

***THE GOSPEL:**

SERMON: Rev. Sherman Berkey

OFFERING

***PRAYERS**

P As we journey to Easter's fountain of life, let us pray for the world, the church, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Hear our prayers, O merciful God, as we eagerly await the day of resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

P May God restore in you the joy of salvation, strengthen your love for your neighbor, and grant you to live in harmony with all creation; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

C Amen

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Make known the Savior of the world.

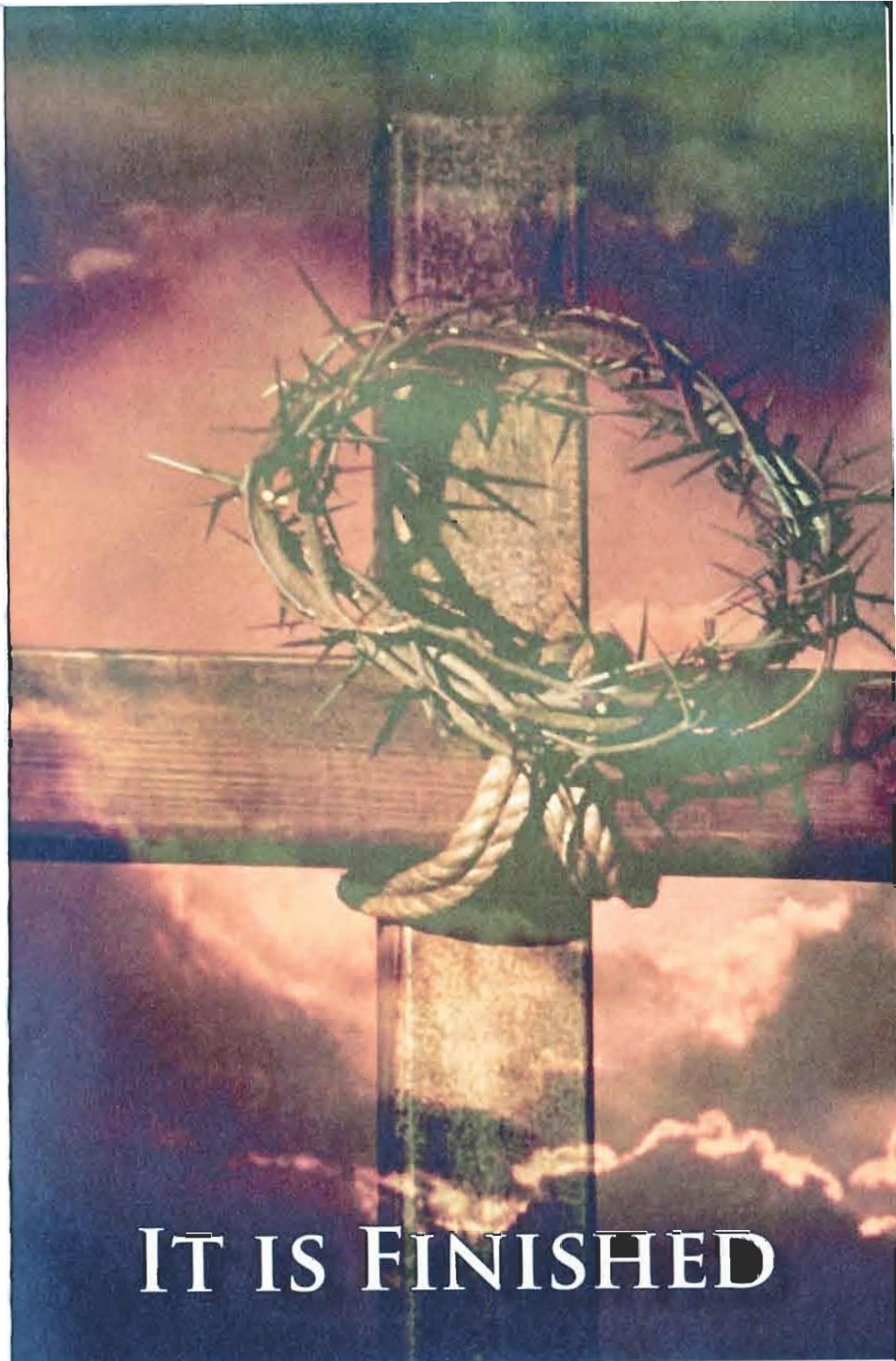
C Thanks be to God.

***CLOSING HYMN** 94 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

***Please stand, if you are able.**

ACOLYTE: Brianna Leydig

USHERS: Carey Brant, Larry Shober and Doran Walker



IT IS FINISHED

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GOOD FRIDAY

Noon service

April 2, 2010

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Fear and fascination drew observers to the first Holy Friday.

These emotions have attracted people ever since.

PEOPLE: **We cannot flee from the pain and suffering which Jesus experienced on our behalf.**

LEADER: We wonder why one so faithful and loving had to face the agony of rejection and death.

PEOPLE: **Jesus was wounded for our transgressions, and was bruised for our sins.**

LEADER: In this time of worship we join Christ at Calvary, aware of our involvement in the cruelty there.

PEOPLE: **Our faithfulness is tested at the cross and our lives are judged by our response.**

PSALM 22: 1-5, 14-17, 28-30 [Read responsively]

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***GREETING**

P The gift of peace through our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God poured into our hearts, and the renewing grace of the Spirit of life be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** 107 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

PRAYER OF THE DAY [IN UNISON]

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

INTRODUCTION TO FIRST LESSON

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in Isaiah 40-55. Today's reading is a self-description of the mission of the servant. This motif became even more important in the early church for understanding the suffering and death of Jesus.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 53

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

HYMN 116 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"