

First Christian Reformed Church  
Friday, April 10, 2020  
~ Good Friday ~

**Prelude**

~ Mike H

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:** *Isaiah 53:1-3*

*Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*

***He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.***

*He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.*

***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.*

**Opening Prayer**

Holy God, we come to worship in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death. We come with his friends, the men and women who have followed him in every place and generation, to hear once again this story of service and betrayal, of weakness and courage. We come to witness your love in action. Be with us, we pray, in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

***O Sacred Head*** #284:1,2,3 (HFG)

O sacred Head, now wounded with grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.  
How art Thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior; 'tis I deserve Thy place.  
Look on me with Thy favor; vouch-safe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever; and, should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

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***Alas and Did My Savior*** #274 (HFG)

Alas! and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I have done he suffered on the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hid and shut His glories in,  
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died for man the creature's sin.

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**Call to Confession:** *Isaiah 53:4-6*

*Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace,**

**we come before You with amazing wonder that we can hope in Your forgiveness.**

**We are all guilty.**

**We humbly come before You to ask forgiveness of our great and many sins, not just now and briefly, not once – but seventy times seven.**

**Forgive us completely.**

**Grant us Your grace to turn from our own path**

**so that we may stand before You cleansed, forgiven and secure.**

**In Your name, Amen.**

**Assurance:** *Colossians 2:13-14*

*And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

**Prayer**

**Scripture:** *Matthew 27:27-54 (ESV)*

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup> And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup> Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

**Message:** *The Roman Centurion at the Cross*

**Ministry of Music:** *Were You There*

~ Ken Q

[At this time, we encourage you to continue in home worship. Begin with prayer, taking time to pray about what Christ has done for us. Re-read the Scripture text and spend some time reflecting on the message and discussing its implications and applications in our life.]

Join us this Resurrection Sunday, April 12  
live stream at 10:30 a.m.

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