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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From the Heidelberg Catechism:

Q. 40. Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even unto death?

A. Because with respect to the justice and truth of God, satisfaction for our sins could be made no otherwise than by the death of the Son of God.

Q. 43. What further benefit do we receive from the sacrifice and death of Christ on the cross?

A. That by virtue thereof our old man is crucified, dead and buried with Him; that so the corrupt inclinations of the flesh may no more reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves unto Him a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

From the Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 25. How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

Q. 27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

6:00 p.m.



Preparation for Worship

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship. Isaiah 40:3–5

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;**

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

**And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”**

*Psalm of The Messiah’s Suffering Book of Psalms for Worship, 22B

My God, My God

**Please stand during these portions of the service.*

1. ¹ My God, my God, to You I cry, O why have You for-
 2. ³ But still You are the Ho - ly One; On Is - r'el's praise You
 3. ⁶ Re - proached of men, by all de - spised, A worm, and not a
 4. ⁹ You brought me safe - ly from the womb, Gave faith when on my

sak - en me? Why are You far from giv - ing help, And
 are en - throned. ⁴ Our fa - thers put their trust in You; You
 man, am I. ⁷ All they that see me laugh in scorn; They
 moth - er's breast, ¹⁰ Since birth en - trust - ed to Your care. You've

from my ag - o - niz - ing plea? ² All day, my God, I
 saved them when to You they groaned. ⁵ To You they cried, and
 shake their heads and taunt - ing, cry: ⁸ "He trusts the LORD! Let
 been my God, in You I rest. ¹¹ Be not far off, for

cry in vain; By night, yet no re - lief I gain.
 res - cue came; They trust - ed, and were free from shame.
 Him de - fend And save him, if He is his friend!"
 grief is near; No oth - er help - er will ap - pear.

*Prayer of Invocation

GOD TAKES HIS PEOPLE TO THE CROSS

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 9:11–28
(See page 7)

Good Friday Meditation Rev. Matthew Bradley
Once and For All

Pastoral Prayer

Confession of Sin adapted from Psalm 6

O LORD rebuke us not in your anger, nor discipline us in your wrath. Be gracious to us, O LORD, for we are languishing; heal us, O LORD, for our bones are troubled. Our souls are also greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long? Turn, O LORD, deliver our lives; save us for the sake of your steadfast love. For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise? *Amen.*

Meditation

Here we pause in silence to confess our sins and meditate upon the forgiveness that is ours in Christ.

Assurance of Pardon Luke 24:46–47

Jesus said to his disciples, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

*Hymn of Christ’s Suffering Trinity Hymnal, 257
Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;

'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;
 here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.

'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;
 man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!

by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Departing Refrain Trinity Hymnal, 252, 3rd Stanza

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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?

Depart in Silence



Scripture Lesson

¹¹ 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) ¹² 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. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself

and all the people, ²⁰ saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.”

²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ 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.

Hebrews 9:11–28, ESV

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The mission of All Saints is to glorify God according to his Word by preaching the gospel to all people, equipping the saints for the work of ministry, and building up the body of Christ until the day of Christ's return.

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