



Good Friday
March 29, 2024

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

The name *Gloria Dei* is a Latin phrase meaning *God's glory*. We pray that here you will find his glory and love chiefly revealed in our Savior Jesus. May your time in worship be edifying and enable you to focus on Jesus as the solution to your sin and as the certainty of eternal life in heaven.

Should you need a **restroom** during the service, you will find them in the Fellowship Hall directly beneath the sanctuary. Exit the sanctuary by the main doors, turn right and head down the stairs, turn right at the bottom of the stairs and enter the first door.

If you need anything during the service, please speak to one of the ushers.

To Those Visiting with Children

The members of Gloria Dei believe that families should be able to worship together. It is clear that some amount of noise will come with children being in worship. Any noise children make in worship is the sound of families doing what God has told them to do: bringing their children to sit at Jesus' feet. Should your family desire a few moments away from the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall located directly beneath the sanctuary is open and equipped with a closed circuit TV of the service.

The Theme of Today’s Worship

Good Friday is very different than a funeral. At a funeral, we celebrate the blessings of someone's earthly life. But we also we mourn the fact of their death. Their death is something we wish we could forget. In the case of Jesus, his death is the very thing we gather to celebrate and remember. In fact, we prolong the remembrance. We dwell on the details. We even call this day “good.” For we know why Jesus willingly endured the agony of the cross. It wasn't a tragic miscarriage of justice. Jesus suffered this punishment vicariously. He was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. Because he did, we are now right with our holy God. Jesus' punishment is our peace.

Serving in Worship

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A Service of the Seven Words from the Cross

Worshippers gather and the minister enters in silence.

Introductory Devotion

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. ²Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. ³Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

Hymn

422 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, our guilt and
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what
4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



e - vil bear - ing and, lad - en with the sins of earth,
God, our Sav - ior; him God the Fa - ther chose to send
you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;
Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you



none else the bur - den shar - ing, goes pa - tient on,
to gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"
I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,
shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



grows weak and faint, to slaughter led with - out com - plaint,
 the Fa - ther said, “and free my chil - dren from their dread
 what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,
 shall ev - er be a cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,



that spot - less life to of - fer; bears shame and stripes
 of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes
 de - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong
 your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I’ll trea - sure in



and wounds and death, an - guish and mock - er - y and saith,
 are hard to bear, but by your pas - sion they will share
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave
 my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



“Will - ing all this I suf - fer.”
 the fruit of your sal - va - tion.”
 who built the earth’s foun - da - tion.
 your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

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First Word

Luke 23:32–34

Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

³⁴Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”** They cast lots to divide his garments among them.

A brief devotion follows the reading

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;

They pierce my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments among them

and cast lots for my clothing.

He bore the sin of many,

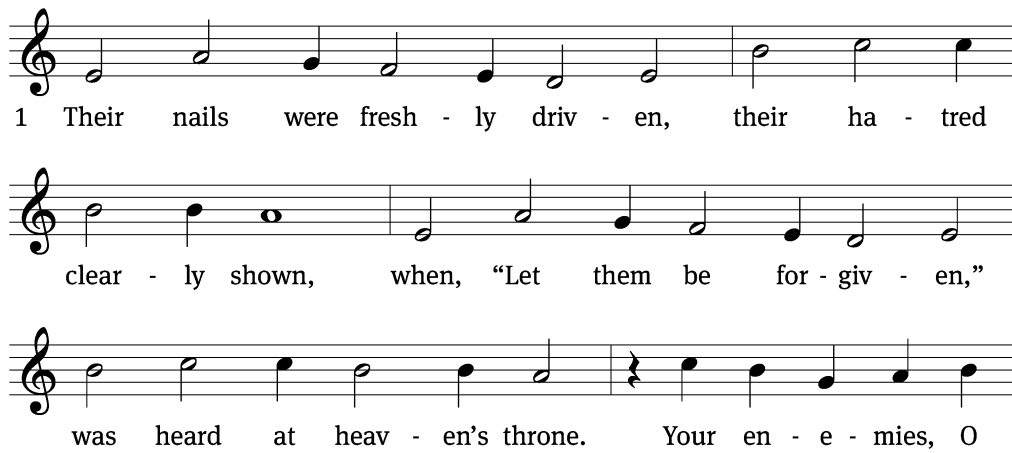
and made intercession for the transgressors.*

Gracious Savior, you did not strike back with revenge against your enemies as they ridiculed and crucified you but prayed for their forgiveness. In your compassion, pardon us for our secret sins and sins we do not discern, and enlighten us to know and do your will.

