



GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Service
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

AS WE GATHER

Our journey to follow Christ through witnesses to Christ arrives now at the cross. Tonight, we view Christ on the cross through the author's eyes—John, Apostle and Evangelist, the beloved disciple, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of James. By John's witness, we view Jesus beaten and bloodied. We hear His words of forgiveness and fulfillment. We see Him shedding His blood for the life of the world. As we sing and pray and sit in silence this evening, we ponder Christ's love for us. We marvel at His gifts of forgiveness and salvation, for we have been clothed with the blood of Christ.

THE PRELUDE
Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Our Lenten journey with Jesus arrives at the cross.

We have followed Jesus from the Upper Room to Gethsemane.

We have followed as Jesus stood trial before the chief priests and Pontius Pilate,
and we follow Him now to the cross.

On the cross, Jesus bore our griefs and carried our sorrows.

On the cross, Jesus was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities.

On the cross, Jesus shed His blood for us and for our salvation.

HYMN

"Glory Be To Jesus"

LBW #95

**Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life-blood
From His sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal
In that Blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind.**

**Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream,
Which from endless torments
Did the world redeem.**

**Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.**

**Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel-hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.**

**Lift ye then our voices;
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Good Friday is a day where we see our sin most clearly. We see our sin heaped upon Jesus as He suffers and dies on the cross. We confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

Dear heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and our neighbors in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned against You and our neighbors in the things we have done and the things we have left undone. O Lord, have mercy on us.

God invites us to see our forgiveness clearly in Jesus. Out of His abundant mercy and grace, God gave His Son to die and rise for you. Because Jesus shed His blood, we are forgiven. Because Jesus endured the cross, we are saved. As a called and ordained servant of our crucified Lord, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. We are forgiven by the blood of Jesus.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. . . **Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-second and fifty-third chapters.

¹³Behold, My servant shall act wisely;

He shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

¹⁴As many were astonished at you—

His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵so shall He sprinkle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of Him;
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

^{53:1}Who has believed what they heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For He grew up before Him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him,
and no beauty that we should desire Him.

³He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

and as one from whom men hide their faces
He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

⁴Surely He has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But He was wounded for our transgressions;

He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His stripes we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;

and the LORD has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,
yet He opened not His mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so He opened not His mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment He was taken away;
and as for His generation, who considered
that He was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of My people?

⁹And they made His grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in His death,
although He had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him;
He has put Him to grief;
when His soul makes an offering for sin,
He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

¹¹Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied;
by His knowledge shall the righteous one, My servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and He shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many,
and He shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because He poured out His soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet He bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

P The Epistle is from Hebrews, the fourth and fifth chapters.

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . .

^{5:7}In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. ⁸Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 19:25–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵Standing by 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 nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So 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. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of His bones will be broken.” ³⁷And again another Scripture says, “They will look on Him whom they have pierced.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

“RETURN TO GOD”

PASTOR JOHN

Hymn

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

LBW #98

**Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sov’rign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?**

**Was it for sins that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut its glories in,
When God, the mighty Maker died,
For his own the creature's sin.**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt my eyes to tears.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you

Prayers

PRAYER

P Lord Jesus Christ, defend Your Church throughout the world from the assaults of Satan, so that we be kept firm in the one true faith. What language shall we borrow
C to thank Thee, dearest Friend?

P Lord Jesus Christ, bless all people who serve You in their callings and vocations. Grant them a measure of Your humility and servanthood. What language shall we borrow

C to thank Thee, dearest Friend?

P Lord Jesus Christ, You are the great teacher of Your people. Bless all those who receive instruction in the faith, that they might be faithful unto death and receive the crown of life. What language shall we borrow

C to thank Thee, dearest Friend?

P Lord Jesus Christ, You possess all authority. Guide those who have been given earthly authority, especially our president, Congress, governor, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. What language shall we borrow

C to thank Thee, dearest Friend?

P Lord Jesus Christ, You are the light that shines in the darkness. Shine Your light upon all those who walk in darkness apart from You, so that they might see Your love for them. What language shall we borrow

C to thank Thee, dearest Friend?

P Lord Jesus Christ, You endured suffering and shame from Your enemies. Strengthen us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. What language shall we borrow

C to thank Thee, dearest Friend?

P Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true Vine; we are the branches. Feed us with Your Word and Sacraments that we might bear fruit in keeping with repentance, so that the world might praise You.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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 almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve you.
Amen.

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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

(The congregation leaves in silence)

Good Friday

April 15, 2022

Good Friday (Year C)

The solemnity and reality of Good Friday can affect us deeply as we get in touch with our own sinfulness and culpability in Jesus' suffering and death. Knowing that his death was drawing near he uttered, "I thirst." When he received his last sip of sour wine he proclaimed, "It is finished." Indeed it seemed as if darkness had won, that death was the last word, but even in the dark God continued to act.

