

**By My Hand - For My Sake
Good Friday • Centurion**

Pre-Service: Jesus Died on Calvary's Mountain"

Pre-Service: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

LITANY The opening litany features responses from Isaiah 52:13—53:12, and is interspersed with verses from "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (LSB 437)

P: My servant will succeed! He will be given great praise and the highest honors. Many were horrified at what happened to him.

C: But everyone who saw him was even more horrified because he suffered until he no longer looked human.

P: My servant will make nations worthy to worship me; kings will be silent as they bow in wonder. They will see and think about things they have never seen or thought about before.

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (LSB 437 – vs. 1)

**Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?**

P: Has anyone believed us or seen the mighty power of the Lord in action?

C: Like a young plant or a root that sprouts in dry ground, the servant grew up obeying the Lord.

P: He wasn't a handsome king. Nothing about the way he looked made him attractive to us.

C: He was hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering.

P: No one wanted to look at him. We despised him and said, "He is a nobody!"

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (LSB 437 – vs. 2)

**Was it for sins that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!**

- P:** He suffered and endured great pain for us, but we thought his suffering was punishment from God.
- C:** He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well.
- P:** All of us were like sheep that had wandered off.
- C:** We had each gone our own way,
- P:** but the Lord gave him the punishment we deserved.

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” (LSB 437 – vs. 3)

We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

- P:** He was painfully abused, but he did not complain.
- C:** He was silent like a lamb being led to the butcher, as quiet as a sheep having its wool cut off.
- P:** He was condemned to death without a fair trial. Who could have imagined what would happen to him?
- C:** His life was taken away because of the sinful things my people had done.
- P:** He wasn't dishonest or violent, but he was buried in a tomb of cruel and rich people.

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” (LSB 437 – vs. 4)

O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,
O Joy of all the meek,
How kind you are to those who fall,
How good to those who seek!

- P:** The Lord decided his servant would suffer as a sacrifice to take away the sin and guilt of others.
- C:** Now the servant will live to see his own descendants. He did everything the Lord had planned.
- P:** By suffering, the servant will learn the true meaning of obeying the Lord.
- C:** Although he is innocent, he will take the punishment for the sins of others, so that many of them will no longer be guilty. The Lord will reward him with honor and power for sacrificing his life.

P: Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us.

HYMN “How Deep the Father’s Love”

HOMILY Pastor Matt

HYMN No. 451 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

**Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See him dying on the tree!
‘Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, ‘tis He, ‘tis He!
He’s the long expected prophet, David’s son, yet David’s Lord.
Proofs I see sufficient of it: He’s the true and faithful Word.**

**Tell me, all who hear him groaning, Was there ever grief like this?
Friends through fear his cause disowning, Foes insulting his distress;
Many hands were raised to wound him, None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him Was the stroke that justice gave.**

**You who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed; See who bears the awful load;
It’s the Word, the Lord’s Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.**

**Here we have a firm foundation; Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ, the rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on him their hope have built.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 31:1-5

**In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!
Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!**

**For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name’s sake you lead me and guide me;
you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

P: This is the Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSORY Hosea 6:1-3

P: Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us.

C: He has struck down, and he will bind us up.

**P: After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.**

C: Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord.

P: His appearing is as sure as the dawn.

C: He will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 4:14-16

R Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

MONOLOGUE The Centurion Brian Lloyd

HYMN No. 449 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" (vss. 1-3)

**O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine!**

**What Thou, my Lord, has 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,
And grant 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 for Thee.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING (pause to read)

PRAYERS

P So much You loved the world, O God, that You gave Your only begotten Son, that everyone who believes in Him receives eternal life.

O God, we do believe! By the power of Your Holy Spirit, our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, our hearts have grasped the message of Your saving love. For, so much You loved the world, O God.

So much You love us still. Let the blessed cross of Christ be lifted up that all the world, for which He died, may come to see, and know, and trust ... its message of forgiving grace, the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

O God, we do believe ... that everyone who trusts in Him shall not perish—though we are but dust, and unto dust we shall return—but have eternal life.

So much You loved the world, O God, that life awaits—eternal life—through him who gave His life to make it so, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Certain of our Lord's atoning sacrifice and confident of His steadfast love for us, we are bold to pray:

**All: 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.**

HYMN No. 449 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" (vs 4)

**Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.**

SILENT MEDITATION

**The Lord has paid the ultimate sacrifice for our sins.
Having given up His Spirit, He died and is laid in the tomb.
The Salvation of the world is accomplished. "It is finished."**

(The congregation leaves the church in reverent silence)