Amen.

Hymn

436 The Seven Words, s. 1



1 Their nails were fresh - ly driv - en, their ha - tred
clear - ly shown, when, "Let them be for - giv - en,"
was heard at heav - en's throne. Your en - e - mies, O

* Psalm 22:16, 18; Isaiah 53:12

Je - sus, you loved be - yond de - gree, a love so
 pure and pre - cious it e - ven par - doned me.

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Second Word

Luke 23:35–43

The people stood watching. The rulers were ridiculing him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, the Chosen One!”

³⁶The soldiers also made fun of him. Coming up to him, they offered him sour wine,
³⁷saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

³⁸There was also an inscription written above him: “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”

⁴³Jesus said to him, **“Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”**

A brief devotion follows the reading

All who see me mock me;
They hurl insults, shaking their heads.

“He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him.
Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people.

Come to my aid when you save them.*

Mighty Redeemer, remember us as we walk through the darkest valleys of life and realize that our time on earth is ending. Stay close to us when we feel the pain and loneliness of dying and take away our fears with your certain promise of paradise.

Amen.

Hymn

436 *The Seven Words, s. 2*

2 On you, my King, de - pend - ing, I'm rid of
all my sins! My fi - nal day here end - ing,
my first in heav'n be - gins. As you have tru - ly
spo - ken, in par - a - dise I'll be, with you in
bliss un - bro - ken— you will re - mem - ber me.

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* Psalm 22:7-8; Psalm 106:4

Third Word

John 19:25–27

Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, **“Woman, here is your son!”** ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, **“Here is your mother!”** And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

A brief devotion follows the reading

This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be spoken against,

so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.

And a sword will pierce your own soul too.

Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?

Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.*

Precious Jesus, you consider us friends and care about the needs of our bodies and souls. Keep us in your care as we walk the road of life and provide the blessings we need to gain safety, contentment, and joy in your service.

Amen.

Hymn

436 *The Seven Words*, s. 3

3 A Sav - ior like no oth - er, all self - con -
cern de - nied, you served your griev - ing moth - er

* Luke 2:34-35; Matthew 12:48-49

while you were cru - ci - fied. My sin had made me
 filth - y, but you, the per - fect child, were des - ig -
 nat - ed guilt - y, and I am rec - on - ciled.

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Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45, 46

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, **“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?”** which means, **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

A brief devotion follows the reading

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

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

My God, I cry out by day but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

“In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.”*

* Psalm 22:1-2; Amos 8:9

Lord Jesus, you endured the horrific penalty of our sins as your Father turned his face from you on the cross. Compel us to see in your sacrifice the dreadful nature of sin and call us to acknowledge the amazing depth of your love. Overcome our shame, dear Savior, and give us grateful faith.

Amen.

Hymn

436 *The Seven Words*, s. 4



4 Con - demned, cut off, for - sak - en, out - side the
Fa - ther's care, by ter - ror o - ver - tak - en,
no ear would hear your prayer. On you God's wrath was
vent - ed, on you his fu - ry fell, when, on the
cross tor - ment - ed, you took my place in hell.

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Fifth Word

John 19:28, 29

After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, **“I thirst.”**²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

A brief devotion follows the reading

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

I am worn out calling for help;
my throat is parched.


They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.*

Dear Jesus, as our brother on earth you endured the agony of pain that besieged your body when your sacrifice was complete. Knowing our experiences, hover over us with your care and compassion when our bodies and hearts are hurting. Provide us with strength that we may confess you with confidence and power.

Amen.

