

Faith Lutheran Church

Good Friday April 10, 2020 The Passion of the Christ

Live Streamed

With this Good Friday liturgy, we continue our celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Though we devoutly gather to recall our Lord's passion, we celebrate the wonder and mystery of the cross in the sure hope of the resurrection.

- As Jesus is lifted up from the earth, he draws all people to himself. On this solemn day we use the ancient Bidding Prayer, offering petitions for the whole world Christ died to save.
- Finally, we honor the cross as the sign of the world's redemption; from it flows forgiveness, healing, and salvation. We acclaim the cross as the tree of life, for as Christ vanquishes death and evil the world is given new birth and a living hope. With all the faithful we are invited to worship, bowing before this great mystery of our faith. We depart in silence, ready to return Easter's hope.

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Prelude

Greeting

- PM: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. The abundant grace and mercy of God be with you all.
- All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- AM: Let us pray.
- All: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for

whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, 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 forever. Amen.

The Cross

- PM: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.
- All: Oh, come let us worship Christ.

A period of silence is kept

Hymn

"The Old Rugged Cross"

- On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross The emblem of suff'ring and shame And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain
- Chorus: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross Till my trophies at last I lay down I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it some day for a crown
- 3) In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine A wondrous beauty I see For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died To pardon and sanctify me

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Bidding Prayer

The presiding minister leads the prayers that conclude the silence. The assembly responds.

PM: Let us pray as Jesus did, Brothers and sisters, for the Church of God throughout the world, that God will gather us together,

guide us, and make us shine with the glory of Jesus' love (*silent prayer*). Almighty and eternal God...

- All: in Jesus Christ you've shown your glory to all nations. Fill your church with all grace and truth. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
- PM: Let us pray for our Leaders, Bishop Laurie Jungling of the MT Synod, for all who serve the church, for our church council, volunteers, and for all the people of God (*silent prayer*). Almighty and eternal God...
- All: strengthen and uphold our leaders; keep them strong in heart, mind, and body for the good of the Church. Let your word sound out from our lips and lives this Easter and every day. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
- PM: Let us pray, as Jesus did, for all our brothers and sisters who share faith in Christ Jesus (*silent prayer*). Almighty and eternal God...
- All: you make us one with your whole Church on earth—past, present, and future. Break down any walls that divide one Christian from another, and let us shine the light of your love into this world ever more brightly. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
- PM: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God. (*silent prayer*). Almighty and eternal God...
- All: long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and Sarah and to all their children. Hear our prayers that the people you first chose to bless may arrive with us in the fullness of your salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
- PM: Let us pray for those who serve in public office (*silent prayer*). Almighty and eternal God...

- All: you champion the poor and oppressed. In your goodness guide and protect those in authority, that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- PM: Let us pray for God's creation (*silent prayer*). Almighty and eternal God...
- All: you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold this and all worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- PM: Let us pray for those in need (*silent prayer*). Almighty and eternal God...
- All: you give strength to the weary and courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free the unjustly imprisoned, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Lords Prayer

- PM: Let us pray as our Lord taught us:
- All: 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

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

The Garden

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So 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. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" ⁵They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. ⁷Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." ¹⁰Then 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. ¹¹Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

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

¹⁵Simon 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, ¹⁶but 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. ¹⁷The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸Now 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.

Silence

Hymn

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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Go to Dark Gethsemane



Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854 Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

Peter Denies Jesus

John 18:15-27

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²⁵Now 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." ²⁶One 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?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Silence

<u>The Trial</u>

Hymn

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

ELW #347, V 2

Go to Dark Gethsemane



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The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

John 18:28-19:16a

²⁸Then 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. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹Pilate 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." ³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate 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?" ³⁶Jesus 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." ³⁷Pilate 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." ³⁸Pilate 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. ³⁹But 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?" ⁴⁰They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate 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." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶When 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." ⁷The 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."

⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate 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?" ¹¹Jesus 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." ¹²From 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."

¹³When 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. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They 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." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

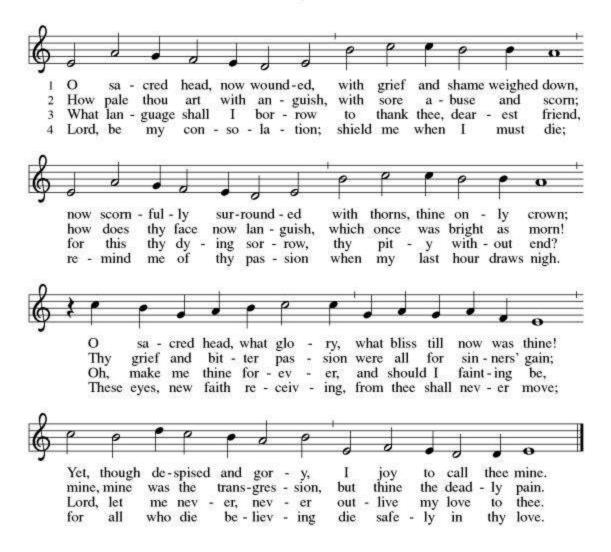
Silence

Hymn

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



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Jesus' Side is Pierced

John 19:16b-37

¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews." ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,

and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

"Were You There?" ELW #353 Vv 1-3

Were You There



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Silence

<u>Burial</u>

John 19:38-42

³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Silence

Sending

"Were You There?"

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Were You There



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Silence

Hymn

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

- My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine For Thee all the follies of sin I resign My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now
- 2) I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now
- 3) I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now
- 4) In mansions of glory and endless delight
 I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
 I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
 If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now
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