

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Minister:* Let us pray. Almighty God,  
look graciously, we pray, on this your family  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ  
was willing to be betrayed  
and given into the hands of sinners,  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who now lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.

<sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—

<sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

<sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40: 1-14

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>**He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**

<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are those who make  
the LORD their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.**

<sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.

<sup>6</sup>**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, "Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

<sup>8</sup>**I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."**

<sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O LORD.

<sup>10</sup>**I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**

<sup>11</sup>Do not, O LORD, withhold  
your mercy from me;  
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
keep me safe forever.

<sup>12</sup>**For evils have encompassed me  
without number;  
my iniquities have overtaken me,  
until I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of my head,  
and my heart fails me.**

<sup>13</sup>Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me;  
O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>14</sup>**Let all those be put to shame and confusion  
who seek to snatch away my life;  
let those be turned back and brought to dishonor  
who desire my hurt.**

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:16-25

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the  
sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened  
for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a  
great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full  
assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience  
and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession  
of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And  
let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not  
neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one  
another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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\* THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

John 18: 1 –19:16

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place  
where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.<sup>2</sup>Now Judas,  
who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with  
his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with  
police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with  
lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that was to  
happen to him, came forward and asked them, “Whom are you looking  
for?” <sup>5</sup>They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas,  
who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, “I  
am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Again he asked them,  
“Whom are you looking for?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus  
answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these  
men go.” <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a  
single one of those whom you gave me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, who had a

sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup>Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

<sup>12</sup>So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup>Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. <sup>19</sup>Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup>One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

<sup>28</sup>Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup>They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

<sup>19:1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

<sup>8</sup>Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." <sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

<sup>13</sup>When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." <sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

SERMON

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HYMN 292

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross      Wondrous Love*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the  
Prince of Glory died; my richest gain I  
count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and  
love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and  
sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an  
offering far too small; love so amazing,  
so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*There is no dismissal.*

*The congregation departs in silence.*

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*We will gather again at 12pm at St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
in Conway to continue our observance of Good Friday.*

# First United Methodist Church & Saint Anne's Episcopal Church

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Good Friday Service

9:00 a.m.

*The Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

*The Service begins in Silence*

*All shall stand as the ministers enter.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Minister:* All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one to his own way,

*People:* **And the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.**

*Minister:* Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

*People:* **Even death on a cross.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister:* Almighty God,  
*All:* **our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned in thought and word and deed;  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We pray you of your mercy,  
forgive us all that is past,  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**