savior, then be near me
 When death is at my door,
 And let your presence cheer me;
 Forsake me nevermore!
 When soul and body languish,
 Oh, leave me not alone,
 But take away my anguish
 By virtue of your own!
- 7 Lord, be my consolation,
 My shield when I must die;
 Remind me of your passion
 When my last hour draws nigh.
 My eyes will then behold you,
 Upon your cross will dwell;
 My heart will then enfold you—
 Who dies in faith dies well!



The First Word

Luke 23:26-34

As they led him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large crowd of people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?"

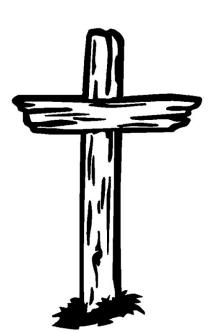
³² Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed.

³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

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

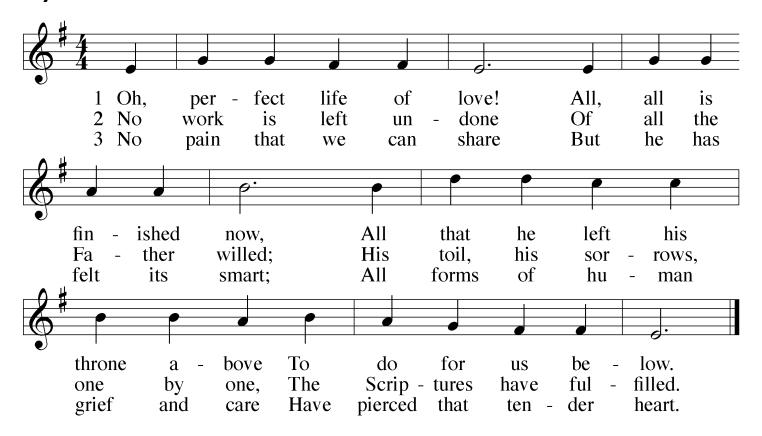
They cast lots to divide his garments among them.

Silence for meditation.



Hymn 138 v1-3

Oh Perfect Life of Love



The Second Word

Luke 23:38-43

- ³⁸ There was also an inscription written above him: "This is the King of the Jews."
- ³⁹ One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"
- ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."
- ⁴³ Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise."

Silence for meditation.

A candle is extinguished.



6 In ev'ry time of need, Before the judgment throne, Your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Your merits, not my own.

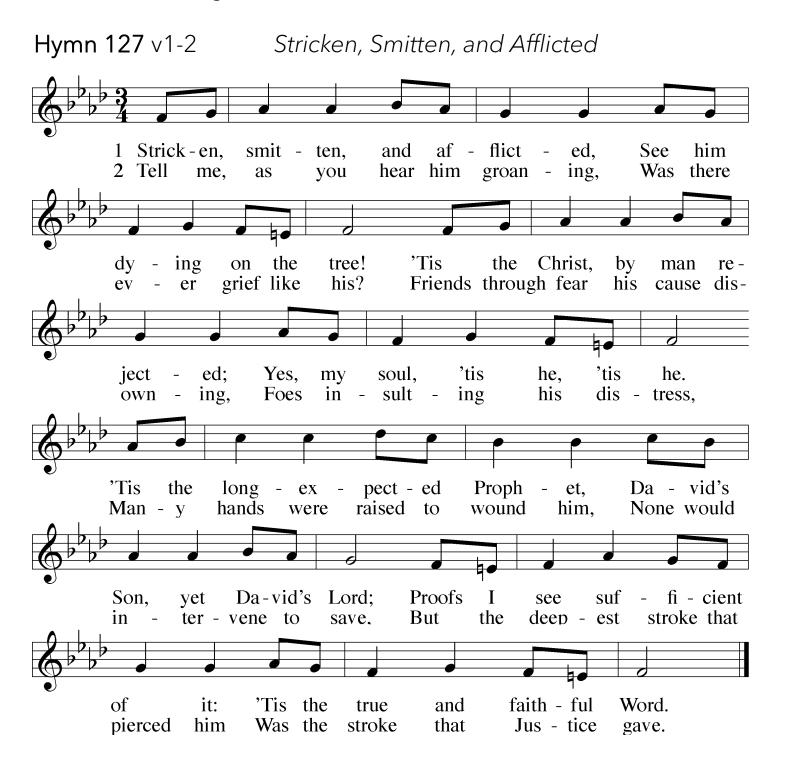
The Third Word

John 19:25-27

²⁵ Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother!" And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

Silence for meditation.



The Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45-49

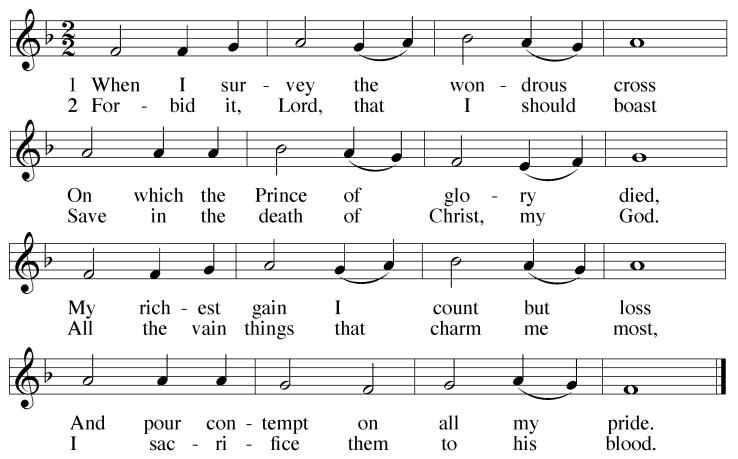
⁴⁵ From the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "This fellow is calling for Elijah."

⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, "Leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

Silence for meditation.

Hymn125 v1-2 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



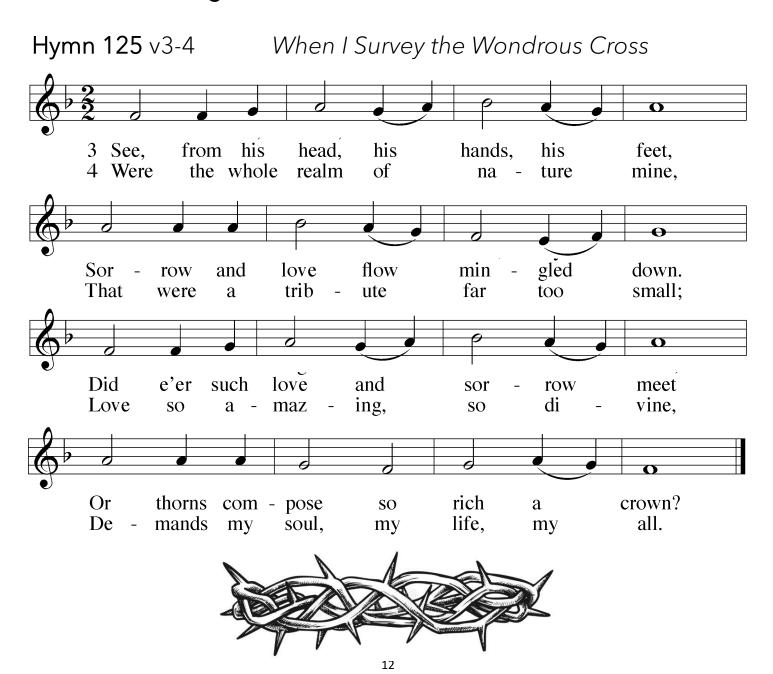
The Fifth Word

John 19:28-29

⁸ After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, "I thirst."

²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

Silence for meditation.

