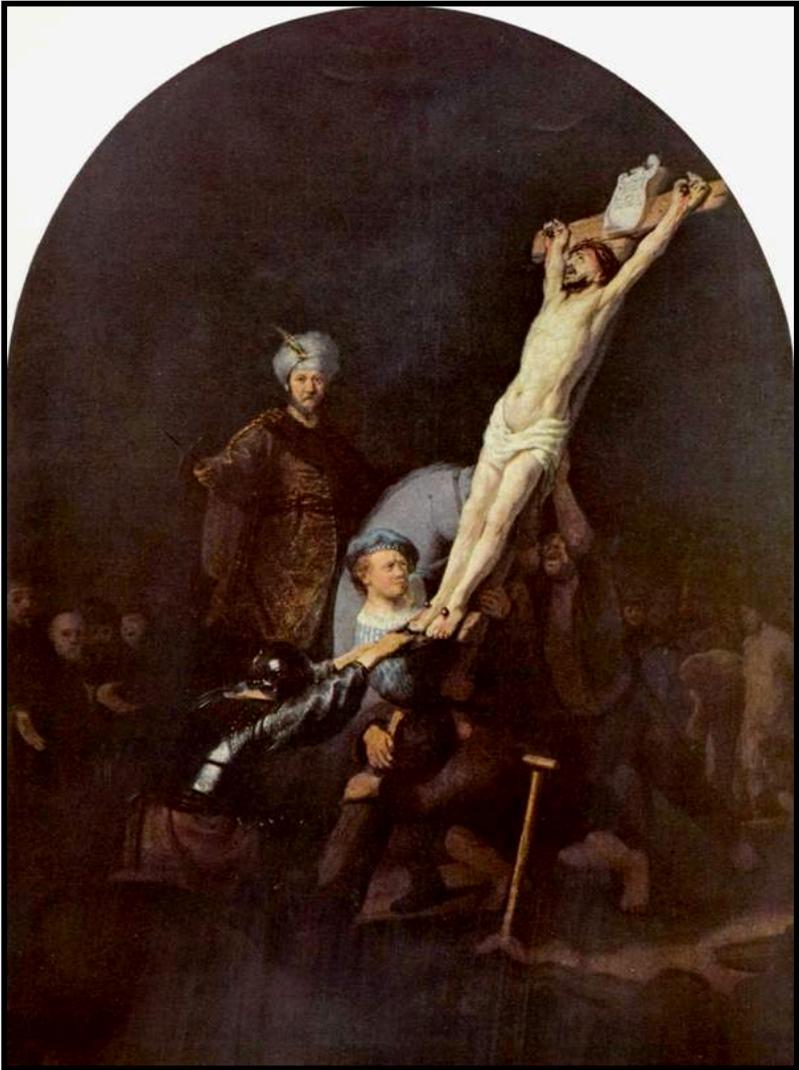


April 3, 2015  
Good Friday Service



This is Rembrandt's portrait *The Artist Struggles to Depict "The Crucifixion"*. Rembrandt is the spot-lit figure in the beret. Accompanied by studio assistants or other representations of himself, he struggles to raise his work of art "The Crucifixion". The scene is a visual metaphor for the struggle in his own mind to create his painting and art's archetypal subject is not *The Raising of the Cross* but *The Crucifixion*.

Prelude

Seth Pendergast

[Please silence your mobile devices]

Welcome

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Silent Reflection

*Loving God, we know that you seek the lost and wandering sheep. May our worship today be a means through which many come to know you and to trust in Jesus as their Savior. Amen.*

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

†Call to Worship

*Isaiah 53:3-5*

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

**And as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows

**Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities

**Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.**

†Hymn

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

**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**

[Hymn continues on next page]

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†Congregation stands

**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 for ever  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love to thee**

**Be near when I am dying,  
O show thy cross to me  
And for my succor flying  
Come, Lord, to set me free  
These eyes, new faith receiving  
From Jesus shall not move  
For he who dies believing  
Dies safely, through thy love**

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## Confession of Sin

*Psalm 103:8-10*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Let us confess our sins together in unison prayer:

**Loving God, we know that you love us, so we confess that we have let you down. Every day we betray you, deny you, misunderstand you, crucify you. We betray you when we are selfish or unkind. We deny you when we do not speak out for justice and truth. We truly confess our sins to you and wait for your word of love. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

[Silent time of confession]

Assurance of Pardon

*Psalm 103:11-12*

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**Thanks be unto you, Lord Jesus!**

Special Music

Seth & Monica Pendergast

Elder Prayer

Elder Don Paris

Old Testament Reading

*Excerpts from Isaiah 53:6-12*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-- every one-- to his own way

**And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth

**Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.**

It was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief

**When his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring.**

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors;

**Yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.**

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

†Hymn

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

**How deep the Father's love for us  
 How vast beyond all measure  
 That He should give His only Son  
 To make a wretch His treasure**

**How great the pain of searing loss  
 The Father turns His face away  
 As wounds which mar the chosen One  
 Bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the Man upon a cross  
 My sin upon His shoulders  
 Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
 Call out among the scoffers**

**It was my sin that left Him there  
 Until it was accomplished  
 His dying breath has brought me life  
 I know that it is finished**

[Hymn continues on next page]

**I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection**

**Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom?**

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Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

†Hymn

Amazing Love

**I'm forgiven  
Because You were forsaken,  
I'm accepted,  
You were condemned.  
I am alive and well,  
Your spirit is within me,  
Because You died and rose again.**

**Amazing love,  
How can it be  
That You, my King,  
Should die for me?  
Amazing love,  
I know it's true.  
It's my joy to honor You,  
In all I do, I honor You.**

**You are my King  
You are my King, Jesus (2x)**

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†Hymn

Jesus Messiah

**He became sin, who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing**

**Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all**

**His body the bread, His blood, the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing**

(Chorus)

**All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world**

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†Benediction

## **Please Join Us For Our Easter Weekend Activities**

Saturday – EGGZTRAVAGANZA! 9:30-11:00

Sunday – Easter Breakfast: 9:15 (Bring food at 9:00)

Sunday – Easter Worship: 10:30

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