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OUR WORSHIP

Love

SERVICE THEME People hunger to be loved. Our greatest human need is to be loved. This day (Good Friday), this place – more than anything – is about unconditional and unlimited love.

+ Preparing to Hear the Word +

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING Psalm 22:1, 7-8, 14-18, 27, 30-31

Pastor: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

**People: Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?**

Pastor: I am a worm and not a man,

People: scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

Pastor: All who see Me mock Me;

People: they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

Pastor: "He trusts in the LORD," they say,

**People: "let the Lord rescue Him. Let Him deliver Him,
since He delights in Him."**

Pastor: I am poured out like water,

People: and all My bones are out of joint.

Pastor: My heart has turned to wax;

People: it has melted within me.

Pastor: My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,

People: and My tongue sticks to the roof of My mouth;

Pastor: Dogs surround Me, a pack of villains encircles Me;

People: they pierce My hands and My feet.

Pastor: All My bones are on display;

People: people stare and gloat over Me.

Pastor: They divide My clothes among them

People: and cast lots for My garment.

Pastor: All the ends of the earth

People: will remember and turn to the LORD,

Pastor: and all the families of the nations

People: will bow down before Him,

Pastor: Posterity will serve Him;

People: future generations will be told about the LORD.

Pastor: They will proclaim His righteousness,

People: declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen!**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION LSB 451 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted

See Him dying on the tree!

'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul 'tis He, 'tis He!

'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;

Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,

Was there ever grief like His?

Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;

Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save;

But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly

Nor suppose the evil great

Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate,

Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;

'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,

Here the refuge of the lost:

Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;

Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!

None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

PRAYER

Pastor: Father, send Your Holy Spirit that we who see Jesus being tortured, suffering, and dying may so look that our hearts are melted and transformed by His love. And, having been warmed by that love, we ask You to send Your Holy Spirit to transform our lives so that we, individually and as a Body of Christ may love others as He has loved us. We ask in Jesus' name, our loving and life-giving Lord.

People: Amen!

+ Hearing the Word +

FIRST READING Isaiah 53:3-6, 8-12

[Prophet speaking] ³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like One from whom people hide their faces, He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem. ⁴ Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

⁸ By oppression and judgment He was taken away. Yet who of His generation protested? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was punished. ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the LORD makes His life an offering for sin, He will see His offspring and prolong His days.

[God speaking] ¹¹ After He has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied, by knowledge of Him, my righteous Servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

EPISTLE READING 1 John 4:7-11

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

⁹ This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Pastor: These Readings are the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING Mark 15:33-39

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the evangelist, the fifteenth chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”).

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, He’s calling Elijah.” ³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave Him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take Him down,” he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last. ³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how He died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE SONG LSB 425/426 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**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!**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

MESSAGE “The Fruit of the Spirit is Love”

Introduction

Our greatest human need is to be loved.

In the Dark

The physical darkness shrouding the cross tells us a lot.

Why?

It’s because of *agape* love.

Love in the Greek world is 3-dimensional.

Such Love Captures our Hearts

Teresa of Avila’s experience. . .

Such Love Controls Us

Count von Zinzendorf’s experience. . .

+ Responding to the Word +

OFFERING The Other Songbook 26 “Have Thine Own Way”

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me After Thy will,
While I am waiting, Yielded and still.**

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, Wash me just now,
As in Thy presence Humbly I bow.**

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, Help me, I pray!
Power, all power, Surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!**

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being, Absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit, Till all shall see
Christ only, always, Living in me!**

PRAYERS & 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 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: Father, we ask that the love of Jesus displayed on the cross would capture our hearts and control our lives. Through the love showered upon us at the cross may the Holy Spirit enable and empower us to love others as Christ has loved us. May people say of us, as individuals and as a family of God, "see how they love." We ask in Jesus' name.

People: Amen!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People: Amen!

SENDING SONG LSB 452, vv. 1-2, 5, 7 "O Perfect Life of Love"

**O Perfect life of love! All, all, is finished now.
All that He left His throne above To do for us below.**

**No work is left undone. Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one, The Scriptures have fulfilled.**

**In perfect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.**

**Yet work, O Lord, in me As Thou for me hast wrought;
And let my love the answer be To grace Thy love has brought.**