

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
**KING OF ISRAEL - OMNIPRESENT**  
**MARCH 29, 2024**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** *“Messiah Hymn” (Tune 932)*

The Messiah brought new life to All the people that are His  
Giving hope and joy abounding By the grace He freely gives  
He has always been and will be Forever the God and Lord.  
He will be forever Holy And the only God adored.

The Messiah Our Immanuel Came to earth from God above.  
Phy-si-cian and one who heals us He grants us goodness and love !  
He alone can bring salvation Through His acts of love and grace.  
He gives hope, to all His people He brings “light” upon their face!

The Messiah born of Mary Son of God and Son of Man  
I’m the Healer of the nations Fulfilling the Father’s Plan!  
“I Am, Who I Am” Almighty “I Am, Who I Am” the King!  
I will rule in heaven always As the Shepherd of My sheep.

The Messiah King of Israel He is present everywhere  
Yet He gave His life as ransom On a Cross that was not fair  
He was sacrificed for all sin He alone could pay the price  
That was needed for salvation He’s the Holy sacrifice!

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

**Good Friday Litany:**

P: Jesus entered once for all into the holy place, **C:** *By means of His own blood, thus securing our eternal redemption.*

P: Therefore He is the mediator of a New Covenant **C:** *So that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance*

P: He sent redemption to His people; **C:** *He has commanded His covenant forever.*

P: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; **C:** *Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*

**Psalmody:** *Psalm 22: 1-21*

- P: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? C: *Why are You so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?*
- P: O my God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, by night, and am not silent. C: *Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the praise of Israel.*
- P: In You our fathers put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them. C: *They cried to You and were saved; In You they trusted and were not disappointed.*
- P: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. C: *All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: "He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him. Let Him deliver him, since he delights in Him.*
- P: Yet You brought me out of the womb; You made me trust in You even at my mother's breast. C: *From birth I was cast upon You; from my mother's womb You have been my God.*
- P: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. C: *Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.*
- P: Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me. C: *I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.*
- P: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. C: *My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; You lay me in the dust of death.*
- P: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. C: *I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.*
- P: They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. C: *But You, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.*
- P: Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. C: *Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.*

**ALL:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

**Collect:** 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. C: *Amen.*

**Choir** *"It Causes Me to Tremble"*

**O.T. Lesson:** *Isaiah 52: 13- 53: 12* (Lights are brought lower) *See, my servant will act wisely; He will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at Him—His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and His form marred beyond human likeness—so will He sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of Him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.*

*Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.*

*Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

*He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away. And who can speak of His descendants? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.*

*Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand. After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

**Gospel Lesson:** *Mark 15: 21-39 (Lights brought lower) And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry the cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgatha (which means Place of the Skull) And they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. And they crucified Him and divided His garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified Him.*

*And the inscription of the charge against Him read, "The King of the Jews." And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross! So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another saying, "He saved others, He cannot save Himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him.*

*And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani? Which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, He is calling out to Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come and take Him down. And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last.*

*And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. When the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"*

**Hymn:** *“Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted” 451 vs. 1- 3*

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

Tell me, you who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?  
Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;  
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save;\nBut the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.

He’s the King Who did know all things He’s the King who came to save  
He gave His life as the ransom Shedding His blood; He forgave  
All the sins of those who killed Him All the sins of all mankind  
He did suffer condemnation; Suffered alone ‘til He died!

### **Sermon**

**Hymn:** *“Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted” 451 vs. 4,5*

You who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great  
Heer may view its nature rightly Here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;  
“Tis 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, Is 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.

**Prayers:**                      **Lord’s Prayer:**

**(We leave in silence after a loud bang, to symbolize our Lord has died!)**

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