

Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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In this season of LENT, we focus on Christ's sorrow and our repentance and renewal. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday—six weeks before Easter—and ends with Holy Week, when we observe Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, **Good Friday**, and finally Easter

This service will be held online using [Zoom](#) using Meeting ID: 733 315 396

A recorded copy of the service will also be posted on the [WCRC website](#)

Good Friday, April 10, 2020

Worship Leader: Pastor Vicki

Pianist: Julie Hunse

Liturgy: Kathy Brouwer

Visuals: various

Welcome and Announcements

We Approach the Cross

On this most holy of days,
we cannot meet together in person.
Yet today we meet at the foot of the cross.

At the foot of the cross,
we meet Jesus, our redeemer
and redeemer of our broken world.

At the foot of the cross
we meet Jesus, our friend
and friend of our ailing world.

At the foot of the cross,
in this time of isolation and fear and grief,
we meet each other,
to witness together
the suffering and death
of our redeemer and friend.

Hymn: LUYH #167 – **Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

- 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burdens of the day.
- 2 Upon the cross of Jesus,
my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one

who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears,
two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love
and my unworthiness.

- 3 I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine
than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sin and Receive Forgiveness

Whenever we recall Jesus' final suffering on earth, we begin with a meal he shared with his friends the evening before he died. At the beginning of this meal, Jesus washed the feet of his followers. This is how John's gospel describes what Jesus did: (John 13:3-8; 12-17)

Our Confession:

Jesus, Lord and Teacher, Master of the Universe,
you were not too proud to become our servant.
You loved this world so much
that you lived with us, suffered with us, died for us.
And, still, throughout history and today, you live and suffer with us.

We belong to you.

But we have often been too blind,
too proud to be servants to each other and to those around us.
Yet over the past weeks, you have opened our eyes
and we see with new clarity this world's many needs.
Make our hearts and our hands ready
to show your love,
to show we belong to you. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness: LUYH #168 – **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded** (sung by Julie and Jonathan Hunse)

- 1 O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, your only crown.
O sacred head, what glory

and blessing you have known!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I claim you as my own.

- 2 My Lord, what you did suffer
was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but yours the deadly pain.
So here I kneel, my Savior,
for I deserve your place;
look on me with your favor
and save me by your grace.
- 3 What language shall I borrow
to thank you, dearest Friend,
for this, your dying sorrow,
your mercy without end?
Lord, make me yours forever,
a loyal servant true,
and let me never, never
outlive my love for you.

Our Response: *We Wash Our Hands*

Over the past few weeks, we have often washed our hands.
We wash them here today,
not in fear, not to protect ourselves,
but as a sign of our humility and our willingness to serve each other.
Through the suffering of our Saviour, we bring clean hands
to our tasks of loving and cleansing and healing the world around us. **Amen.**
(*We wash our own and each other's hands.*)

We Share the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Come to this holy meal.

In the suffering and victory of our Lord,
find new clarity where there is bewilderment,
new comfort where there is sorrow,
new courage where there is fear.

The words of Jesus during the meal remind us
that this sacrament was gifted to us by Jesus himself:
While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread,

and after blessing it, he broke it, gave it to the disciples,
and said, "Take, eat, this is my body."

Then he took the cup,

and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

"Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26-28)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

You are holy, God of wonders, creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed are you, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, our Friend.

You shared our life in every way.

You went willingly to your death, and arose to new life.

In your dying and rising, you delivered us from sin and death,
and, through your Spirit, loved your church into being.

Therefore, we proclaim our faith with confidence and hope:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Holy Spirit, descend now upon us

so that, in this meal,

we shall know the suffering Christ among us.

As this bread is Christ's body for us,

may we be the body of Christ in our hurting world.

May your church everywhere know that, in sharing the suffering
of Christ and of his creation, we also share his victory. **Amen.**

Hymn: LUYH #842 – **I Am the Bread of Life**

- 1 I am the Bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draws them.

Refrain

And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.

- 2 The Bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live forever, they shall live forever. ***Refrain***

3 I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die, they shall live forever. **Refrain**

4 Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world. **Refrain**

Is not the bread that we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

Is not the cup for which we give thanks a sharing in the blood of Christ?

The cup which we bless is our participation in the blood of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

(We share the bread and cup with each other.)

Music during communion: **He was Despised** from Handel's "Messiah," sung by Julie Hunse; accompanied by Jonathan Hunse

He was despised, rejected,
a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. (Isaiah 53:3)

The prayer Jesus taught us expresses our deepest longings; let us say together:

**Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven,
Give us today our daily Bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

We Hear the Story of the Passion and Death of Jesus

Story: "A Dark Night in the Garden" from the *Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (pg.294)

Hymn: LUYH #166 – **Were You There?**

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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

- 4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Story: "The Sun Stops Shining in the Sky" from the *Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (pg.302)

We Leave the Cross

Hymn: LUYH #175 – **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

- 1 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.
- 2 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 through his blood.
- 3 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?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Story Ends ...

*We end this service in **silence** and **darkness** as the Christ candle is extinguished and the bell tolls 33 times.*