

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
April 2, 2021  
*Good Friday*

***Isaiah 53:1-3***

*Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*

***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.*

***He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.***

*Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

**Opening Prayer**

Holy God, we come to worship in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death. We come with his friends, the men and women who have followed him in every place and generation, to hear once again this story of service and betrayal, of weakness and courage. We come to witness your love in action. Be with us, we pray, in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God.  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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***The Old Rugged Cross***

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain:* So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
'Til my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

O, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God, left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain*

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## ***Go To Dark Gethsemane***

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;  
Our Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour:  
Turn not from His griefs away, learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame or loss, learn from Him to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there adoring at His feet,  
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete:  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry, learn from Jesus Christ to die.

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## **Call to Confession: *Isaiah 53:4-6***

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

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace, we come before You with amazing wonder  
that we can hope in Your forgiveness.**

**We are all guilty.**

**We humbly come before You  
to ask forgiveness of our great and many sins,  
not just now and briefly, not once – but seventy times seven.**

**Forgive us completely.**

**Grant us Your grace to turn from our own path  
so that we may stand before You  
cleansed, forgiven and secure.**

**In Your name, Amen.**

## **Assurance: *Colossians 2:13-14***

*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.*

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### ***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 art Thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!

What Thou, my Lord, hast 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; vouch-safe 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.

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**Scripture:** *Luke 9:23-26 (ESV)*

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? <sup>26</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

*Luke 23:26-27 (ESV)*

<sup>26</sup> And as they led Jesus away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup> And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him.

*Matthew 27:33-34 (ESV)*

<sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Monologue:** *Simon of Cyrene*

***Were You There?***

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

(Those present are asked to depart in silence.)

You are invited to  
celebrate the resurrection  
of our Risen Lord  
with us on  
Sunday, April 4  
at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.  
in person or online at  
<https://firstcrcllynden.org/livestream/>.

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