

# THE WAY OF THE CROSS

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS AND DIES ON THE CROSS

Maundy Thursday April 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.

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## Order of Worship for Thursday April 6, 2023

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

C: A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.

L: The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

C: The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

L: As we break the bread and share the cup,

C: our understanding may fail us.

L: But we will never forget Christ's example.

C: We will never forget the full extent of his love.

#### On a Hill Far Away The Old Rugged Cross b On hill а far а way stood an old rug-ged cross, 2 Oh, that old de - spised rug - ged cross so by the world, 3 old cross, In the rug - ged stained with blood di vine. so 4 То the old rug - ged Ι will ev be cross er true. of the shame; em \_ blem suf f'ring and me; has won drous at trac tion for а drous beau - ty а won Ι see; shame bear; its and re - proach glad ly I that old and love where the dear est best cross and for the dear Lamb of God left his glo \_ bove, ry а for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf fered and died, \_ Christ will call me some day to my home far а way, of for world lost slain. а sin ners was bear it to dark Cal to . . . . va ry. don and fy I'll me. to . par sanc ti where his share. glo for ev er ry Refrain ish $\mathbf{So}$ I'll cher the old rug till my \_ - ged cross, I will cling to the old rug-ged tro - phies at last I lay down; and ex - change it some day for cross, crown. а

Text: George Bennard, 1873–1958

Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard, 1873-1958

## GATHERING WORDS

P: Christ's love is poured out for us like water poured into a basin. **C: Christ's love washes us clean.** 

L: Christ's love shows us who we are to be, and what we are to do.

#### C: How blessed we are to know such love!

L: God invites us to the table. All are welcome, even those with their own agenda. Christ serves us at this meal. All may partake, even those who feel unworthy. All are welcome; all are served; all are loved.

L: On the night of his arrest, the Lord Jesus took bread and broke it, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Remember me." C: As Jesus gave thanks to God, we also give thanks for his sacrifice.

L: On that same night, in the same way, the Lord Jesus took the cup, saying: "This is my blood, poured out for you. Remember me." C: As Jesus gave thanks to God, we also give thanks for this new covenant.

L: When you eat this bread and drink this cup, remember the Lord Jesus. Remember and be thankful. Remember until he comes! Remember us when you come, Lord Jesus! Thanks be to God! L: Let us join together in the Prayer Jesus taught his disciples and us to pray:

C: 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.

## THE MEAL

L: We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

#### C: in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection.

L: Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may remember with joy the mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen

#### Were You There Θ Were you there when they cru - ci - fied Lord? 1 my 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? O Were you there when they cru ci - fied my Lord? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Refrain A Oh. some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble. Α Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Text: African American spiritual Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

## THY WORD

## Luke 23:33

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Jesus; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, and one on the left. He poured out himself to death, and yet he bore the sin of many.

L: They pierce my hands and my feet;

### C: they stare and gloat over me.

#### SERMON

L: Let us pray.

O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen



Text: African American spiritual Music: CALVARY, African American spiritual L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

## CONCLUSION

L: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

C: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

L: Let us pray.

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen

L: To Christ our Lord who loves us, washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

#### C: Amen

## POSTLUDE

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### HOLY WEEK

Good Friday, April 7-7:00 p.m.—Hearth Room Jesus dies on the cross & Jesus is laid in the tomb

Easter Sunday, April 9th - 9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Easter Worship Celebration! He Is Risen!

## The Last Supper Word Search

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GIVEN

PREPARE REMISSION SINS SON OF MAN SOP SORROWFUL TABLE TABLE TAKE THANKS UPPER ROOM VINE WATERPOT WINE

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANIA....

<u>Thursday, April 6, 2023 - Maundy Thursday</u> 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.—Office Open 7:00 p.m. - Lent Service

<u>Friday April 7, 2023—Good Friday</u> 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.—Office Open 7:00 p.m. - Lent Service

#### Saturday, April 8, 2023

9:00 a.m.—Altar Guild Easter Set up

#### Sunday April 9, 2023—EASTER SUNDAY "HE IS RISEN"

## 9:30 a.m. – Worship In Person & on Facebook Live 10:30 a.m. –COFFEE HOUR

Monday, April 10, 2023—EASTER MONDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

<u>Tuesday, April 11, 2023</u>

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 -

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open