



IT IS FINISHED!

Good Friday Service
April 18, 2025; 6:30pm
Kimball Lutheran Church

Pastor Sue Black, Second Presbyterian Church
Pastor John Futterer, Kimball Lutheran Church
Pastor Chris King, St. John's Reformed Church
Pastor Eddie Spencer, First Presbyterian Church

Welcome

Pastor John Futterer

Prelude and Preparation for Worship*What Wondrous Love is This*

Victoria Yanney, flute; Abigail Malinovsky, clarinet; Kay Yates, piano

***Call to Worship**

Based on Lamentations 1:12

Pastor John Futterer

Leader: Look and see the shadow of sin. All you who pass this way look and see the weight of the world.

All: All you who pass this way look and see the suffering of our Savior.

Leader: All you who pass this way look and see the sorrow of Jesus Christ.

All: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

This is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Hymn of the Cross No. 634All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!****Prayer of Adoration**

Pastor Chris King

Scripture Reading**Jesus Before Pilate**

Pastor Chris King

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-14

“Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. So they bound Him, led Him away and handed Him over to Pilate the governor. Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him. ‘Are You the king of the Jews?’ ‘You have said so,’ Jesus replied. When He was accused by the chief priests and the elders, He gave no answer. Then Pilate asked Him, ‘Don’t You hear the testimony they are bringing against You?’ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.”

Hymn of the Cross No. 338Beneath the Cross of Jesus***Scripture Reading****Jesus Before the Crowd**

Pastor John Futterer

Matthew 27:15-26

“Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, ‘Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him. While

Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: 'Don't have anything to do with that innocent Man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of Him.' But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. 'Which of the two do you want me to release to you?' asked the governor. 'Barabbas,' they answered. 'What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' Pilate asked. They all answered, 'Crucify Him!' 'Why? What crime has He committed?' asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify Him!' When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. 'I am innocent of this Man's blood,' he said. 'It is your responsibility!' All the people answered, 'His blood is on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged and handed Him over to be crucified."

Choral Selection

All Hail Jesus, Behold the King

Scripture Reading

Jesus Upon the Cross
Matthew 27:32-44

Pastor Sue Black

"As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means 'the place of the skull'). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, He refused to drink it. When they had crucified Him, they divided up His clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. Above His head they placed the written charge against Him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two rebels were crucified with Him, one on His right and one on His left. Those who passed by hurled insults at Him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! Come down from the cross, if You are the Son of God!' In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked Him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'but He can't save Himself! He's the King of Israel! Let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue Him now if He wants Him, for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' In the same way the rebels who were crucified with Him also heaped insults on Him."

***Hymn of the Cross No. 803**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sermon

"The Sign of Life"

Pastor Sue Black

Choral Selection

When I Survey

WAYFARING STRANGER

Scripture Reading

The Death of Jesus Matthew 27:45-54

Pastor Eddie Spencer

“From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*’ (which means ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’). When some of those standing there heard this, they said, ‘He’s calling Elijah.’ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, ‘Now leave Him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save Him.’ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up His spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, ‘Surely He was the Son of God!’”

The Closing of the Bible and the Removal of Light

Pastor John Futterer

*Depart in Silent Meditation

*All who are able please stand.

