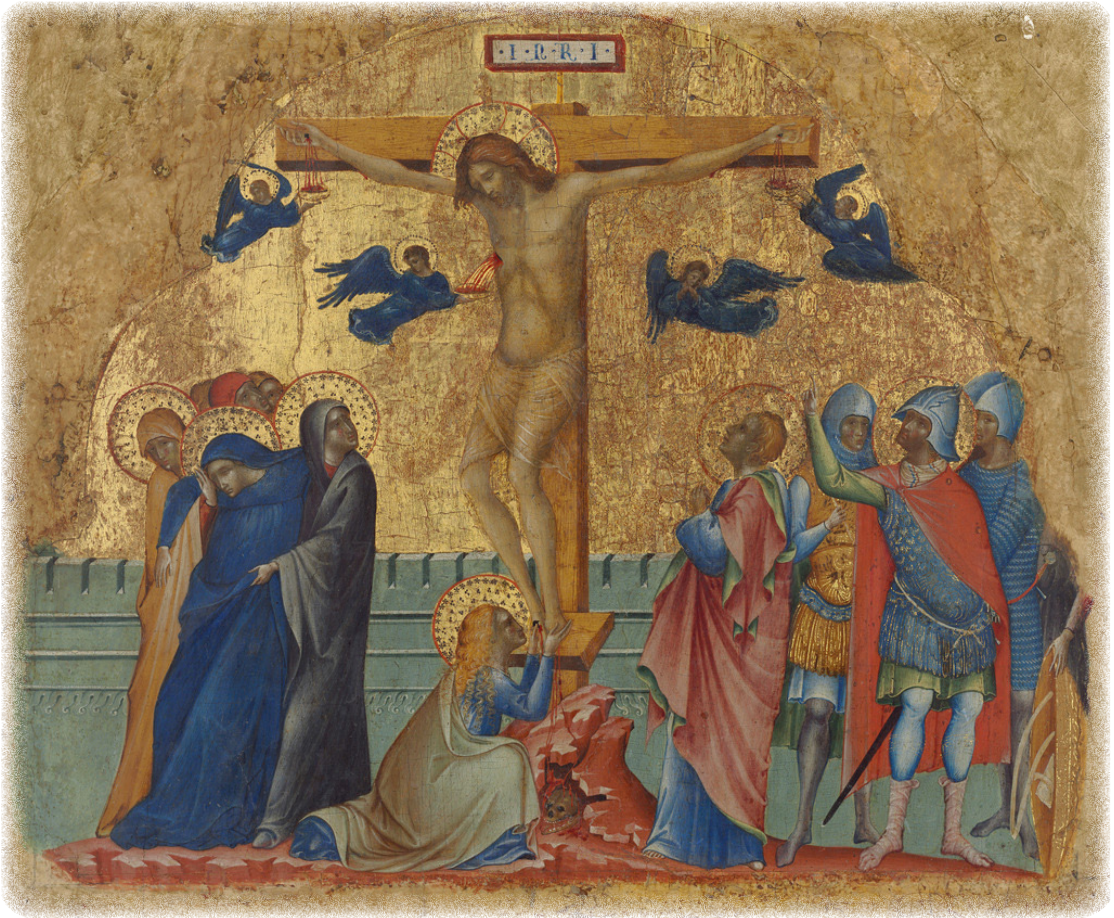


GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 25, 2016



"The Crucifixion" | Paolo Veneziano, 1340.

"With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last."

+ MARK 15:37 +



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ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 25, 2016

Prelude "O Sacred Heart, Now Wounded" J.S. Bach

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (Based on John 3:16) Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Leader: Why are we here on this night?

People: Because God so loved the world, that he gave his only son

Leader: And who was that son?

People: Jesus, who is the Christ, the beloved savior of the world.

Leader: Then let us worship our savior
together with thanksgiving for the sacrifice he has made,
so that all who believe in him may not perish.

People: We worship our crucified Lord.

Gathering Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" No. 215

First Reading Mark 15:1-15
(Pew Bible Page 1,021; Large Print 1,552)

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord we have denied you each time that we have refused
to see you in the faces of the hungry and outdoor neighbors.

**People: May we hunger for your love, your grace and your hope
as we share all that we have with the world.**

Leader: Lord we have betrayed you each time that we have kept our distance
from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted.

**People: May we approach your presence with confidence,
knowing you welcome all people.**

(continued)

Leader: Lord we have mocked you each time that we have pretended that we do not know how radically you call us to live.

People: May we understand your call to live in peace.

Leader: Lord we are lost and have strayed.
Welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.

People: May the old in us pass away and all things become new. Amen.

Choral Response

Second Reading

Mark 15:16-20
(Pew Bible Page 1,021; Large Print 1,552) Rev. Drew Filkins

Solo

"He Never Said a Mumblin' Word"
Lydia Erickson, soprano arr. Moses Hogan

Prayers of the People

(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)

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. Amen.

Third Reading

Mark 15:21-32
(Pew Bible Page 1,022; Large Print 1,553)

Anthem

"When Jesus Wept"
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed arr. Doug Wagner

Sermon

"Save Yourself" Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Forth Reading

Mark 15:33-39
(Pew Bible Page 1,022; Large Print 1,553)

Sending Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 223

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response *(Please stand if able.)*

Leader: Jesus, we wait here by your tomb

People: carrying our grief;

Leader: the grief of the betrayer,

People: the grief of the denier,

Leader: the grief of the crucifiers.

People: We carry the grief of the lost,

Leader: the heartbroken, the bereft.

People: Upon you was laid the grief of us all.

Leader: It is finished.

People: God of endings, God of darkness,

Leader: God of the tomb, God of dark days and great loss,

People: be with us now as we wait with Jesus.

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