



As We Gather Good Friday April 18, 2025 4:00 p.m.

As we gather for worship, we continue the service begun last night with Holy Thursday. Following Jesus' celebration of Passover, He was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. From there, our Savior fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah's Suffering Servant. "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" (Isaiah 53:5). Jesus willingly subjected Himself to abuse, ridicule, mocking, flogging, and finally death. He died the death we deserve, so that just as He lives we shall live also.

"Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word." (*LSB* 451:1)

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

- P** 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.
- C** **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.**
- P** 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.

Silence for reflection and personal confession.

- P** Jesus, our High Priest,
- C** **We humbly confess to You that we are weak. In our weakness, we sin against You and one another with our words and actions, and in our thoughts and the lack thereof. Our sins cut us off from You. We know that the wages of sin is death, and we keep on sinning. We deserve death. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Change our hearts and lives and conform them to Yours, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** 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. Jesus freely gives us what we do not deserve: forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.
- C** **Amen.**

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 38:1–4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5*

- P** 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.
- C** **O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your wrath!**
- P** For Your arrows have sunk into me, and Your hand has come down on me.
- C** **There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.**

- P** For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
- C** **I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.**
- P** Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!
- C** **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.**

KYRIE *Hebrews 12:1–2*

- P** Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is about to be extinguished.
- C** **O Lord, have mercy.**
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- C** **O Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
- C** **let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,**
- P** looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
- C** **who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Isaiah 52:13—53:12**

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

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HYMN OF THE DAY # 611 “Chief Of Sinners Though I Be”

SERMON “His Body on the Tree” John 19:17-30

APOSTLES’ CREED

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING Christ, We Do All Adore Thee – from the Seven Last Words - Dubois

OFFERTORY “Glory Be To Jesus” *LSB 433 st. 1*

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains

Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!

(Text: Italian, c. 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Text: Public domain)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Almighty God, You revealed Your glory to the world through Jesus Christ...
[Petitions...] Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We pray that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance, that they may have the same love and be of one heart and mind with us and Your church. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer. Amen.**

RESPONSORY

- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
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LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

TENEBRAE SEQUENCE

HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *LSB 449 sts. 1–2*

- O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**
- What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.**

**Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.**

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PASSION READING John 19:16b–24

“So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things.”

The first candle is extinguished.

KYRIE

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.
- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” LSB 425 sts. 1–3

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.**
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

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PASSION READING John 19:25–30

“Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A 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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

The second candle is extinguished.

KYRIE

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN “Were You There” *LSB 456 sts. 1–3*

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

- 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

- 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

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PASSION READING John 19:31–42

“Since 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. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when

they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.” After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.”

The Christ Candle is carried out of the chancel.

STREPITUS *A loud sound is heard, signifying the closing of the tomb.*

The Christ Candle is returned.

MLC Choir “It Is Finished” Lloyd Larson

After the choir anthem, please observe silence as the lights become brighter, anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday.

EASTER SCHEDULE

April 20th 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (Begins in Prayer Garden)

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Easter Worship

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