

## Sixth Word from the Cross

Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

John 19:29-30

<sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## Hymn

Congregation

### Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Man of sorrows! What a name for the Son of God Who came ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood, sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He. Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry. Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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## Communion

### Explanation, Invitation, Participation

*All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.*

*Elders and deacons will distribute the elements to each row.*

## Communion Meditations

Adult Choir

### Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy

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### Behold the Lamb of God

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## Last Word from the Cross

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Luke 23:44-46

<sup>44</sup>It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>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.

## Draping of the Table

## Hymn

Congregation

### I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

For me it was in the garden He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine"; He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

*How marvelous! How wonderful—and my song shall ever be—  
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own; He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see, 'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

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## Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Isaiah 53:3-5

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>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.

## Darkness

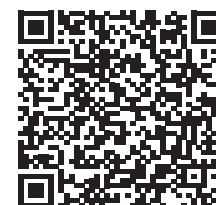
## Dismissal in Silence

*Please leave the worship service quietly, reflecting on Jesus' sacrificial death on our behalf, in eager expectation of Easter Sunday.*

*We invite you to join us for worship on Easter morning, as we celebrate our risen Savior! Our worship services are at 9am and 11am, with a special time of fellowship in between services.*

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# Good Friday

## APRIL 7, 2023

# Alexandria Presbyterian Church

# Holy Worship Service

*Childcare is available for ages 4 and under.  
Please silence cell phones and electronic devices.*

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

From John 1:11-12 and 3:17-19

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## Hymn

Congregation

### Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?  
Was it for sins that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

*My God, why would You shed Your blood, so pure and undefiled,  
to make a sinful one like me Your chosen, precious child?*

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in,  
when Christ the mighty Maker died for man the creature's sin;  
thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears,  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.

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## Prayer for Illumination

Ben Elliott, Director of Music Ministries

Most gracious Father, look with mercy upon Your children gathered here, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and put to death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of His passion; through Him who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

## Scripture Reading | The Words We Contributed

Ryan Furgerson

Matthew 27:15-26

Reader: <sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said,

**People: "Barabbas."**

Reader: <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said,

**People: "Let him be crucified!"**

Reader: <sup>23</sup>And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

**People: "Let him be crucified!"**

Reader: <sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

<sup>25</sup>And all the people answered,

**People: "His blood be on us and on our children!"**

Reader: <sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

## First Word from the Cross

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Luke 23:32-38

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

<sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>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!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

## Choral Meditation

Adult Choir

### Depth of Mercy

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?  
Can my God His wrath forbear? Me, the chief of sinners, spare?

There for me the Savior stands, holding forth His wounded hands:  
God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps, and loves me still.

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## Second Word from the Cross

Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life

Luke 23:39-43

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

## Hymn

Congregation

### The King In All His Beauty

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal;  
behold the Lord of Majesty exalted in His temple.

As symphonies of angels' praise now strain to sound His glory,  
come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

*How worthy, how worthy, how worthy the King in all His beauty.*

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters;  
the sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.

As Earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury,  
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor,  
the hope of every tribe and tongue; His kingdom is forever!  
Bring praise and honor to His courts, bring wisdom, power, blessing;  
for endless ages we'll adore the King in all His beauty.

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## Third Word from the Cross

Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

John 19:25-27

<sup>25</sup>Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## Hymn

Congregation

### Here Is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,  
when the Prince of Life our Ransom shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above;  
heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

That same love beyond all measure, mocked and slain by hateful men,  
lives and reigns in resurrection and can never die again.  
Here is love for all the ages; radiant Sun of Heav'n, He stands  
calling home His Father's children, holding forth His wounded hands.

Here is love, vast as the heavens; countless as the stars above  
are the souls that He has ransomed-precious daughters, treasured sons.  
We are called to feast forever on a love beyond our time;  
glorious Father, Son, and Spirit now with man are intertwined.

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## Fourth Word from the Cross

Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Mark 15:33-34

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

## Instrumental Meditation

Becky Mason, flute

Georg Philipp Telemann—Fantasia in E Minor, TWV 40:9

## Fifth Word from the Cross

Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life

John 19:28

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."