

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022
St. Mark's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor Kathy Jurk, Organist/Choir Director

Meditative Music
Bells Ring Prelude
Gathering for Worship:

In The Shadow of the Cross

Call to Worship (responsively):

L: He was despised and rejected by others, a man of sorrows
and acquainted with grief.

**P: But it was his punishment that made us whole,
his bruises that healed us. And we give thanks.**

L: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted. Yet, he did not open his mouth.

**P: But it was through him that God's will was made to prosper.
It was because of his anguish that we can see light – and we give thanks.**

L: He is our high priest, touched by our infirmities, suffering as we have suffered.

**P: He is our living example that God's ways are not our ways. He is the stone that
the builders rejected that became the head cornerstone. He is the last that became
first. Through him we are challenged to live in a new way, to love in a new way,
to lead in a new way – and for this, we give thanks.**

Opening Prayer:

On this Good Friday, we pray to begin the journey from sentimentality to
realization of how your suffering, death and resurrection continue to speak peace
to our troubled souls. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: (#153 Hymnal)

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

A Prayer of Confession:

Yes, dear God, it is true. We are not worthy of your love. We promise to be faithful, but
we fall away; we forsake you; we flee from you; we betray you; we deny you; we watch
from afar; we don't tell anyone that your reign is at hand; and we are afraid. Change
us, we pray. *Amen.*

Words of Assurance (together):

**Thanks be to God, who remembers our sins and our lawless deeds no more.
Thanks be to God, whose forgiveness is now sure and who no longer demands
any offering for sin. Praise be to God, who has removed the veil, drawing us near
to the throne of grace and mercy. Let us honor and glorify God now and always.**

Affirming our Faith Together:

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus
Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under
Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell:

The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And
sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead:

I believe in the Holy Spirit: The One Holy Universal Christian Church: the
communion of saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body:
And the life everlasting. *Amen.*

St. Mark's Choir:

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

Scripture Reading:

Luke 23:26-43

Message:

Are You the King?

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Sacrament of Holy Communion: *(See Insert for Communion Liturgy)*

Offering

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering
baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take
on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

Offertory Music:

Ah, Holy Jesus

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (together):

Lord of all, the wealthiest among us stand as paupers before the unimaginable
generosity and immeasurable love that is on the cross before us. Lord, have
mercy on us, unworthy yet redeemed, and dedicate these gifts to that wondrous
love. *Amen.*

Silent Prayer:

L: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayers.

A Sending Forth Song: (#328 Pilgrim People - Insert)

The Old Rugged Cross

Benediction:

In the name of the compassionate Christ, you are forgiven. For God has declared, "I
forgive your evil ways and remember your sins no more!" Go now in the name of Jesus
Christ to love and serve others in his name; and live in the salvation made possible by
the Goodness of this Friday. *Amen.*

Luke 23:26-43

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 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. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. 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!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

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




Good Friday Liturgy for the Sacrament of Communion

On this night of remembrance of our Lord and Savior's arrest and crucifixion we gather at the table where Jesus sat with his friends and disciples.

We come in great solemnity, bowed under the burdens of our guilt as well as the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us, in the breaking of the bread, of our need and of your great sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in fellowship and service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving.

Easter Sunday Worship, Communion: St. Mark's 9:00am, St. James 10:30am

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Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When we watched from the sidelines and turned away from him in the hour of your greatest need; when we denied knowing him, we could have and should have been condemned for all eternity. And yet, your amazing grace, love and forgiveness was given freely to us – earned in no way – and brought us even closer to you. Forgive us, O Lord.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world, the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

And now, let us pray with the confidence of children of God:

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.*