

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

March 25, 2018
Six O'clock

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” John 12:27-32 (ESV)

Lord Jesus, as the events of “Easter Week” began to unfold, the exuberant “Hosannas” gave way to the great disturbance in your soul—no hesitation, but profound consternation. No surprises awaited you, just an overwhelming assignment, which you helped plan before the world began (Eph. 1:3-14).

Within days, you would take the judgment we deserve to give us the grace we could never earn. At the end of the week, your “bruised heel” (Gen. 3:15) would crush the head of the “ruler of this world” and cast him down in defeat—once and for all (Jn. 12:30).

At the end of the week, you would gladly pay the price of redemption for the salvation of God’s immense covenant family—children of grace, redeemed from every nation, tribe, people, and language; daughters and sons of mercy, as numerous as the stars in the sky, the sand of the beaches, and the dust of the earth (Gen. 12-17).

It was for this purpose you came from eternity into time and space. For this very reason you emptied yourself of your glory by taking the form of a servant—the Lord’s Servant; to this end you became obedient—even obedient to death on the cross (Phil. 2:5-11). Understandably so, Lord Jesus, your heart was overwhelmed.

As the events of our week now unfold, grant us grace to slow our pace and quiet our hearts, that we might survey the wonders of your cross and the greatness of your love. So very Amen we pray, in your holy and grace-full name. (Scotty Smith, *365 Everyday Prayers*)

Call to Worship Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

Invocation Rev, Knox Baird

Hymn 650 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Responsive Reading Isaiah 53:3-12

MINISTER: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

PEOPLE: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

MINISTER: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

PEOPLE: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

MINISTER: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

PEOPLE: By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

MINISTER: And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

PEOPLE: **Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when
his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong
his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.**

MINISTER: Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge
shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he
shall bear their iniquities.

ALL: **Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the
spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered
with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for
the transgressors.**

Songbook 35 How Deep the Father's Love
(Children will be dismissed to 4 Corners on last verse.)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Sermon Mr. Matthew Wiggins

Hymn 246 Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Benediction

Postlude



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