



Good Friday
Life On the Edge of Faith

April 7, 2023

Order of Worship

Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body onto the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Hymn "O Sacred Head" ELW 351 (vs. 1 and 2)

The First Reading Genesis 3:17-21

Prayer

P: Let us pray. Dear Father in heaven, grant to all who look to you this night the assurance that only comes from your total victory over evil. Fill us, Lord, with this life healing peace. We come before you at the invitation of your Son.

C: In his name we pray. Amen.

(Extinguish the first candle)

Meditation

Senior Choir "Thy Will Be Done, Lord"

The Second Reading Genesis 22:10-14

The Sermon Hymn "Existing on The Edge of Faith"

Existing on the edge of faith,
Christ's promised peace alone we seek
Grant us the strength to look to you,
We fear our lives are frail and weak.

Treating your son with low regard

It is our death to which we cling.
Why do we worship ancient waste
When he has come to be our king?

Teach us the humble road to walk.
Open our hearts to your embrace
Then we can show the world your love,
With acts of mercy, joy, and grace.

Prayer

P: Let us pray. Dear Father in heaven, grant to all who look to you this night the freedom which grows out of the assurance of our redemption. Fill us, Lord, with your vision of our future. We come before you at the invitation of your Son.

C: In his name we pray. Amen.

(Extinguish the second candle)

Meditation

The Third Reading Isaiah 11:6-9

Special Music by Loretta Nichols and Becky Mortenson “The Weight of the Cross”

Prayer

P: Let us pray. Dear Father in heaven, grant to all who look to you this night the courage to which freedom gives birth. Fill us, Lord, with your sense of justice. We come before you at the invitation of your Son.

C: In his name we pray. Amen.

(Extinguish the third candle)

Meditation

The Fourth Reading Matthew 1:20-23

The Hymn "O Sacred Head" ELW 351 (vs. 3 and 4)

Prayer

P: Let us pray. Dear Father in heaven, grant to all who look to you this night the faithful joy that fills us up and spills out into the world. Fill us, Lord, with the desire to touch all with your love. We come before you at the invitation of your Son.

C: In his name we pray. Amen.

(Extinguish the fourth candle)

Meditation

The Final Reading Luke 23:44-49

The Lord's Prayer

The Hymn "Were You There?" ELW 353 (vs. 1-3)

(Extinguish the last candle)

(The congregation may leave in silence.)