

*The community was divided, and Jesus' life was near its end.  
Today, we feel the pain of division and conflict,  
and our own failure that sent Jesus to the cross.*

**Good Friday  
April 2, 2021  
Noon Worship Service**



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*We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation  
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*The mission of God is life. Hope replaces despair. Faith replaces fear. Life  
replaces death. How are you participating in God's mission of life?*

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Tom**

*♪♪ Were You There? ..... Hymn #353*

*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?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*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?*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

*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?*

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN FLAME**

AM: During the season of Advent, each Sunday we light a new candle on the advent wreath in preparation for the incarnation of the Word of God.

During the season of Lent, we have extinguished a candle in preparation for the darkness of today-Jesus' betrayal and death. We have recalled those who turned away from the light of Jesus and remembered that we, too, have turned away. In the final moments of Jesus' life, two criminals, crucified with him, address him. One ridicules. One repents.

**C: We too are quick to demand Jesus do something, failing to see life-giving experiences in the everyday. We fail to see in Jesus' death our own complicity in the world's pain and suffering. Heal our spirit and the spirits of those we love. Bring peace to the world. End the hatred and violence we see all around us by transforming us into your peacemakers. The darkness of this night envelopes us leaving each of us to confront our sin.**

AM: We extinguish the last candle, weeping at our failure to allow the love of Christ to transform us.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

AM: We pray together the Prayer of the Day. Steadfast God,...

**C: ... your son followed the path that was set before him, knowing that it would lead to a death sentence. Hold a mirror up to our divided world so that we might truly see how our resistance to love separates us from one another. Receive our prayer for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen**

*♪♪ When I Survey the Wondrous Cross..... Hymn #803*

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.*

*Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

**READING**

**(Psalm 31:5-13)**

L: Through the proclaimed word of God, the Holy Spirit moves to instill and deepen faith.

A reading from Psalm 31.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

<sup>6</sup>You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord.

<sup>7</sup>I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities,

<sup>8</sup>and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

<sup>9</sup>Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

<sup>10</sup>For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup>I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

<sup>13</sup>For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, vs. 1 & 2 ..... Hymn 351***

*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 pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
How does thy face now 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.*

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 23:32-47**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing

wrong.”<sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”<sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,<sup>45</sup> while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Silence for prayer and reflection follows the reading*

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Tom**

*A moment of silence follows the sermon for the presence of the Holy Spirit.*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Music performed by Nancy Montemurro, Kathy Baas,**

### *♪♪Strange King*

*Strange King on a cross. We have gained what you have lost.*

*Your life given for us. Strange King on a cross.*

*What a strange way to become a King, dying on a cross.*

*What a strange way to become a King, dying for us.*

*Strange King on a tree. High on the mount of Calvary.*

*Your death setting us free. Strange King on a tree.*

*What a strange way to become a King, dying on a cross.*

*What a strange way to become a King, dying for us.*

*Strange King in the tomb. Dark the manger, still no room.*

*Your death came so soon. Strange King in the tomb.*

*What a strange way to become a King, dying on a cross.*

*What a strange way to become a King, dying for us.*

*Strange King from the grave. Come again your people save.*

*Your life, all you gave. Strange King from the grave.*

*What a strange way to become a King, dying on a cross.*

*What a strange way to become a King, dying for us.*

## **OFFERING**

AM: During this season of “together while apart”, your financial gifts given to the glory of God are especially precious and needed. Give by:

1. Mailing a check to Trinity at 7104 - 39th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142 - note “Church Admin” on the envelope
2. Text a dollar amount with dollar sign (i.e. \$20) to: 262-429-9785
3. Select the “Giving” button on our homepage at [www.trinitykenosha.org](http://www.trinitykenosha.org)

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor Tom

AM: Please take a moment to text prayer concerns to 262-287-8098

AM: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation. Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: God of humanity...**“Hear our prayer”**

AM: In a world of division, love is our only hope. May the heart of compassion which kept you faithful to your truth also guide our thoughts and actions as your followers. God of humanity,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: One soldier saw with clarity the true nature of Christ, and it changed his life forever. May we also be transformed by your gracious act of mercy on this day. God of humanity,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: The sun's light failed in the face of your suffering, O Lord. We pray for your mercy upon humankind, that our days are not darkened by selfishness of our deeds toward your creation, and that repentance would lead us to be part of your redemption for all life. God of humanity,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Send your Spirit to all of those who experience humiliation, torture and death at the hands of those who abuse their authority. May your justice prevail and your healing reach all who suffer, especially... God of humanity,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: Even though we have lost many whom we love, you have shown us clearly that death does not have the final word. Bring all your children into the loving embrace of your eternal kingdom. God of humanity,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us to put our trust in you, and in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

AM: Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer in the version that best nurtures one's faith.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**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 bell chimes three times...

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