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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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available from the ushers

**As We Gather** On this day we focus on the cross, the crucified Savior, and His life-giving death at Calvary. The cross stands by the altar, reminding us of the fact that it was on the “altar” of the cross that Christ, our sacrificial Lamb, made the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of humanity. The liturgy is a very simple one—an adaptation of the ancient liturgy of the Holy Cross.

*It's All About Death*

**The Call to Worship**

**Pastor:**Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**People:****Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and now He sits at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**The Prayer of the Day**

**Pastor:**Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

# The Hymn "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

Hymn 438



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



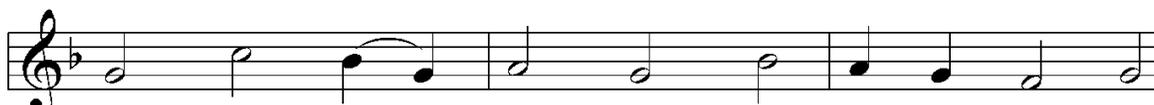
sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

## The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

- <sup>13</sup> See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.
- <sup>14</sup> 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—
- <sup>15</sup> 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?
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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.

- <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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.
- <sup>12</sup> 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.

### **The New Testament Reading**

Acts 2:22-24, 36-39

<sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it...

<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

## The Holy Gospel

John 19:17-30

<sup>17</sup> Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). <sup>18</sup> Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

<sup>19</sup> Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. <sup>21</sup> The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

<sup>24</sup> “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said,

“They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” So this is what the soldiers did.

<sup>25</sup> Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” <sup>27</sup> and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

<sup>28</sup> Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” <sup>29</sup> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. <sup>30</sup> When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

# The Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Hymn 450 v 1-4



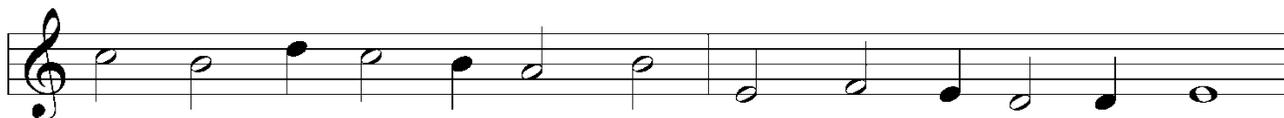
1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!  
3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!  
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.  
Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

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## The Message *IT'S ALL ABOUT DEATH*

### 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.**

## **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.**

## **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.

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.**