

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

March 30th 2018

Good Friday



*Preludes: 4 Choral Preludes on "O Sacred Head", E. Pepping, D. Buxtehude, F. Peeters
Prelude on "Come, Sweet Death", Richard C. Baker
Variations on "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed", Dale Wood
Threnody, Richard Ellsasser*

Call to worship

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
**yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.**
But 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.**
All 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.** *Isaiah 53:4-6*

Hymn 380:

There is a green hill far away

Prayer, ending with the Lord's Prayer

(but please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading i: Mark 15:1-15

Hymn 399, verses 1,2: *My song is love unknown*

Reading ii: Mark 15:16-32

Hymn 399, Verses 3-5: *Sometimes they strew his way*

Reading iii: Mark 15:33-47

Hymn 399, verses 6,7: *In life, no house, no home*

Choir: *At the cry of the first bird, William Sisson*

A People on Trial: (based on Micah 6)

Stand up and let the case begin
in the hearing of the mountains,
and let the hills hear what you have to say.
Listen, you mountains, to God's accusation;
give ear, you foundations of the earth,
for God is accusing God's people,
pleading against the world.

Voice 1: My people, what have I done to you?
And have I been a burden to you? Answer me!
I created a world of beauty and goodness;
I created nature in all its delicate balance.
I gave you one another for love and co-operation.
I gave you enough food for all to share;
I gave you season for planting and for reaping.

Voice 2: But you have plundered the earth,
poisoning and disfiguring it;
you have upset its balance so that
it threatens to destroy you.
You have created weapons of mass destruction;
while some accumulate wealth and riches
others starve and only I hear their cry.

Hymn 777: Kyrie Eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Voice 1: My people, what have I done to you?
Have I been a burden to you? Answer me!

Voice 2: I have never left you ignorant of the truth.
I sent you prophets and teachers,
gave you wisdom and understanding
and told you how to live.
I have reached out to you and called you to return to me.

Voice 1: But you spurn my truth,
rejecting my messengers,
hiding in the darkness from the light,
turning your faces away,
closing your ears,

twisting the truth into a lie
and hardening your hearts.

Hymn 777: Kyrie Eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Voice 1: My people, what have I done to you?
Have I been a burden to you? Answer me!

Voice 2: In the fullness of time I sent my Son
that you might listen to him;
that he might lead you back to me.

Voice 1: Have you forgotten the broken cup,
the Garden of Gethsemane;
the actions of the chief priests and the scribes
and of Herod and of Pilate,
the crowd and the call to crucify;
the cross and the world plunged into darkness:
curses, desolation, fear, helplessness, death, despair?

Choir: *Go to dark Gethsemane*, T. Tertius Noble

Voice 1: With what gift shall I come before the Lord,
and bow before the God on high?

**What is it that the God asks of us?
What answer can we give God?
What worship shall we offer?**

Voice 2: This is what the Lord requires,
this is what God seeks and longs for, only this:
that you act justly, show loving kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.

Voice 1: Hear that Jesus our Lord was delivered to death
for our misdeeds and raised to life
to put us right with God.

**Believe the good news that by faith in him
we have peace with God and the gift of new life.**

Voice 2: Accept God's grace and goodness;
accept Christ with open hands and open hearts
and act upon the word of Jesus as he says to you,
"If you want to be a follower of mine, leave self
behind, take up your cross and follow me."

Silence

Hymn 382: *O Sacred Head! sore wounded*

Sermon: *The Centurion's Confession* followed by silence

Hymn 395: *What wondrous love is this*

Prayer

Offering, choir: *Jesus died on Calvary's mountain*, arr. Alice Parker
Jared Penner, bass

Dedication

Hymn 392:

When I survey the wondrous cross

The blessing

Postlude:

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The Service is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.

The readers are Ingrid Sørensen, Euan Stone, Sally Stone and Nick Thomas.

Remaining Easter services

Saturday March 31st, 9:00pm: Easter service of light with renewal of baptismal vows

Sunday April 1st : 10:30am: Easter morning Communion service with choir & brass.

Our Congregation

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