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for Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs

Gathering Before God

March 29, 2024
Good Friday

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.*

(Psalm 16:5)

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: If our Father created the world, but did not know the number of hairs on our head,

People: We might have been satisfied!

Leader: If God called out, "Where are you?," but did not also promise to send Jesus to crush the head of the serpent,

People: We might have been satisfied!

Leader: If God commanded whatever he willed, but did not will what he commanded,

People: We might have been satisfied!

Leader: If God became man, but did not share in our sufferings,

People: We might have been satisfied!

Leader: If Christ came to teach us, but did not lay down his life for our sins,

People: We might have been satisfied!

Leader: If Jesus paid for our sins, but did not give us His perfect obedience,

People: We might have been satisfied!

Leader: If Christ lived, died, and rose again, but did not also send us the Holy Spirit,

People: We might have been satisfied!

Leader: If God was the author, but not the finisher of our faith,

People: We might have been satisfied!

Leader: If Jesus saved our souls, but did not promise to resurrect our bodies,

People: We might have been satisfied!

Leader: But he would not have been satisfied!

People: Thanks be to God!

Lead Me to the Cross

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross*

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death
Now You're risen

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,

**Like Judas, we have betrayed you;
Like Peter, we have denied you;
And like the other disciples, we have forsaken you.
Yet you remain faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross.**

**We plead for your forgiveness and mercy.
And we ask that you strengthen us so that we do not turn aside,
But follow you to the very end—
For the final victory belongs to you.**

Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF PARDON

"When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, 'It is finished,' and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

(John 19:30)

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 26:1-16

1 When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, **2** "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, **4** and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. **5** But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

6 Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, **7** a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. **8** And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? **9** For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." **10** But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. **11** For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. **12** In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. **13** Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

14 Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests **15** and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. **16** And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 26:36-46

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." **37** And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. **38** Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." **39** And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father,

if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." **40** And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? **41** Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." **42** Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." **43** And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. **44** So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. **45** Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **46** Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

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 tho' despised and gory
I joy to call Thee mine

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 Saviour
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
Oh make me Thine forever
And should I fainting be
Lord let me never never
Outlive my love to Thee

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 27:1-2, 11-23

1 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. **2** And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. . . .

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." **12** But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. **13** Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" **14** But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. **16** And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. **17** So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" **18** For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. **19** Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." **20** Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. **21** The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." **22** Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" **23** And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 27:27-44

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. **28** And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, **29** 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!" **30** And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. **31** 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.

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

HOMILY

Speaker: Jim Angehr

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

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SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 27:45-61

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.
46 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?" **47** And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." **48** 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. **49** But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will

come to save him." **50** And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. **52** The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, **53** and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. **54** 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!"

55 There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, **56** among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. **58** He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. **59** And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud **60** and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. **61** Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, **45** while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. **46** Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. **47** Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" **48** And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. **49** And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

The Sending

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!