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Good Friday

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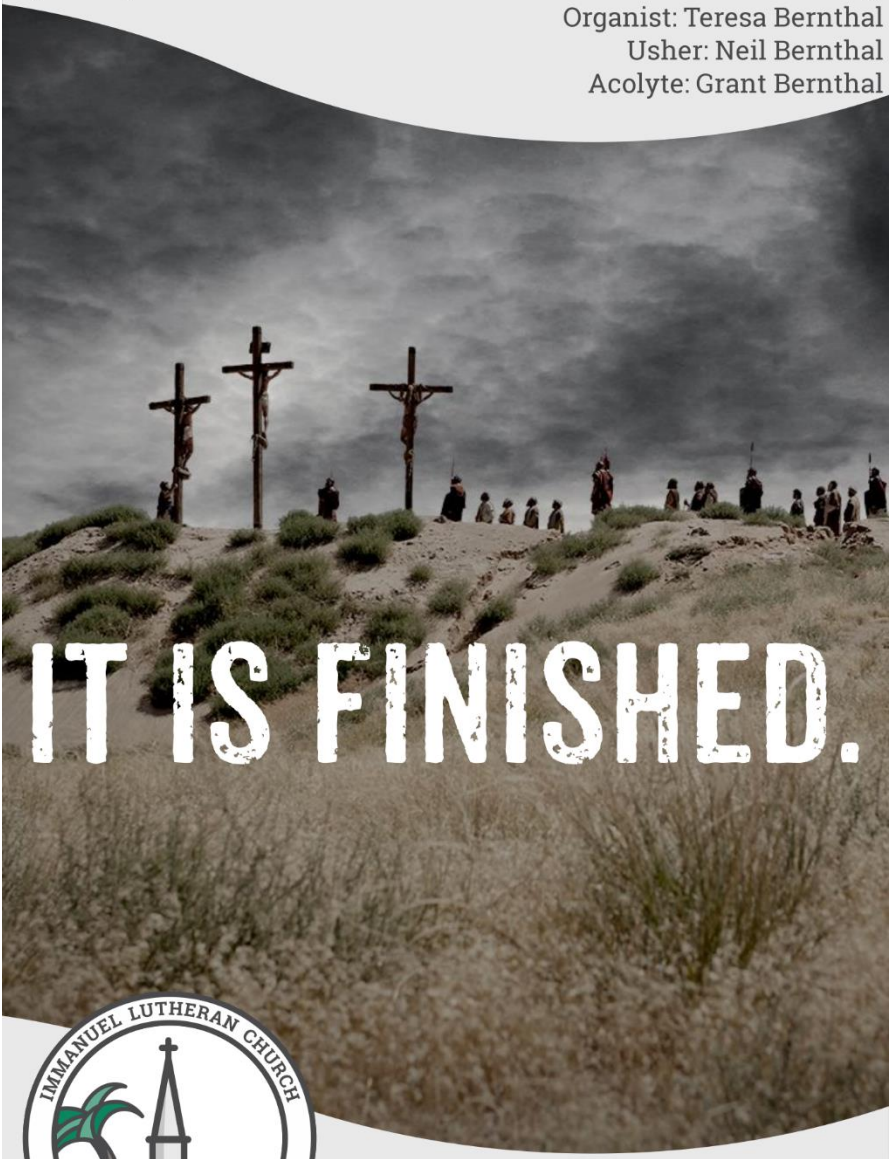

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℗ Holy Father, on this day Your Son Jesus carried the burden of our sin to the cross, there to suffer and die for the darkness of our trespasses. Your love for us is so great that You sacrificed Your only Son in our place. He willingly took the guilt, pain, and punishment that we so rightfully deserve. The darkness of His death gives us the light of salvation through faith. For this we give You the praise, honor, and glory due Your most holy name.

ℂ **Amen.**

Hymn: TLH #159 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

RESPONSIVE READING *Mark 14:26-31*

℗ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

ℂ **Peter said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be."**

℗ Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."

ℂ **But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

ℂ **Gracious God, You know our frailty. You understand our weakness. You are acquainted with our failures. Though we have professed to believe, we betray our Lord by our actions. Though we have promised to follow, we deny Christ by our selfishness. Though we have vowed to be faithful, we desert our Savior by our own desires. We have lived for ourselves and abandoned those in need. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. In Your great mercy, forgive our sins, free us from all evil, and enable us to live for You, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

℗ God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed

your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you grace to live according to His will.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: TLH #156:1,2,5 "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

✢ The Service of Darkness ✢

I. The Gospel: Mark 14:32-42 *Gethsemane*

Extinguishing of the first candle.

