



Baldwin Christian Reformed Church

*Rooted in God's Word, Growing in the Faith, Bearing Fruit
in the World*

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020

Welcome to worship outside the walls of Baldwin CRC! As we gather for worship in front of television, computer, tablet, or smartphone screens, in homes, care facilities, or on the road, we know that God continues to reign, that he is present with us as we worship in spirit and in truth. We pray that while COVID-19 has put all of us out of our normal routines, we would remember his love, his grace, and the hope that he alone can offer to us through his Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

God Gathers Us

Welcome

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer: Psalm 116:1-4,15-19

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, save me!"...

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains.

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord—in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord.

God's Greeting

Opening Song: **At the Cross (Love Ran Red)** (Tomlin)

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red
And my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red
And my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down, here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down, here I bow down

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red
And my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You
I owe all to You, I owe all to You

Jesus, Savior of the world, Jesus, Savior of the world
Your love ran red, Your love ran red

Opening Song: **Beneath the Cross**

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Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own—

Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus—
The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

God Nurtures Our Faith

Children's Message and Prayer: "The sun stops shining" from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (pg. 302-309; The Crucifixion, from Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19)

Scripture: Matthew 27:32-50

As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" — which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

Homily: I believe in Jesus Christ who was crucified.

Prayer

Song: **Man of Sorrows—What a Name** (Bliss)

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 heaven 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, hallelujah, what a Savior!

Scripture: Matthew 27:51-56

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Homily: I believe in Jesus Christ who died.

Prayer

Song: **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded** (Hassler)

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded,
With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

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,
Vouchsafe 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.

Scripture: Matthew 27:57-61

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

Homily: I believe in Jesus Christ who was buried.

Prayer

Song: **Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (At the Cross)** (Watts)

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 crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

Refrain: At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away—
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day.

But drops of grief cannot repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away—
It's all that I can do!

Refrain

We Cling to the Sacrifice of Jesus as Our Hope in Life and in Death

Call to Confession: Psalm 141:3-4

Leader: Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips. Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil, to take part in wicked deeds with men who are evildoers; let me not eat of their delicacies.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 143:1-2, 5-7

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.

All: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Leader: I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. I spread out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

All: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 143:8-10

Leader: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift my soul. Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord, for I hide myself in you. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Song of Response: **Behold the Lamb**

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us –and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Torn for you–eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you–drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond–and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ

As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

Benediction

A recorded Good Friday service will be available beginning at 12:30pm tomorrow on the Roberts Congregational UCC YouTube page.

Join us for our Easter celebration online on Sunday morning at 9:30am!