



He became  
the source  
of eternal  
salvation

GOOD FRIDAY

## AS WE GATHER

April 18, 2014

As we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "But deliver us from evil," we remember that because of the sacrificial death of our Lord Jesus Christ, we ultimately are delivered from the greatest of evils—separation from God for eternity. Jesus paid the price of our sin so that we might live our lives victorious over every evil that assails us. We bring the final petition of our Lord's Prayer to the foot of the cross and entrust our eternity to our Savior.

†PREPARATION †

SILENT ENTRANCE

WELCOME

## OPENING BLESSING

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES** *Hebrews 9:12, 15; Psalm 111:9*

Pastor: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,

People: **thus securing an eternal redemption.**

Pastor: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,

People: **so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people;

People: **He has commanded His covenant forever.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross.

People: **Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN "GREEN BOOK" 92 Were You There

## CONFESSING SIN.....RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS -John 19:17–30

<sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup> So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup> so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### MESSAGE

### “A Time to die”

Pastor Jeremy Lucke

### THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

*(Each word is read with deliberation and reverence followed by a time of silent meditation. One candle is extinguished after each reading)*

### FIRST WORD John 19:14–16a, Luke 23:32–34a

Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

*(Silent meditation)*

### SECOND WORD Luke 23:35–43

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” There was also an inscription over Him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged railed

at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

*(Silent meditation)*

### **THIRD WORD John 19:25–27**

But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

*(Silent meditation)*

### **FOURTH WORD Matthew 27:45–47**

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This Man is calling Elijah."

We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You;

*(Silent meditation)*

### **FIFTH WORD Matthew 10:38–42, John 19:28–29**

And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." 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.

*(Silent meditation)*

### **SIXTH WORD Hebrews 9:11–12, 15, 27–28, John 19:30a**

But when Christ appeared as a High Priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the Holy Places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption . . . Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant . . . And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished."  
(*Silent meditation*)

### **SEVENTH WORD Luke 23:44–46, Matthew 27:54**

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed his last.

When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

(*Silent meditation*)

### **LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)**

**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.**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*(The Christ candle is removed in silence followed by a loud sound, symbolizing the completion of Christ's sacrifice. The congregation leaves in silence with minimal light.)*

### **Post Music**

***Community Easter Sunrise, 7:00 am, College United Methodist***

***Easter Festival Worship with Communion***

*10:00 am, Peace Lutheran Church*

*Easter Egg Hunt for children to follow service*