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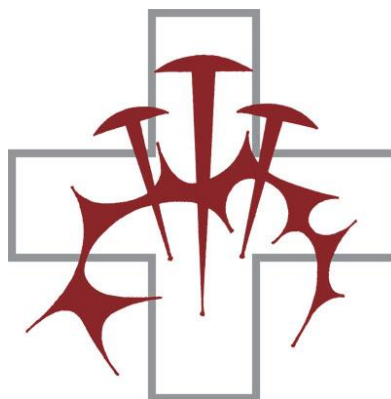
**Services:** Sat. 5:30pm – Sun. 8:00am & 10:30am

**Those Who Serve Us**

Each Member of St. John's ..... The Body of Christ  
Rev. Mike Burdick..... Pastor  
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**Good Friday April 7, 2023**

**12:15pm & 6:30pm**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Offerings are placed in the receptacles at the doors, before or after Service.*

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

### Prelude

*During our sermon series on Exodus we have been using psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from Psalm 80.*

P Turn us again to yourself, O God Almighty.

**C Make your face shine upon us.**

P Only then will we be saved.

**C You brought Israel from Egypt like a grapevine.**

P You drove away the nations and transplanted them into your land.

**C You cleared the ground for your people.**

P They took root and filled the land.

**C But now, our walls are broken down.**

P The wild boar from the forest devours it, and the wild animals feed on it.

**C Make your face shine upon us.**

P Look from heaven and see our plight. Take care of this grapevine

**C Turn us again to yourself, O God Almighty.**

P Make your face shine upon us.

**C Only then will we be saved.**

**Hymn #427**

*(vv 1–3) "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*



### Confession and Absolution

P Dear Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to behold the agony of your rejection, the pain of your condemnation, and the horror of your crucifixion.

**C Bring us to the places you walked and to the people you encountered on that Friday so long ago.**

P Stay with us, Lord, as we witness your suffering and listen to your last words of love.  
C **As we approach Calvary let us be mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against your holy commandments.**

P Eternal God, we confess that we have turned away from you in our thinking, speaking, and doing.

C **We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others.**

P We have passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

C **O God, we have tried to hide from you and from one another.**

P We confess our fatal attractions that enslave us and the failed relationships that haunt us.

C **We cannot plead the strength of our temptations or the frailty of our nature or place the blame on other people.**

P We can only say, "For the sake of Jesus, God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

*A moment of silent reflection*

P By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. O God, make your face shine upon us.

C **Only then will we be saved!**

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*(v 4)* **"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**



**Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:18–23*

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles.

## Choir

## “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

*Psalm 73:25 – Whom have I in Heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.*

## Reading

*Exodus 12:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

## Sermon

## “Agnus Dei”



## Prayers

Following the pastor's prayer, "...Love so amazing, so divine" the congregation is invited to respond, "**Demands my soul, my life, my all.**"



### The Tenebrae

**Hymn #440**

(vv. 1-2) "**Jesus, I Will Ponder Now**"

### The Word of Forgiveness

*Luke 23:33–38*

When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified— one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is really God's Messiah, the Chosen One." The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. They called out to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews."

### *The First Candle is Extinguished*

**Hymn #436**

(vv 1–2) "**Go to Dark Gethsemane**"

### The Word of Promise

*Luke 23:39–43*

One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself— and us, too, while you're at it!" But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

### *The Second Candle is Extinguished*

**Hymn #437**

(vv 1–2) "**Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**"

## **The Word of Love**

*John 19:25–27*

Standing near the cross were Jesus’s mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, “Dear woman, here is your son.” And he said to this disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

### ***The Third Candle is Extinguished***

**Hymn #420**

*(vv 1–2, 4) “Christ, the Life of All the Living”*

## **The Word of Forsakenness**

*Mark 15:25–35*

It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. A sign announced the charge against him. It read, “The King of the Jews.” Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. “Ha! Look at you now!” they yelled at him. “You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!” The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. “He saved others,” they scoffed, “but he can’t save himself! Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!” Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him. At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. Then at three o’clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah.

### ***The Fourth Candle is Extinguished***

**Hymn #423**

***“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”***

## **The Word of Suffering**

*John 19:28–29*

Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips.

### ***The Fifth Candle is Extinguished***

**Hymn #451**

*(stanzas 1–3) “Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted”*

## **The Word of Victory**

*John 19:30*

When Jesus had tasted it, he said, “It is finished!” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## ***The Sixth Candle is Extinguished***

### **Instrumental Anthem**

### **The Word of Trust**

*Luke 23:44–47*

By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last.

When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, "Surely this man was innocent."

## ***The Seventh Candle is Extinguished***

### **Instrumental Anthem**

### **Lord's Prayer** (*prayed softly*)

### **Silent Recessional**

*The congregation leaves the sanctuary silently contemplating the death of Christ and looking forward to resurrection victory.*

### *Silent Prayer:*

*"The Lamb, the Lamb, He takes my sin and wretchedness. He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. Thanks be to God! Amen."*



**Return Sunday for The Resurrection of Our Lord at 6:00am, 8:00am, or 10:30am.**