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March 29, 2013  
*Good Friday*



# Remembering the Cross of Christ

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please observe complete silence in preparation of worship.  
Please silence your mobile devices.*

ORGAN PRELUDE: "O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sins, BWV 622" . . . . . J.S. Bach  
*Lenora Morrow, organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Dan G. Burns

PREPARATION FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy and loving God,  
as we prepare to set aside our busyness  
and to focus intently on Jesus' suffering and death,  
we ask for eyes to see all of the amazing things  
that Jesus' death means for understanding You,  
Your love, and our salvation.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . Mark 15:21-32  
*(page 853 in pew Bible)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL PRAYER: "O Come and Mourn with Me a While" . . . . . F.W. Faber

O come and mourn with me awhile; O come ye to the Savior's side;  
O come, together let us mourn: Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

O break, O break, hard heart of mine! Thy weak self-love and guilty pride  
His Pilate and His Judas were: Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

O love of God! O sin of man! In this dread act your strength is tried,  
And victory remains with love: Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

*The Westminster Singers  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . Mark 15:33-41  
*(page 853 in pew Bible)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Christus factus est" . . . . . Anton Bruckner

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens  
Usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.*

Christ became obedient for us unto death,  
Even to the death, death on the cross.

*Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen,  
Quod est super omne nomen.*

Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name  
Which is above all names.

# Loving Our Savior

## ✦CORPORATE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of God,  
Who loves us and gave Yourself for us;  
We love You and adore You and worship You,  
now and forevermore. Amen.

## ✦CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE ..... PASSION CHORALE

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

## ✦SILENT MEDITATION

## ✦CORPORATE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who was forsaken of God on our behalf,  
Have mercy on us,  
And give us Your peace. Amen.

## ✦CONGREGATIONAL SUPPLICATION ..... PASSION CHORALE

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, vouch-safe to me Thy grace.

## ✦SILENT MEDITATION

## ✦CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who endured the scorn and mocking of a rebellious world  
in order to redeem us from the slavery of sin,  
we confess our many transgressions against Your holy will  
which brought upon You the miseries of the cross.  
Forgive us and set us free  
that we may forever serve and worship You. Amen.

## ✦CONGREGATIONAL DEVOTION ..... PASSION CHORALE

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

## ✦SILENT MEDITATION

# Hearing His Word

THIRD GOSPEL LESSON ..... Mark 15:42-47  
(page 853 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

CHORAL REFLECTION: "Were You There?" ..... arr. Norman Luboff

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble.

HOMILY *What Happened In The Darkness?* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S DEATH:

No. 248 "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" .....HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*stanzas 1: Choir  
stanzas 2-5: Congregation*

✦SILENT MEDITATION

BENEDICTION

*We depart in silence, awaiting the resurrection.*

✦Indicates congregation standing

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## *Easter Sunday*

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Memphis Botanic Garden

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services in the Sanctuary  
*Regular nursery rooms will be open.*

No Sunday School or Evening Service