Hymn: WS #721 "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"

II. The Gospel: Mark 14:43-52 *Betrayal and Arrest*

P And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

C **Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely."**

P As soon as he had come, immediately He went up to Him and said to Him, "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him.

C **And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.**

P Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled."

C **Then they all forsook Him and fled. Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him, and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.**

III. The Gospel: Mark 14:53-65 *The Sanhedrin Trial*

Extinguishing of the second candle.

Hymn: TLH #172:1,2,4 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

IV. The Gospel: Mark 14:66-72 *The Courtyard*

P Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."

C **But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.**

P And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is one of them."

C **But he denied it again.**

P And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it."

C **Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!" A second time the rooster crowed.**

P Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."

C **And when he thought about it, he wept.**

Extinguishing of the third candle.

Hymn: TLH #146:1 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

V. The Gospel: Mark 15:1-15 *The Roman Trial*

P Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate.

C **Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"**

P He answered and said to him, "It is as you say." And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing.

C **Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, "Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!"**

P But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled.

C **Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested.**

P And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. Then

the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them.

C But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

P So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!"

C Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?"

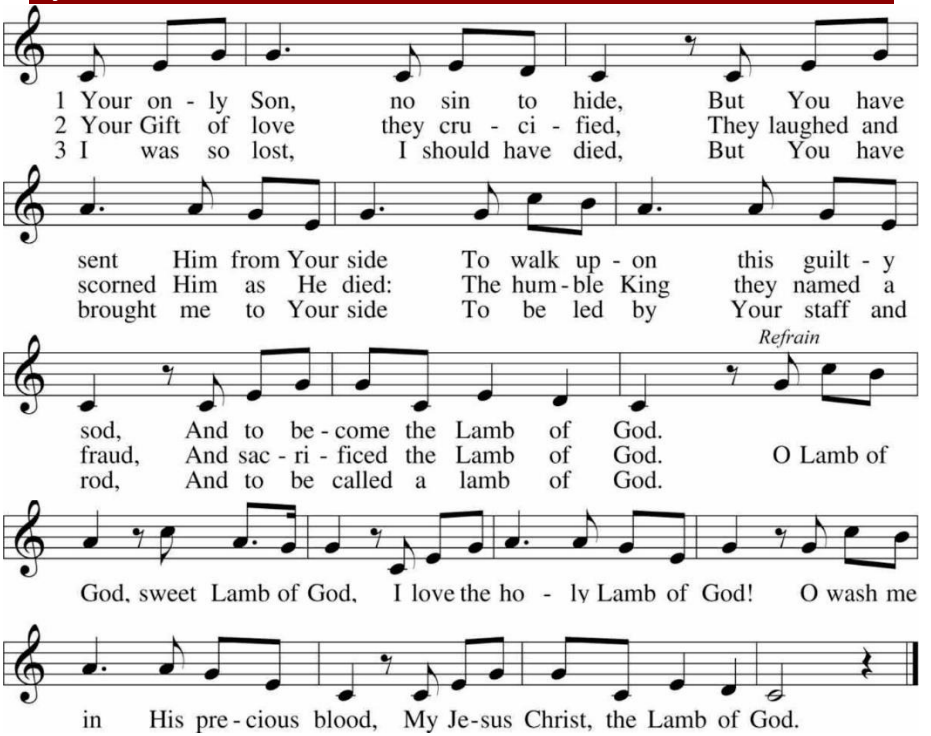
P But they cried out all the more, "Crucify Him!"

C So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.

VI. The Gospel: Mark 15:16-20 *The Mocking of the Soldiers*

Extinguishing of the fourth candle.

Hymn: *Bulletin* **"O Lamb of God"**



SERMON - John 19:28-30 [28] After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." [29] 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. [30] When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Three Words of Truth: "It Is Finished"

GENERAL PRAYER

VII. The Gospel: Mark 15:21-32 *The Crucifixion*

Extinguishing of the fifth candle.

Duet "Were You There"

VIII. The Gospel: Mark 15:33 *The Darkness*

[P] Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

Extinguishing of the sanctuary lights.

Minute of silence.

IX. The Gospel: Mark 15:34-41 *Christ's Death*

Extinguishing of the sixth candle.

X. The Gospel: Mark 15:42-47 *Jesus' Burial*

Extinguishing of the seventh candle.

THE BENEDICTION

[P] Go now into the darkness of evening. Though we walk in darkness, we are not forsaken. We are led by the hand of God. May the love of the Father calm your fears. May the grace of the Lord Jesus keep you through the night. May the presence of the Holy Spirit sustain you throughout life. The Lord be with you. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER ***Tolling of the bell 33 times.***