

the cross and the
unbearable lightness
of being

good friday
the congregation of mark the evangelist

Preparing for Worship Today

- Welcome to this service of worship at Mark the Evangelist!
- Today's service does end with a postlude but applause should be held until Sunday...
- Congregational responses are printed in ***bold italics***.



A SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prelude D Buxtehude *Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder*

*Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder
Straf nicht in deinem Zorn,
Dein' ersten Grimm doch linder,
Sonst ist's mit mir verlorn.
Ach Herr, wollst mir vergeben
Mein Sünd und gnädig sein,
Daß ich mag ewig leben,
Entfliehn der Höllenpein.*

*Ah Lord, poor sinner that I am,
do not punish me in your wrath,
yet soften your grave fury,
or else all is lost for me.
Ah Lord, if you will only forgive my sin
and be merciful to me,
then I may live forever,
escaping the torment of hell.*

The Gathering of the People of God

(We stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space)

The word of the prophet

Isaiah 52:13-15

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 331 (tune 497) Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

The grass withers, the flower fades;
***but the word of our God
will stand for ever.***

Philippians 2:1-11 *He humbled himself*

Hymn 256 From heaven you came
(We remain seated for this hymn)

Luke 9:44-48, 51-56 *He set his face to go to Jerusalem*

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preaching of the Word

*The text of the sermon will normally
be available after worship and online*

Response (soloist) Hymn 356 Here hangs a man discarded

A veneration of the cross from the Cistercian tradition

O Cross of Christ,
on you the life of the world was nailed,
on you Jesus has triumphed:
death destroyed by death!

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour, your cross gives us life!

Behold the tree of life,
on which what was pure was corrupted,
that the corrupt might be made pure:
Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the Saviour of the world holds out his hands
to embrace us all, in his forgiveness:

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the blood of the new Adam
gathers all people into one Body:
Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the Father's beloved opens
the gates of the kingdom:
Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the Son of Man gives the Spirit
while breathing his last
within the Father's hands:
Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the light of the world shines
in the darkness in order to accomplish
the Passover of the universe:
Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him.
If we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Prayers of the People

God of the resurrecting cross, in your mercy
hear our prayer

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 351 *Lift high the cross*

Benediction

Postlude J.S. Bach *Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder*

We depart quietly

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