



Rouzerville Community
Good Friday Service
March 25, 2016
7 p.m.

- Participants -

Church of the Brethren
Joe Detrick, Retired Pastor
United Methodist Church
Robert Marsh, Pastor
Gary Cramer, Organist
Megan Knepper, Director of Music
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Vicar
Brenda Rice, Organist

The service of Good Friday includes the Bidding Prayers. The Bidding Prayers serve as the prayers of intercession. This form of prayer is among the church's most ancient, and invites quiet reflection between bids, which are invitations to prayer. There is no communion, blessing, or dismissal on Good Friday. We gather as we continue our journey toward the cross and we use this time to quietly reflect upon the great love God has for the world. This is truly a marvelous love, a love so great that God chose to be incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth and live among the people. Jesus chose to suffer and die for the sake of the Gospel, to die a death that becomes our death, and to rise again in a resurrection that becomes ours through Christ.

We invite all to the annual Community Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. at Harbaugh Cemetery. Speaker will be Vicar Pam Illick of Trinity Church. Following the service the United Methodist Church will host a pancake breakfast. All are invited.

Community Good Friday Service March 29, 2013

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as triumphant servant/king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to reflect upon and celebrate Christ’s life-giving sacrifice and passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world, for whom Christ died.

The Good Friday service begins with a minimal gathering rite—simply the Prayer of the Day.

This evening there will be no collection of your offering. Instead there are baskets at the exits into which you may place your financial gifts as you leave the church. The offering supports our community Vacation Bible School.

Prayer of the Day (*Assembly stands.*)

☐ Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

☑ **Amen.**

Opening Hymn “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*”ELW 803

The assembly is seated.

Psalm 22 (*Responsively*) Women read the regular print. Men read the bold print.

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from the words of my groaning?

²**My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.**

³Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴**Our ancestors put their trust in you;**
they trusted, and you rescued them.

⁵They cried to you, and were delivered;
they trusted in you, and were not put to shame.

⁶**But as for me, I am a worm, and not human;**
scorned by all, and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads;

⁸**Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;**
let God rescue him if God so delights in him.

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;**
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me,
for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

¹²**Many bulls encircle me;**
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴**I am poured out like water;**
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

¹⁶**Packs of dogs close me in,**
a band of evildoers circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones
while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸**They divide my garments among them:**
for my clothing, they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid!

²⁰**Deliver me from the sword,**
my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of the wild bulls you have rescued me.

- ²²**I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**
- ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise!
All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel!
- ²⁴**For the LORD does not despise
nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those
who fear the LORD.
- ²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations
shall bow before God.
- ²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who he rules over the nations.**
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth
shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust,
though they be dead,
shall kneel before the LORD.
- ³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD;
whom they shall proclaim
to generations to come.**
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance
to a people yet unborn,
saying to them,
"The LORD has acted!"

Offering of Music.....United Methodist Choir
 "Gethsemane" from *Journey to Hope* by J. M. Martin

The Passion According to St. John..... John 18-1 – 19:42

Sermon *"When God Was Thirsty"* Joe Detrick

Bidding Prayers

*(The Bidding Prayers are prayed together with time for silent mediation.
The assembly is seated.)*

- ☞ Brothers and sisters, let us pray, for the holy church throughout the world, that God will guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship in peace and tranquility.**

Silent Prayer

- ☞** Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.

- ☞ Let us pray for our pastors and lay leaders in the church throughout the world, all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.**

Silent Prayer

- ☞** Loving God, your spirit guides the Church and makes it Holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors and all spiritual leaders; keep them in health and safety for the sake of the church, and help each of us to faithfully do the work to which you called us. We ask this through Christ Jesus.

☞ Amen.

- ☞ Let us pray for all our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Christ, that God may gather and bind together Christians throughout the world.**

Silent Prayer

- ☞** Creating God, you call your church to unity in Christ. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus, his life and his teachings. We are all consecrated to you by our baptism. Make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ Jesus.

☞ Amen.

- ☞ Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to the**

Gospel of God's love for humanity, as shown in Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayer

- ☐ God, who is Wisdom, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the Gospel. Help us, your people, to grow in love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of God, and so to become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people. We ask this through Christ Jesus.

☑ **Amen.**

- ☑ **Let us pray for those who doubt the existence of God, that they may find the love that will sustain them through the trials and temptations of life.**

Silent Prayer

- ☐ God, who is knowledge, you created humanity so that all might long to know you and have peace in you. Grant that, in spite of the hurtful things that stand in their way, all may recognize in the lives of Christians the tokens of your love and mercy, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God, Creator of all that is. We ask this through Christ Jesus.

☑ **Amen.**

- ☑ **Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their hearts and minds as they make decisions that affect your people. Be with us in our struggle for justice and peace in the world.**

Silent Prayer

- ☐ God of the poor and marginalized, you hold a special love for the poor and oppressed, those who are rejected and despised. In your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ Jesus.

☑ **Amen.**

- ☑ **Let us pray with one heart that through us God may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, thirst, and disease.**

Silent Prayer

P Healing God, you give us strength for the journey and courage when we lose heart. Hear the prayers of your people as we call upon you in any trouble, that we may have the joy of receiving your Holy Spirit and of being your hands in the world. We ask this through Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

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.**

Meditation on the Cross (*Assembly stands.*)

P Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

C Oh, come, let us worship him.

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P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless your holy name.

C By your death on the cross, you have redeemed the world.

Departing Hymn..... *"Were You There"*ELW 353

Depart in Silence