

“CRUCIFIED IN YOUR PLACE”

Text - John 19:28 - 30 “Later, knowing that all was completed... Jesus said: ‘It is finished.’ With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.”

Introduction – There are no words, no language that can properly describe the profound feelings that seize us on this Day. There is no mental capacity that can properly grasp the enormity of what just happened: God’s only Son’s body hangs lifeless on the cross. He was so disfigured by the violent beating he took in our place that one could hardly see that this was a man. His suffering came to an end.

The redemption of the world had been accomplished.

1 – It is finished.

2 – Adam and Eve: first to hear the promise of a Savior.

3 – It was reaffirmed to Noah in the flood.

4 – Israel heard it repeatedly in the desert.

5 – Many prophets proclaimed it in the Promised Land.

6 – God’s people were told of the Redemption for 2000 years!

7 – Jesus taught it for three years. Now, it was finished.

Conclusion – On this day we honor Jesus’ death on the cross in quiet resignation. We do make the connection between his death and our guilt. Let us not remain silent about what just happened. Our task starts where Jesus’ task ended. We must first return to the empty grave and see the glorious power of our God at work in the resurrection of our Lord. And then, live the new life devoid of the threat of death He conquered for us! Come to Calvary’s Holy mountain! Amen.

Holy Communion Procedures

We will resume serving Holy Communion at both services on Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021, and at all three services on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. Going forward, we will serve the Sacrament at both services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Some procedures will be changed until we are able to get back to normal.

You will be ushered via the center aisle to the table on your side of the church, either in groups of two people or in family units. We will not maintain a line in the center aisle, so stay in your pew until it is time for you to approach the table. Pastor will speak the words of institution from behind the altar, at which time you will remove your mask, eat the wafer and drink the wine, and immediately replace your mask. Place the napkin and empty cup in the waste receptacle as you return to your pew via the outside aisle.

Waste receptacles will be placed in the same locations where members formerly placed their used individual cups. A hand sanitizer will be on the altar and will be used anytime anyone needs to touch anything on the two serving tables. The small table next to the altar will have a supply of napkins, wafers, gluten-free wafers and filled individual cups, both regular wine and non-alcoholic wine. Ushers, elders and members will wear masks and Pastor and Kim will wear masks when they commune and when Pastor goes to members in the pew.