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“LOVE ENDURES”

Good Friday Service

April 2, 2021

7:00PM

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HYMN

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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.

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HYMN

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LSB-449

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HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB-449

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(Come forward now, and using your nail, hammer your message into the cross.)

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LSB-456

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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.

MOMENTS OF QUIET

...He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away nailing it to the cross.

MY SIN NAILED JESUS TO THE CROSS

(Come forward now, and using your nail, hammer your message into the cross.)

CLOSING HYMN

“Were You There”

LSB-456

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. Where you there when they crucified my Lord?

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?

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

Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL FOR EACH YEAR OF JESUS' LIFE

(The bell will toll thirty-three times)

THE SLAMMING OF THE TOMB

“This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)

We now depart in silence. On Easter Sunday, we will return, and joyfully celebrate our risen Lord. Until then, may God be with you, as He has always been, and always will be!

Please depart in silence

If you desire to leave a Good Friday offering, you may do so at the door as you exit.

JOIN US FOR OUR EASTER SERVICES

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am

Easter Service at 9:00am