



# Faith Lutheran Church

**Good Friday April 15, 2022**

**The Passion of the Christ**

*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 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 to Easter's hope.*

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**Prelude**

Ross Damrow, accompanist

**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**

**PM:** 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.**

## **Procession of the Cross**

*The processional cross is carried into the chancel. The following response is said three times, as the procession begins, half way to the altar, and as the procession ends at the altar:*

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

**All:** **Oh, come let us worship Christ. (three times)**

*A period of silence is kept*

## **Hymn**

**“The Old Rugged Cross”**

**1) 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**

### **Refrain:**

**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**

**2) Oh, that old rugged Cross so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God, left his Glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary  
(Refrain)**

**3) In the old rugged Cross, stain'd with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For the dear Lamb of God, left his Glory above  
To pardon and sanctify me  
(Refrain)**

**4) To the old rugged Cross, I will ever be true  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where his glory forever I'll share  
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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 Elizabeth Eaton of the ELCA, Bishop Laurie Jungling, of the Montana 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 for those seeking your Way and preparing for Baptism (*silent prayer*). Almighty and eternal God...

**All: you bless your church with members new to faith in you. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for Baptism. Give them new birth as your children, keep their trust in you alive and bright. 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 do not believe in Christ (*silent prayer*). Almighty and eternal God...

**All: gather into your embrace all who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

PM: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God (*silent prayer*). Almighty and eternal God...

**All: you created humans with a longing to know and find peace in you. Grant that all may see the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of your followers, and come to know you, the one true God. 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.**

**Offering**      “Truly This was God’s Son ”

Ross Damrow

### **Offering Prayer**

AM: Let us pray.

**All: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**

**Narrator 1:**

John 3:16-19

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not

believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

*Silence*

### **The Garden**

**Hymn** "Go to Dark Gethsemane" ELW #347, v. 1

Matthew 26:36-39

**Narrator 2:** Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them,

**Jesus:** "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

**Narrator 2:** He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them,

**Jesus:** "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

**Narrator 2:** Going a little farther, he fell with his face in the ground and prayed,

**Jesus:** "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

*Silence*

### **The Trial**

**Hymn** "Go to Dark Gethsemane" ELW #347, v. 2

Various Gospels

**Pilate:** "Are you the King of the Jews?"

**Jesus:** "Yes, it is as you say."

**Crowd:** "He is a criminal. He is evil. He claims to be God."

**Pilate:** "Don't you hear how many things they are accusing you of? Why do you not respond?" (*Jesus is silent*)

**Pilate (to the crowd):** "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?"

**Crowd:** "Barabbas! Barabbas!"

**Pilate:** "What shall I do then with Jesus?"

**Crowd:** “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

**Pilate:** "Why? What crime has he committed?"

**Crowd:** (*louder*) “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

**Pilate:** "I wash my hands of this act. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your responsibility!"

**Crowd:** "Let his blood be on us and on our children. Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!"

*Silence*

## *The Cross*

**Hymn** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ELW # 351, vv. 1-2

John 19:25-27

**Narrator 1:** Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciples whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother,

**Jesus:** “Dear woman, here is your son.”

**Narrator 1:** "and to the disciple,"

**Jesus:** “Here is your mother.”

**Narrator 1:** From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

**Special Music** “Man of Sorrow” Ross Damrow

Luke 23:32-34

**Narrator 2:** Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals; one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said,

**Jesus:** “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Matthew 27:46

**Narrator 1:** And Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

**Jesus:** “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

*Silence*

**Narrator 2:** Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said,

**Jesus:** "I thirst."

**Narrator 2:** A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

When he had received the drink, Jesus said,

**Jesus:** "It is finished."

*Silence*

**Sending**

**Psalm 31**

**"I Put My Life in Your Hands"**



Luke 23:44-46

**Narrator 1:** It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. (*pause*) Jesus called out with a loud voice,

**Jesus:** "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

**Narrator 2:** When he had said this, he breathed his last.

*Silence*

**Hymn**

**"were You There"**

**ELW# 353**



*The assembly is invited to linger on in silent prayer & meditation  
and to leave in silence.*

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