

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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Pastor  
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## COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE THE WORDS FROM THE CROSS April 3, 2015 – 12:00 Noon—3:00 P.M.

12:00 Noon

### TOLLING OF CHIMES

### OPENING RITE

INVOCATION (stand)

*Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.*

**Congre: Oh, come, let us worship him.** (Repeat dialogue twice, louder each time)

HOLY SCRIPTURE: Mark 15:1-26 (be seated)

PRAYER (spoken in unison) (stand)

**Almighty God, look with loving 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. Amen**

12:05

### THE FIRST WORD

“FATHER, FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO.”

INVOCATION (stand)

*Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.*

**Congre: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

HYMN

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

THE WORD (be seated)

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 53:4-6

Anthem

Gospel: Luke 23:32-38

Homily

Pastor William Esborn

PRAYER

“Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes” (Part I, vss. 1-3)

12:30

## THE SECOND WORD

“MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?”

INVOCATION (stand)

*Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.*

**Congre: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Hymn “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

THE WORD (be seated)

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 22:1-2

Anthem

Gospel: Mark 15:33-35

Homily

Pastor Gay Irwin

PRAYER

“Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes” (Part IV, vss. 10-12)

12:55

## THE THIRD WORD

“TODAY YOU SHALL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.”

INVOCATION (stand)

*Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.*

**Congre: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Hymn “In the Hour of Trial”

THE WORD (be seated)

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50:4; 51:1

Anthem

Gospel: Luke 23:39-43

Homily

Mr. Samuel Leister

PRAYER

“Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes” (Part II, vss. 4-6)

1:20

## THE FOURTH WORD

“WOMAN, BEHOLD YOUR SON; BEHOLD, YOUR MOTHER.”

INVOCATION (stand)

*Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.*

**Congre: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Hymn “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

THE WORD (be seated)

Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 12:10

Anthem

Gospel: John 19:23-27

Homily

Pastor Stephanie Rupert

PRAYER "Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes" (Part III, vss. 7-9)

1:45

### THE FIFTH WORD

"I THIRST."

INVOCATION (stand)

*Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.*

**Congre: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Hymn "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

THE WORD (be seated)

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 22:14-15; Psalm 69:21

Anthem

Gospel: John 19:28-29

Homily

Pastor William Esborn

PRAYER "Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes" (Part V, vss. 13-15)

2:10

### THE SIXTH WORD

"IT IS FINISHED."

INVOCATION (stand)

*Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.*

**Congre: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vss. 1-3)

THE WORD (be seated)

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:5-6

Anthem

Gospel: John 19:30

Homily

Pastor Chris Mathiason

PRAYER "Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes" (Part VI, vss. 16-18)

2:35

### THE SEVENTH WORD

"FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT."

INVOCATION (stand)

*Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.*

**Congre: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Hymn "Glory Be to Jesus"

THE WORD (be seated)

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:1

Anthem

Gospel: Luke 23:44-49

PRAYER “Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes” (Part VII, vss. 19-21)

2:55

**THE CLOSING RITE**

INVOCATION (stand)

*Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.*

**Congre: Oh, come, let us worship him.** (Repeat dialogue twice, louder each time)

PRAYER (spoken in unison)

**Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

CLOSING HYMN “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

CLOSING CHIMES

*Worshippers may remain for silent meditation and prayer after the service.*

WE WELCOME OUR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS from the other churches of the community and appreciate the opportunity that is ours as fellow Christians to worship together. Messiah is glad to have you as our guests today and we pray that the service will be a rich blessing to you.

WE THANK ALL WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY.

THE OFFERING PLATES are located in the rear. The offering will be given to the Mifflin/Mifflintown Area Ministerium for its continued ministry to our community.

RESTROOMS AND NURSERY ARE LOCATED through the door at the rear of the nave. No nursery attendant is provided today, but parents are welcome to take their children there and listen to the service (the control knob for the PA system is beside the hallway door).

THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE will be held on Sunday, April 5, 2015 at Trinity United Methodist Church with Pastor Stephanie Rupert preaching. Service will begin at 6:15 a.m., gathering at the river, then processing to the church. (If the weather is inclement, service will be held at the church).

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