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# LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good Friday

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

*God writes His Word on our Lives, building us into a Family engaged  
in Spirit-filled Service.*



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**As We Gather** Welcome to this service for Good Friday in our In View of God's Mercy series. Tonight we ponder how Jesus mercifully removed the sentence of sin against us by going to the cross to declare us not guilty

### **Invocation**

**Pastor:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: Amen.**

### **Opening Sentences**

**Pastor:** May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: In the death of Christ we have life.**

**Pastor:** Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

**People: In the death of Christ we have life.**

**Pastor:** He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities.

**People: In the death of Christ we have life.**

**Pastor:** Upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace.

**People: In the death of Christ we have life.**

**Pastor:** With His stripes we are healed.

**People: In the death of Christ we have life.**

**Pastor:** He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**People: In the death of Christ we have life. Amen.**

## The Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hymn 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872  
Text and tune: Public domain

## Confession And Absolution

**Pastor:** The scripture declares: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6). On this solemn day we reflect upon our waywardness and how our sin sent Jesus to die upon the cross.

**People:** Most merciful God, we view our Lord Jesus nailed to the cross. We confess that it is our sin that condemned him to this horrific death. We acknowledge that our transgressions deserve eternal death for us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who was crucified as the penalty for our sin, forgive us and restore us in righteousness. Renew us so that we honor him who died for us, to the glory of your holy name. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Pastor:** Hear the good news! God's Word declares: "the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). In the mercy of Almighty

God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins so that you might be made righteous through him. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

**C Amen. We are forgiven by the blood of Jesus.**

### **The Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, for us and for our salvation you were willing to be beaten, scourged, nailed to a cross and suffer death despite your innocence. Thank you for bearing the curse of our sin and for dying in our stead. In view of your mercy, form us by your Spirit to no longer live for ourselves but for him who died for us. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples, a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

### **The New Testament Reading**

Colossians 2:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the

rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

### **The Gospel Reading**

Luke 23:33-49

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." It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 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. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

# The Hymn "Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted"

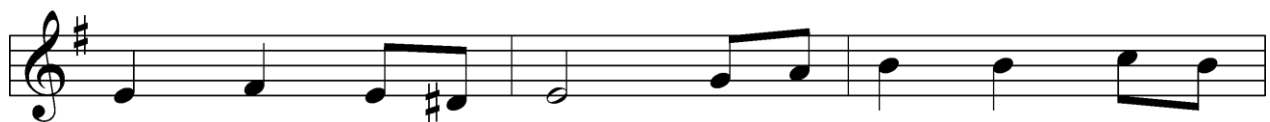
Hymn 451



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855, alt.  
Tune: Geistliche Volkslieder, 1850, Paderborn  
Text and tune: Public domain

## The Message

### The Litany Of The Cross

Pastor: Jesus, Son of God and Redeemer of the world;

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, sold by Judas for thirty pieces of silver;

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, betrayed by a friend with a kiss:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, bound by soldiers and forsaken by the disciples:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, accused by false witnesses:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, found guilty and sentenced to death:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, spat upon, blindfolded and struck on the face:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, denied three times by Peter:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, rejected in favor of Barabbas:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, whipped and bruised for our sins:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, covered with a scarlet robe and crowned with thorns:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, demanded for crucifixion by Your own people:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, laden with the heavy weight of the cross:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, stripped of Your garments and nailed to the cross:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, declaring Yourself forsaken on the cross:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, crying out in agony that it is finished:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, pierced with spear and taken down from the cross:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, laid in the tomb:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: In view of Your mercy, move us by Your Spirit to respond to Your death by living for You, to the glory of Your holy name.

**People: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor and glory and blessing. Amen.**

### **The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P: Heavenly Father, we have followed Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to the cross. Strengthen us as we face our own mortality, knowing that just as we have been united with Jesus in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His; 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.**

### **The Kyrie**

Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

**People: Grant us Your peace. Amen.**



## **THE STREPITUS**

A loud noise made by slamming a book shut symbolizing the closing of the tomb after the burial of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Solo**

*“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless”*

We will depart in silence pondering the mystery of the cross and Christ’s atoning death.

**We will return Sunday morning to celebrate the Easter message at 10:30am.**