

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE
for the
Glory of God
and the
Renewal of His People

Good Friday, April 3, 2015



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Glorifying God...

Embracing Scripture...

Loving Corpus Christi...

REFLECTION and PREPARATION

Why Have You Forsaken Me?

22 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1591

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

*(*Indicates where congregation is invited to stand, as able)*

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 103:1-5, 19, 22

*Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!*

**Congregation: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits**

*Minister: Who forgives all your iniquity,
Who heals all your diseases*

**Congregation: Who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy**

*Minister: Who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

**Congregation: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,
and His kingdom rules over all.**

*Minister: Bless the LORD, all His works,
in all places of His dominion.*

Congregation: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

***SONG of ADORATION**

Lead On, O King Eternal

Words and Music by: Ernest W. Shurtleff and Henry Smart

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing
nor roll of stirring drums
but deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

***PRAYER of INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

from Isaiah 53

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ 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.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

SILENT CONFESSION of SIN

*HYMN

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Words and Music: Robert Lowery

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

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

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

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Luke 23:32-49

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Death of Jesus

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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words of Christ's Institution

*Minister: Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

All are invited to the table together whether eating and drinking or not. There are prayers on the back of the bulletin to assist you in praying, particularly if the Christian faith is new or unknown to you. Elders are also available to pray with for any and all persons here.

Feel free to bring children forward. If they are not partaking the bread and wine or juice, they may indicate clearly to the server by claspings their hands. Upon request, our servers will gladly pray for and with your children.

If you are unable, physically, to process forward but do wish to partake, servers will come to your seat with the elements.

Two elders are available to you for prayer at the back of the Sanctuary.

Serving of the Elements *(wine is in the outer ring of the trays; juice in the inner)*

***SONG of RESPONSE**

Lift High the Cross

Words: George W. Kitchin, Rev. Michael R. Newbolt Music: Sydney H. Nicholson

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, brethren follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

***BENEDICTION**

from Philippians 4:7

Minister: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Congregation: (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE**

*We praise the Lord for our accompanists this morning
– vocalists and instrumentalists and audio and video technicians.*

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Prayers of Meditation

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and show me the reality of who You are. – Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Heavenly Father, I admit that I am more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I deserved. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. – Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, help me to look to You as the fulfillment of all my needs, and to turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. – Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. – Amen