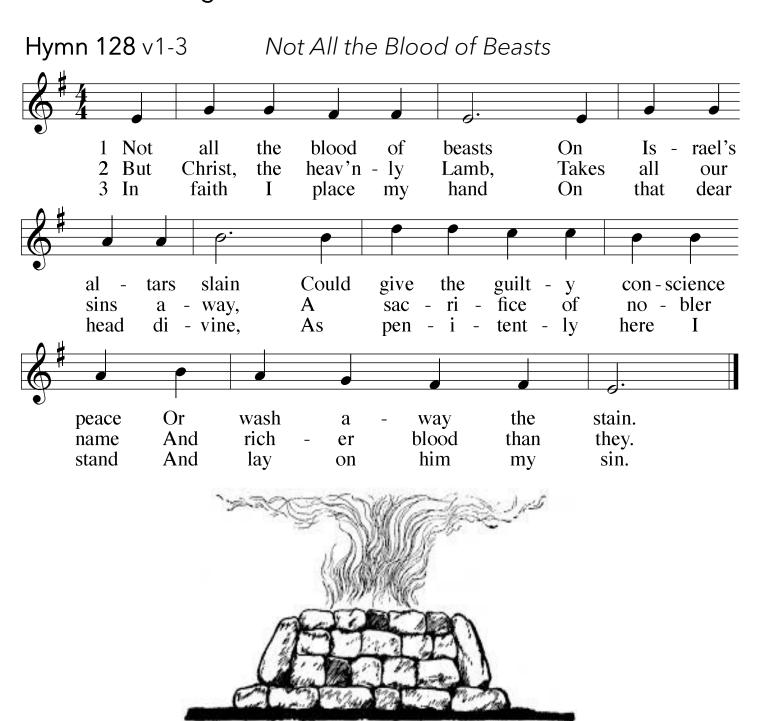


The Sixth Word

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished!" Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

Silence for meditation.



The Seventh Word

Luke 23:33-46

- ³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.
- ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

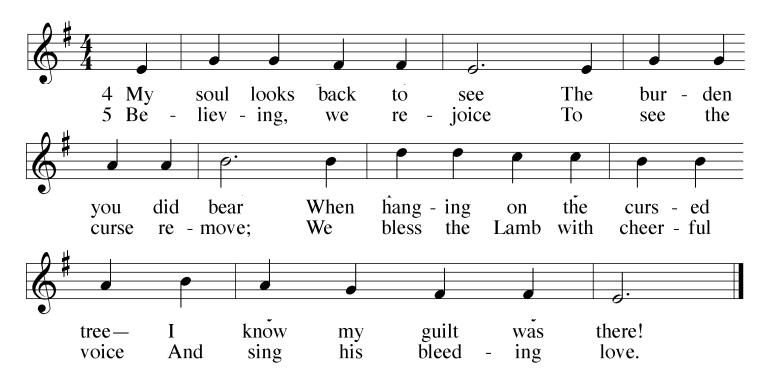
They cast lots to divide his garments among them. ³⁵ The people stood watching. The rulers were ridiculing him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, the Chosen One!"

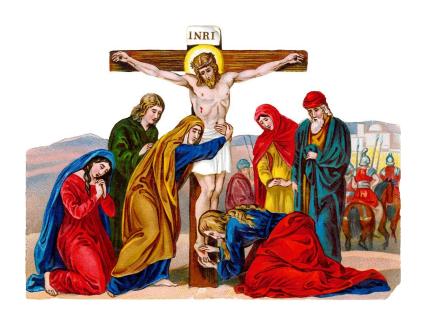
- ³⁶ The soldiers also made fun of him. Coming up to him, they offered him sour wine, ³⁷ saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"
- ³⁸ There was also an inscription written above him: "This is the King of the Jews."
- ³⁹ One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"
- ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."
- ⁴³ Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise."
- ⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun was darkened. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Silence for meditation.

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn128 v4-5 Not All the Blood of Beasts





Offering

Due to the pandemic, we will not be passing the plate. Please leave your offering in either plate at the end of the aisle.

Bidding Prayer

Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to the Lord. Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.

Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.

Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin.

Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all god-liness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us. Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us. Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our griefs and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



A single lighted candle is returned to the chancel.





Text: African-American spiritual, 19th century, abr.

Tune: WERE YOU THERE (10 10 14 10) African-American spiritual, 19th century, alt.

To impress the solemnity of this special day on your hearts and minds please leave this service in silence, as if in mourning for your dear Friend who died for you.

