Good Friday is the day Christians recall the crucifixion and death of Jesus on the cross. Although Good Friday is one of the saddest days of the Christian year, many church traditions have continued to call it “good,” believing that Christ’s death and suffering were not in vain, but served to liberate humanity from sin and death. Scripture tells us that Christ died at the “sixth hour,” or at noon. The Good Friday noon service is a simple, sparse service of scripture, preaching, and reflective music. In this service we remember with deep sorrow the suffering and death of an innocent man who is revealed to be the Son of God.
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you, the praise of Israel,

are enthroned in holiness.

In you our forebears trusted;

they trusted and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved;

in you they trusted, and were not disappointed.

But I am a worm, and not human;

scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me,

they make mouths at me, they wag their heads;

“He committed his cause to the Lord; let the Lord deliver him.

Let the Lord rescue him, for the Lord delights in him!”

Yet it was you who took me from the womb;

you kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

Upon you I was cast from my birth,

and since my mother bore me, you have been my God.

Do not be far from me,

for trouble is near

and there is none to help.

Many bulls encompass me,

strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

they open wide their mouths at me,

like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water,

and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax,

it is melted within my breast;

my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,

and my tongue cleaves to my jaws;

you lay me in the dust of death.

Indeed, dogs surround me;

a company of evildoers encircles me;

they have pierced my hands and feet—
I can count all my bones—
   they stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them,
   and for my raiment, they cast lots.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
   my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
   those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live for ever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
   and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
   shall worship before the Lord.
For dominion belongs to the Lord
   who rules over the nations.
All who sleep in the earth
   shall bow down to the Lord.
All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord,
   and I shall live for God.
Posterity shall serve the Lord;
   each generation shall tell of the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.
   Surely the Lord has done it.

*HYMN 286
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:
how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!
What thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners’ gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! ’Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.
What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and
the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at
his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.
**GOSPEL LESSON**—John 19:13-30 *(page 107 in the pew Bible)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**—A Cross in the Heart of God

**ANTHEM**

Vere languores nostos Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

*Vere languores nostros ipse tulit, et dolores nostros ipse portavit; cujus livore sanati sumus. Dulce lignum, dulce clavos, dulcia ferens pondera.*

*Quae sola fuisti digna sustinere regem coelorum, et Dominum.*

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; and with his stripes we are healed. Sweetest wood, sweetest nails, sweetest weight is hung on thee. Thou alone wast counted worthy to hold the king of heaven and Lord of all. —*Isaiah 53:4-5*

**RECESSIONAL**

(The final three stations of the cross will be marked outside the Chapel. Those wishing to participate may follow the recessional out of the Chapel in silence. Organ music will be played after the service until 3:00 p.m. for those who wish to remain in the Chapel for meditation.)

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