

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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"In memory of Eugene"

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- Angie Federer
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- Those impacted by the coronavirus

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Today's Worship Ministers: **All of us – wherever we are**
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Good Friday: The Tree and Its Fruit

April 2, 2021

Sunday worship – 9:00 a.m.

**Welcome to worship.
May you know the presence of God in this time.**

In this service for Good Friday, we remember that Jesus preached that good trees can be recognized by their fruits. Despite its appearance, the tree of the cross on Good Friday proved to be the best tree of all, because by Christ's death upon it came the fruit of everlasting life.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Musical Call to Worship

Call to Worship

By a tree death entered the world.

And by a tree death was destroyed.

A good tree is recognized by its fruit.

The first tree's fruit was poison.

The second tree's fruit was life-giving.

A good tree is recognized by its fruit.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was off limits.

A good tree is recognized by its fruit.

Good Friday's tree wins forgiveness for all people.

A good tree is recognized by its fruit.

The tree of the cross is the best tree of all.

By Christ's death it bears the fruit of everlasting life.

A good tree is recognized by its fruit.

Opening Hymn on supplement "The Power of the Cross"

Confession and Absolution

On this dark day we remember that it is our sin that nailed Jesus to the tree.

Most merciful God, in the garden of Eden the people you created, tasted the fruit of the forbidden tree and brought sin into the world. Their sinfulness has been passed down to us. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We daily bite the ugly fruit of temptation and give in to the devil, the

world and our own sinful flesh. We are guilty of crucifying you on the tree of the cross because of what we have done and left undone. Because of the death of your Son, Jesus, forgive us of all of our sins. Feed us with the fruit that delivers the gift of eternal life.

Jesus Christ tasted the bitter fruit of death as he hung on the cross to take on the punishment of all of your sins. Good Friday's tree bears the fruit of salvation and forgiveness. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Because of his death for the sin of the world you are forgiven of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song for Reflection on supplement "Were You There"

Bible Reading

Matthew 7:15-20

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Pastor's Message

"The fruit of the tree is life"

The Prayers of the People

on supplement

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

on supplement

"Abide With Me"

The **Streptitus**, a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb, is sounded at this time.

All leave in silence.