



*Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity*

Good Friday

April 3, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Please remember to turn off your cell phone. Thank you.

Assembly responses are in **boldface**.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DAY: Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

Gathering

All gather in silence.

The assembly stands as able when the ministers enter.

Prayer of the Day

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, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading

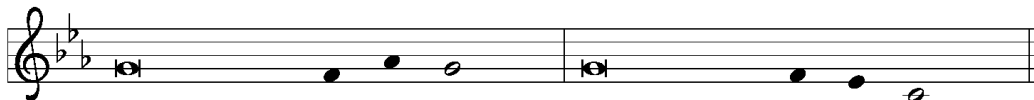
Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22

Sung responsively by full verse.



1 My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?
Why so far from saving me,
so far from the words | of my groaning?

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

3 Yet you are the | Holy One,
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

**4 Our ancestors put their | trust in you,
they trusted, and you | rescued them.**

5 They cried out to you and | were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

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

7 All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.

**8 "Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him."**

9 Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,
and kept me safe on my | mother's breast.

**10 I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.**

11 Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,
and there is no | one to help.

**12 Many young bulls en- | circle me;
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.**

13 They open wide their | jaws at me,
like a slashing and | roaring lion.

**14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.

**16 Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;
they pierce my hands | and my feet.**

17 I can count | all my bones
while they stare at | me and gloat.

**18 They divide my gar- | ments among them;
for my clothing, | they cast lots.**

19 But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.

- 20 Deliver me | from the sword,
my life from the power | of the dog.**
- 21 Save me from the | lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
- 22 I will declare your name | to my people;
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**
- 23 You who fear the LORD, give praise!
All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
- 24 For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face | hidden from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**
- 25 From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
- 26 The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts | live forever!**
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
- 28 For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**
- 29 Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.
- 30 Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**
- 31 They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:16-25

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly remains seated.

Choir Anthem

Were you there

Spiritual arr. by Chilcott

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Gospel

John 18:1 – 19:42

The gospel is announced.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

*The assembly **may sit until the words “. . . bowed his head and gave up his spirit” at which time the assembly will kneel for reflection and to the reading’s conclusion. The assembly is seated for reflection following the reading.***

Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

Silence for reflection follows.

The assembly stands as able to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended



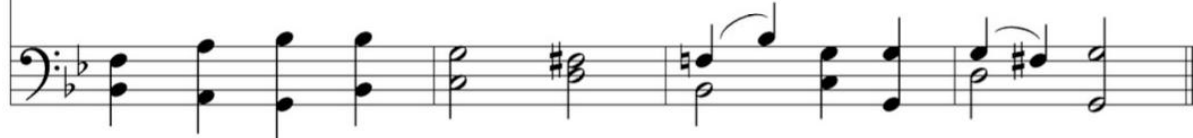
Choir 1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to
 Men 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 Women 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 Choir 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 All 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.



Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

The assembly kneels, as able, or sits for prayer.

Bidding Prayer

Silence for prayer follows each bid.

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church throughout the world.
Silent prayer.

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.

Amen.

Let us pray for Yeheil, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; for Kristin, Bishop of our synod; for Brenda, our Pastor; for Curtis and Julia, our pastors in residence; for Leo, Bishop of Rome; for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople; for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the Church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

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.

Amen.

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the Gospel. 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.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.
Silent prayer.

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.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

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.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

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.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

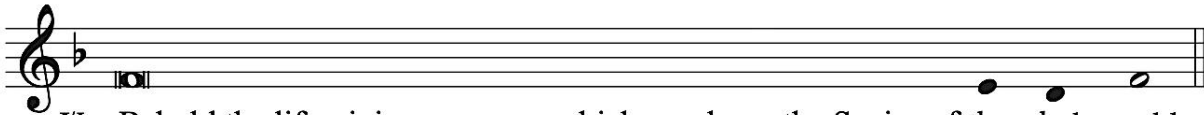
**Give us today our daily bread.
forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

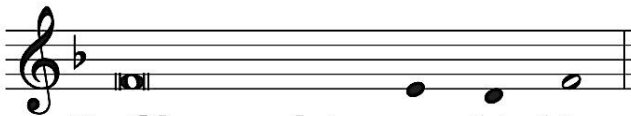
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Procession of the Cross

The assembly stands as able and turns to face the cross as it is processed.



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



R Oh, come, let us worship him.

The following dialogue is sung as the procession begins.

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Adoration of the Cross

During this time, the assembly kneels, as able, or sits, in adoration for a time of meditation on the mystery of the crucified Savior, and/or come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it, etc.

Choir anthem:

Drop, drop slow tears

Orlando Gibbons

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

-- Phineas Fletcher

The assembly continues to kneel, or sit, for the reproaches, cast in the form of a dialogue between minister and people, as the great lament of Christ Jesus against us, his often faithless people.

Solemn Reproaches

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.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Τρισάγιον;
Kievan Melody

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
Forty years I led you through the desert,
feeding you with manna on the way;
I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Sung response

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire,
but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;
I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Sung response

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit;
I made you branches of the vine and never left your side,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Sung response

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I poured out saving water from the rock,
but you gave me vinegar to drink;
I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Sung response

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;
I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Sung response

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed;
I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Sung response

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land,
but you opened my side with a spear;
I washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Sung response

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.

Sung response

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

I grafted you into my people Israel,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Sung response

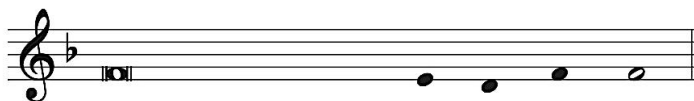
O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

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.

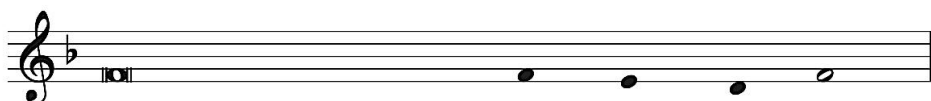
Sung response

*Silence is kept for mediation on the mystery of the crucified Savior, the
mystery of redemption.*

The adoration of the Cross concludes:



V We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.



R By you holy cross you have re - deemed the world.

The assembly stands as able.

Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

All 1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
Men 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
Women 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
All 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

The assembly is seated.

The candle is removed from the chancel to signify the death of Christ.

In the darkness there is a time for silent reflection.

The service concludes with the “strepitus,” a harsh noise. The Scripture has been fulfilled.

After the ministers exit, all leave the church building in silence.

The liturgy of the Triduum concludes tomorrow evening with the Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.

Serving Tonight

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brenda Martin
Director of Music	Steve Repasky
Liturgical Deacon	Sean Oros
Lector	Don Achenbach
Head Usher	Nikki Weaver
Musicians	Parish Choir