

# GOOD FRIDAY



# Good Friday

April 17, 2025

**WELCOME** to worship with both Emanuel's Lutheran Church and Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church. We hope worship this evening is truly meaningful as you encounter God's grace.

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## GATHERING

*This evening, we gather in silence.*

## PRELUDE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together.

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 ever.

**C: Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13--53:12

L: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

<sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—<sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. <sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

## HYMN

### "Go to Dark Gethsemane" vs. 1, 3

ELW 347



1 Go to dark Geth-se-m - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit-ter hour;  
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
mark that mir-a-cle of time, God's own sac-ri-fice com-plete.  
all is sol-i-tude and gloom. Who has tak-en him a-way?



turn not from his griefs a-way; learn from Je-sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf-f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je-sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav-ior, teach us so to rise.

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

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 22:1-11**

*Congregation responds with the bold text.*

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;  
by night, but I find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>**Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued them.**

<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>**But as for me, I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

<sup>8</sup>**“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”**

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

<sup>10</sup>**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.**

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:16-25**

L: A reading from Hebrews.

[After the Holy Spirit says,] <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### **“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

**ELW 338**



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869  
 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

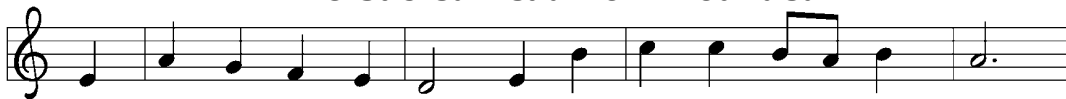
**GOSPEL: John 18:1--19:42**

*Our Gospel this evening is our sermon. Listen to the story of Jesus' trial and crucifixion as heard from the voices who were there. Focus on the words that are spoken and who says them. Feel the fear in the words of the leaders. Be encouraged by the passionate plea of the Son sent for our world. Listen for the silence as "it is finished."*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"O Sacred Head Now Wounded "**

**ELW 351**



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite  
 Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–16

## **BIDDING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray, siblings in Christ, for the holy church throughout the world.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

V: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those 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 your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for God's creation.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

V: Let us pray for those in need.

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"They Crucified My Lord"  
*Performed by Emanuel's and Spirit of Joy Choirs*

by Owens

### **PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

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### **SOLEMN REPROACHES**

P: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you?

Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### **THE BELL TOLLS**

*In response to the trial and crucifixion of Jesus.*

P: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### **CHRIST CANDLE EXITS THE NAVE**

*In remembrance of the death of Christ.*

V: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### **THE BOOK IS CLOSED**

*In acknowledgement that scripture has been fulfilled.*

### **SILENCE FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

### **THE CHRIST CANDLE RETURNS**

*In anticipation of the resurrection.*

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*All depart in silence.*

Ministers	Pastor Marcus Bigott, Pastor Megan Elliott, Vicar Rudy
Reader	Carol Hamilton
Ushers	Karen Weinstein, Council
Council Greeter	Paul Sims
Musicians	Edward Workmon, organ

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