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crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.*

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All gather in silence.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed,
to be given over to the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death on the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The early church saw in the servant's pouring himself out to death and being numbered with the transgressors important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.

^{52:13}See, my servant shall prosper;

he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him

— so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals —

¹⁵so he shall startle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,

and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities

and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

- ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
 Who could have imagined his future?
 For he was cut off from the land of the living,
 stricken for the transgression of my people.
- ⁹They made his grave with the wicked
 and his tomb with the rich,
 although he had done no violence,
 and there was no deceit in his mouth.
- ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
 When you make his life an offering for sin,
 he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
 through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
- ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
 he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
 The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
 and he shall bear their iniquities.
- ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
 and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
 because he poured out himself to death,
 and was numbered with the transgressors;
 yet he bore the sin of many,
 and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22 *Read Responsively*

- ¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?
 Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?
- ²**My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;**
by night, but I | find no rest.
- ³Yet you are the | Holy One,
 enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.
- ⁴**Our ancestors put their | trust in you,**
they trusted, and you | rescued them.
- ⁵They cried out to you and | were delivered;
 they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.
- ⁶**But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,**
scorned by all and despised | by the people.
- ⁷All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
 they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.
- ⁸**"Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver;**
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him."
- ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,
 and kept me safe on my | mother's breast.
- ¹⁰**I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;**
you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,
 and there is no | one to help.

- ¹²**Many young bulls en- | circle me;
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.**
- ¹³They open wide their | jaws at me,
like a slashing and | roaring lion.
- ¹⁴**I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**
- ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.
- ¹⁶**Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;
they pierce my hands | and my feet.**
- ¹⁷I can count | all my bones
while they stare at | me and gloat.
- ¹⁸**They divide my gar- | ments among them;
for my clothing, | they cast lots.**
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.
- ²⁰**Deliver me | from the sword,
my life from the power | of the dog.**
- ²¹Save me from the | lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
- ²²**I will declare your name | to my people;
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**
- ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
- ²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
- ²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
- ²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.
- ³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:16-25

In the death of Jesus, forgiveness of sins is worked and access to God is established. Hence, when we gather together for worship and when we love others we experience anew the benefits of Jesus' death.

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts

sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

24And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 18: 1-19:42

(in separate booklet)

***HYMN #351 - O Sacred Head Surrounded**

(1 verse)

BIDDING PRAYER

The assembly may sit or kneel as able.

A Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

P Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Let us pray for Elizabeth Eaton, our presiding bishop, for Kurt Kusserow, our bishop, for Robert Zimmerman, our pastor, for Maizy Fisher, Margie Baker, and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

P Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

P Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

P Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

P Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

P Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

P Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Let us pray for God's creation.

P Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

P Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Let us pray for those in need.

P Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

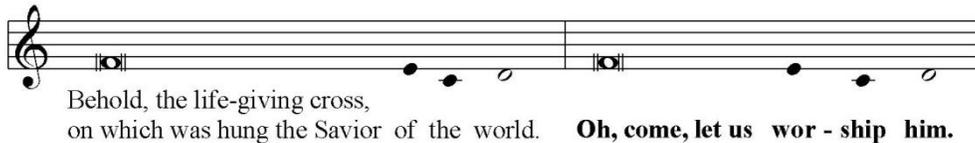
Amen.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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**

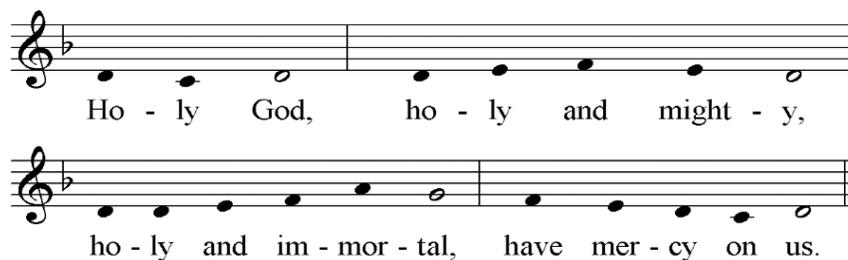
*PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

A large cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the assembly. The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward. The following dialogue is sung three times during the procession, the assembly echoing the leader each time. After the cross is placed before the altar, the people sit or kneel as able.



SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.



O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you with the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I planted you as my fairest vine, but you have brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

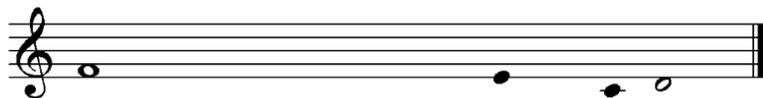
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.
May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.
Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.



By your holy cross you have re deemed the world.

HYMN OF TRIUMPH - #342 – *There in God's Garden (vs. 1 & 4)

All depart in silence; the service continues with the Easter Vigil.

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