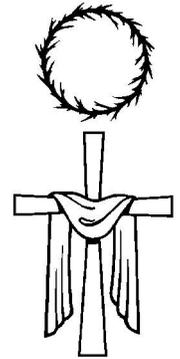


Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Offering (Matthew Fjestad)

“Were You There”



Opening Dialog

P: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ.

All: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love’s ultimate sacrifice.

P: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God’s love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

All: Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost amid the world’s distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.

P: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid. Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why this Friday is called “Good.”

ALL: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ’s sacrifice for our salvation.

Offering

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Opening Song

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

Billy J. Foote

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I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted You were condemned
I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

Chorus

Amazing love how can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing love I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You in all I do I honor You

Ending

You are my King You are my King
Jesus You are my King Jesus You are my King

Prayer of Confession

All: Remove the sins that distance us from you and from those we love and care about. Remove our selfishness, our pride, our envy, and our greed. Remove from us our thoughtless acts and words that hurt one another. Remove from us the tendency to hurt others out of revenge and anger. Forgive us please. Create in us a clean heart, O Lord. And renew in us a right spirit. Amen.

Words of Assurance

P: In the name of the compassionate Christ, you are forgiven. For God has declared, "I forgive your evil ways and remember your sins no more!"

First Perspective: Peter

Reading

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

Reflection

Pastor Karna Moskalik

Prayer

All: We all, like sheep, have gone astray. We have all turned to our own way. We have sinned and we have been the cause of Christ's suffering. Please forgive us, we pray. Amen.

Song

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

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¹ Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Candle Extinguished

Second Perspective: Thief on the Cross

Reading

Luke 23:32-43

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When 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. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And 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!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals

who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"
⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."
⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Reflection

Pastor Karna Moskalik

Prayer

All: O God of infinite love and power, we gather on this Good Friday to reflect on the passion of the Christ. We are utterly humbled in the presence of such love and mercy. Open our hearts this day to the goodness of Good Friday and fill us with your love and powerful Spirit of Holiness. Remove from us all sin. Offer us anew this Life in Christ that makes all things new. Amen.

Song

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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¹ 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.

Candle Extinguished

Third Perspective: Mother Mary and John

Reading

John 19:25b-27

^{25b}Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Reflection

Pastor Karna Moskalik

Prayer

All: What wondrous love is this that Jesus would think of his mother and beloved disciple in his final moments? Lord Jesus, certainly you thought of all of humanity and even creation as you died on the cross. We marvel at this love beyond comprehension. Empower us to feel your loving embrace holding us ever close to you today. Amen.

Song

"The Wonderful Cross"

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¹ 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

² 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

Chorus

O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

³ Were the whole realm of nature mine that were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine demands my soul my life my all

Extinguish Candle

Fourth Perspective: Centurion

Reading

Matthew 27:45-54

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Reflection

Pastor Karna Moskalik

Prayer

All: Lord Jesus, surely you are the Son of God. By your stripes we are healed and by your wounds we are made whole. Pour out your infinite love into this broken world. Rest your healing power on each of us this night. Amen

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Musical Offering

"Were You There"

Pastor Keith Lentz

Lord's Prayer (*whisper*)

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.

***Depart in Silence. Easter Sunday Worship is at 9 AM
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