Hymn

436 The Seven Words, s. 5



5 My Lord, in death's dark val - ley, both soul and
bod - y drained, one drink would help you ral - ly
what lit - tle strength re - mained to raise your voice in

* Psalm 22:15; Psalm 69:3, 21

vic - t'ry, to sound your foe's de - feat— the high - est
point in his - t'ry— my res - cue was com - plete.

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Sixth Word

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **“It is finished!”** Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

A brief devotion follows the reading

On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

Because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.
I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.*

Gracious Redeemer, you paid the full price for our redemption and have released us forever from the hold of Satan, the power of sin, and the fear of death. Protect us from the devil's claim that we need to do more and from the accusation of our consciences that we have not done enough. Lead us to place our entire confidence in you and to live our lives secure in your grace.

Amen.

* Zechariah 13:1; Zechariah 9:11; Jeremiah 31:34

Hymn

436 *The Seven Words*, s. 6



6 Though sin's most le - tal wa - ges to me, O
Christ, were due, the guilt of all the a - ges
came crash - ing down on you. Most sure - ly, "It is
fin - ished"—my debt is ful - ly paid; my joy is
un - di - min - ished; my heart is un - a - fraid.

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Seventh Word

Luke 23:44–46

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun was darkened. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus cried out with a loud voice, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”** When he had said this, he breathed his last.

A brief devotion follows the reading

Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;

he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

Loving Savior, at the moment of your death you gave yourself into the loving hands of your Father. As we close our eyes in death, lead us to commit our bodies and souls to him who has summoned us by name and made us his own because of you and your love. Then, we pray, let us depart in peace.

Amen.

Hymn

436 *The Seven Words*, s. 7



7 My death will be tri - um - phant no mat - ter
how I die; Lord Je - sus, in that in - stant
es - cort my soul on high in - to my Fa - ther's
keep - ing, all - blame - less and all - blest, like wak - ing
up from sleep - ing, his hands my place of rest.

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* Psalm 31:5; Psalm 22:24; Isaiah 53:12

Prayer of the Day

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this, your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

423 *The Power of the Cross*

1 *Oh, to see the dawn
of the darkest day:*

Christ on the road to Calvary.

*Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.*

*This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

2 *Oh, to see the pain
written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.*

*Ev'ry bitter thought,
ev'ry evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow.*

*This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

3 *Now the daylight flees;
now the ground beneath
quakes as its maker bows his head.*

*Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.*

*This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

4 *Oh, to see my name
written in the wounds,
for through your suff'ring I am free.*

*Death is crushed to death;
life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love!*

*This the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God—slain for us.
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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The pastor will exit the chancel to the back of the sanctuary to read the closing reading.

Closing Reading

John 19:31-42

Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day). They asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.

³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. ³⁶Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷Again another Scripture says, "They will look at the one they pierced."

³⁸After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him remove Jesus' body. When Pilate gave him permission, he came and took Jesus' body away. ³⁹Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-two pounds.

⁴⁰They took Jesus' body and bound it with linen strips along with the spices, in accord with Jewish burial customs.

⁴¹There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified. And in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²So they laid Jesus there, because it was the Jewish Preparation Day, and the tomb was near.

*A loud sound, known as the **strepitus**, will follow the reading from **John 19**. This loud sound symbolizes the closing and sealing of Jesus' tomb and concludes our service. However, we do not leave tonight in despair. We look forward to our Savior rending this tomb and taking up his life again.*

*Worshippers may remain for prayer and meditation for as long as they wish. A suggested focus for meditation are introductory verses we used to begin our worship, **Hebrews 12:1-3**:*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. ²Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. ³Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

When you leave, please do so quietly.

No offering was gathered during this service. If you have a thank offering you wish to leave, you may place it in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary before you leave.

Announcements

Easter Festival Celebration — March 31

We will continue our celebration of Jesus' victory over our sin and death on Sunday morning with the following schedule:

- **9:00am:** Potluck Easter Breakfast Begins [Fellowship Hall]
- **10:00am:** Children's Egg Hunt (Ages 0-10) [Church Lawn and Playground]
- **10:30am:** Easter Festival Worship [Sanctuary]

Please invite friends or anyone else who might be interested in celebrating the triumph of our Savior—or learning more about what he's done for us.



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