

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good Friday
+ March 29, 2024 +



*“Surely He has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God,
and afflicted.”*

Isaiah 53:4

THE CHIEF SERVICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The congregation enters in silence.

Please stand

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
so 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.

Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

For 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.

He 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.

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

But 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.

All 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.
He 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.
By 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?
And 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.
Yet 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.
Out 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.
Therefore 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For 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. Let 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.

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. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

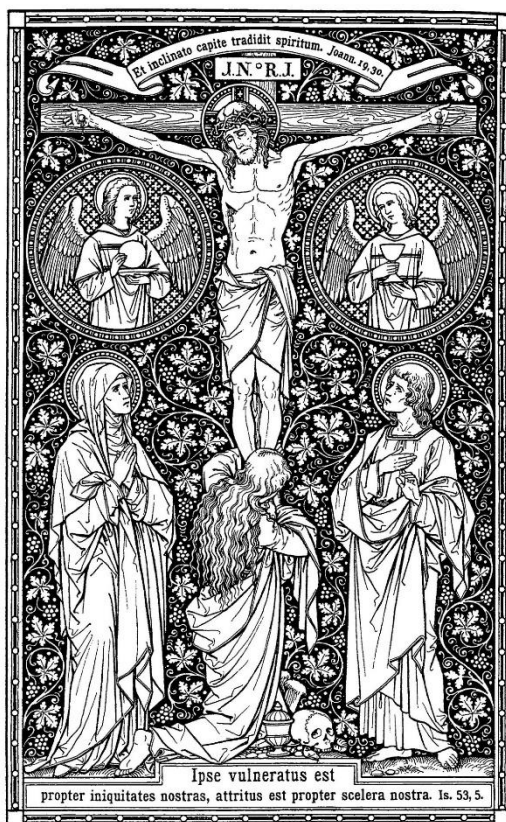
COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

HYMN	Jesus, I Will Ponder Now	#440, Stanza 1
READING	Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus	<i>John 18:1-11</i>
HYMN	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	#450, Stanza 1
READING	Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter	<i>John 18:12-27</i>
HYMN	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded <i>Sung by cantor</i>	#450, Stanza 2
READING	Jesus before Pilate	<i>John 18:28-40</i>
HYMN	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded <i>Sung by choir</i>	#450, Stanza 3
READING	Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion	<i>John 19:1-16a</i>
HYMN	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded <i>The congregation is invited to sing in parts</i>	#450, Stanza 4
<i>Please stand</i>		
READING	The Crucifixion of Jesus	<i>John 19:16b-24</i>
HYMN	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	#449, Stanza 3
READING	Jesus' Mother and His Death	<i>John 19:25-30</i>
HYMN	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded <i>Sung by cantor</i>	#450, Stanza 6
READING	Jesus' Side Is Pierced	<i>John 19:31-42</i>
HYMN	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	#449, Stanza 4
<i>Silence</i>		
<i>Please be seated</i>		
SERMON		



1 The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go;
 2 The vic - tim here, by nails held fast,
 3 Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
 4 Ful - filled is all that Da - vid told
 5 On whose hard arms, so wide - ly flung,



The cross shows forth re - demp - tion's flow, Where He, by
 Ex - tend - ing hands and feet at last For our re -
 Life's tor - rent rush - ing from His side, To wash us
 In sure pro - phet - ic song of old, That God the
 The weight of this world's ran - som hung, The price of



whom our flesh was made, Our ran - som
 demp - tion of - fered, dies, For us is
 in the pre - cious flood, Where flowed the
 na - tions' king should be And reign in
 hu - man - kind to pay And spoil the

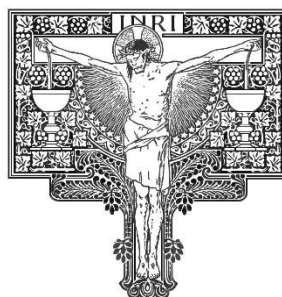


in His flesh has paid:
 made a sac - ri - fice.
 wa - ter and the blood.
 tri - umph from the tree,
 spoil - er of his prey.

**6 O tree of beauty, tree most fair,
 Ordained those holy limbs to bear:
 Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough
 Proclaims the King of Glory now.**

**Δ7 To Thee, eternal Three in One,
 Let homage meet by all be done;
 As by the cross Thou dost restore,
 So guide and keep us evermore.
 Amen**

Please stand



BIDDING PRAYER

A Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

P Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

P O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Joseph, our President; the Congress of the United States; Jonathan, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

P Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

P O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

P O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Finally, let us pray for all things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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.

Ho-ly Lord God, holy and might-y God, holy and most merciful Re -
 deem - er; God eternal, leave us not to
 bit - ter death. O Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

#434, Stanza 1

1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
 Who on the cross didst suffer,
 Ever patient and lowly,
 Thyself to scorn didst offer.
 All sins Thou borest for us,
 Else had despair reigned o'er us:
 Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

THE SECOND REPROACH

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,
 and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.
 For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and
 delivered Me to those who per - se - cute Me. For I have fed you with
 My Word and refreshed you with living wa - ter, and you have given

Me gall and vin - e - gar to drink. O My peo - ple.

Ho-ly Lord God, holy and might-y God, holy and most merciful Re -

deem - er; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of

death and hell. O Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

#434, Stanza 2

2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
 Who on the cross didst suffer,
 Ever patient and lowly,
 Thyself to scorn didst offer.
 All sins Thou borest for us,
 Else had despair reigned o'er us:
 Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

THE THIRD REPROACH

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,

and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.

What more could have been done for My vine - yard than I have

done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield on-ly bad?

My people, is this how you thank your God? O My peo - ple.

Ho-ly Lord God, holy and might-y God, holy and most merciful Re -

deem - er; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the

true faith. O Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

#434, Stanza 3

3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
 Who on the cross didst suffer,
 Ever patient and lowly,
 Thyself to scorn didst offer.
 All sins Thou borest for us,
 Else had despair reigned o'er us:
 Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Please kneel/stand

Please remain standing

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

STREPITUS

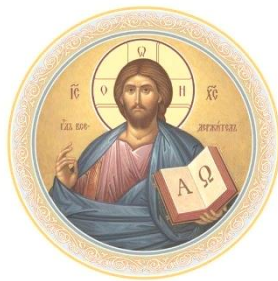
A harsh sound, known as the Strepitus, acknowledges that the tomb is sealed, the meaning of the cross fulfilled, the sacrifice completed.

Depart in peace, joy, and silence, as we now keep the vigil of Easter and prepare for the joyous celebration of our Lord's bodily resurrection.



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