# March 29, 2023

## REVERENCE

Salutation

## RECONCILIATION

## REVELATION

Doxology

Homily......John 10:7-18

Peter Morissette

7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless."

- G.K. Chesterton

"The more bitterness we taste in sin, the more sweetness we shall taste in Christ....Our sins should humble us, but they must not discourage us from coming to Christ."

- Thomas Watson

"There was the Son of God being so himself that even a Gentile executioner sensed it. On the cross we see the Bridegroom, loving to death; the Lord of glory, giving out his life; the Lord of hosts, crushing Satan; the King, enthroned."

— Michael Reeves

"Much have I endured on that hill of hostile fates:

I saw the God of hosts cruelly stretched out.

Darkness had covered with its clouds the Ruler's corpse,

that shining radiance. Shadows spread

grey under the clouds; all creation wept.

mourned the King's fall: Christ on the cross."

— from Dream of the Rood\*

\*Rood is the Anglo-Saxon word for Cross

## RESPONSE

Song of Response .....Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

## RENEWAL

Lord's Supper

Invitation & Prayer

Congregational Response

Distribution of the Elements

Song of Renewal......*Stricken, Smitten, Afflicted*(Instrumental)

## REST

Please leave the service in silence following Communion

## RELEVANCE

#### **Good Friday**

Jesus was taken into the Roman courts, before Pontias Pilate and Herod Antipas, who sent him back to the Jewish court. Roman soldiers took him to Golgatha, "the place of the skull", where he was crucified.

"On this day, the church commemorates Jesus' arrest (since by Jewish customs of counting days from sundown to sundown it was already Friday), his trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial."

#### Readings

- Isaiah 52:13-53
- Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
- John 18:1-19:42

## Praver

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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.

#### Saturday

Jesus rested in the tomb while his disciples observed the Sabbath.

"This is the seventh day of the week, the day Jesus rested in the tomb. In the first three Gospel accounts this was the Jewish Sabbath, which provided appropriate symbolism of the seventh day rest."

"It is traditionally a day of quiet meditation as Christians contemplate the darkness of a world without a future and without hope apart from God and his grace."

"Holy Saturday has traditionally been a time of reflection and waiting, the time of weeping that lasts for the night while awaiting the joy that comes in the morning (Psalm 30:5)."

#### **Announcements**

# EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

10:30am

## EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Join us for brunch <u>before</u>
Easter service at 9:15am.
Please bring food to share:
(first letter of last name)
A-I: Something Sweet
(cookies, pancakes...)
J-S: Something Savory (egg casserole, bagels, sausage,...)
T-Z: Something Fresh (fruit,

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