#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day - the triumph of the cross - reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Stand PRAYER OF THE DAY

P- 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.

#### Sit

#### FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The early church saw in the servant's pouring himself out to death and being numbered with the transgressors important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.

<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</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. <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.

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.

# The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM 22 RESPONSIVE**

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for-<sup>|</sup> saken 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 <sup>|</sup> Holy One, enthroned on the prais-<sup>1</sup> es of Israel. <sup>4</sup>Our ancestors put their <sup>|</sup> trust in you, they trusted, and you | rescued them. <sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and <sup>|</sup> were delivered; they trusted in you and were not | put to shame. <sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm <sup>1</sup> 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 de- | lights in him." <sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth <sup>|</sup> 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; vou were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb. <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trou-<sup>1</sup> ble is near, and there is no one to help. <sup>12</sup>Many young bulls en-<sup>1</sup> circle me; strong bulls of Ba-<sup>1</sup> shan surround me. <sup>13</sup>They open wide their <sup>|</sup> jaws at me, like a slashing and <sup>|</sup> roaring lion. <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint; my heart within my breast is | melting wax. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers <sup>|</sup> circles round me; they pierce my hands | and my feet. <sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones while they stare at <sup>|</sup> me and gloat. <sup>18</sup>They divide my gar-<sup>1</sup> ments among them; for my clothing, | they cast lots. <sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not <sup>|</sup> far away; O my help, hasten | to my aid. <sup>20</sup>Deliver me<sup>|</sup> from the sword, my life from the power | of the dog. <sup>21</sup>Save me from the <sup>|</sup> lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me. <sup>22</sup>I will declare your name | to my people; in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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, <sup>1</sup> the LORD hears them. <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the <sup>|</sup> great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who <sup>|</sup> fear the LORD. <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat | and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever! <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn <sup>|</sup> to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

# <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs | to the LORD,

who rules o- | ver the nations.

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow <sup>1</sup> down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be-<sup>1</sup> fore the LORD.

# <sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to genera-<sup>|</sup> tions to come.

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn, saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

## SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 10:16-25

In the death of Jesus, forgiveness of sins is worked and access to God is established. Hence when we gather for worship and when we love others we experience anew the benefits of Jesus' death.

<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.

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

On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion—from his arrest to his burial—is read in its entirety from the Gospel of John.

The gospel is announced.

P- The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Sit The First Light - The Darkness of Betrayal P- John 18:1- 11

#### {The First Candle is Extinguished}

ELW # 347 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" verse 1

 Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r; your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

#### THE SECOND LIGHT - THE DARKNESS OF DESERTION

P- John 18:12-27

{*The Second Candle is Extinguished*} ELW # 349 - "Ah, Holy Jesus" verse 1

 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

#### THE THIRD LIGHT - THE DARKNESS OF A TRIAL

P- John 18:28 -40 {The Third Candle is Extinguished}

ELW# 349 - "Ah, Holy Jesus" verse 2

2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

#### THE FOURTH LIGHT - THE DARKNESS OF JUDGMENT

P- John 19:1 - 16

{The Fourth Candle is Extinguished}

ELW # 349 - "Ah, Holy Jesus" verse 3

3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

### THE FIFTH LIGHT - THE DARKNESS OF CRUCIFIXION

P- John 19:17-27 {*The Fifth Candle is Extinguished*} ELW # 349 - "Ah, Holy Jesus" verse 4

4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,

thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

#### THE SIXTH LIGHT - THE DARKNESS OF DEATH

P- John 19:28 -37 {The Sixth Candle is Extinguished} ELW # 349 - "Ah, Holy Jesus" verse 5

5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee; think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

## THE SEVENTH LIGHT - THE DARKNESS OF THE TOMB

P- John 19: 38-42

The seventh light is carried out of the sanctuary, leaving the sanctuary in total darkness. A door is shut to represent the sealing of the tomb. When the lights are raised, the hymn is sung

#### HYMN O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (isometric) (ELW 351)



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, 1564–1612

#### Kneel or sit

#### **BIDDING PRAYER**

P- Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

#### Silent prayer.

P- 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 bishop, for our pastors, for and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

P- 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.
C- Amen.

P- Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

## Silent prayer.

P- 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.C- Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

P- 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.**  P- Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

P- 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.

C- Amen.

P- Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

## Silent prayer.

P- 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.

## Silent prayer.

P- 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. Silent prayer.
P- 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. P- Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

P- 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. **C- Amen.** 

P- Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

P- 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.

The prayers conclude:

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

Stand

#### **PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

A large cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the assembly. The assembly faces the cross as it is brought forward.

The following dialogue is said as the procession begins, the assembly echoing the leader. P- Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world. **C- Oh, come, let us worship him.** 

The dialog is said a second time at the midpoint of the procession. P- Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world. **C- Oh, come, let us worship him.** 

The dialog is said a third time at the end of the procession. P- Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world. **C- Oh, come, let us worship him.** 

WE GLORY IN YOUR CROSS P- We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

C- May God be merciful, and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

P- We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

C- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

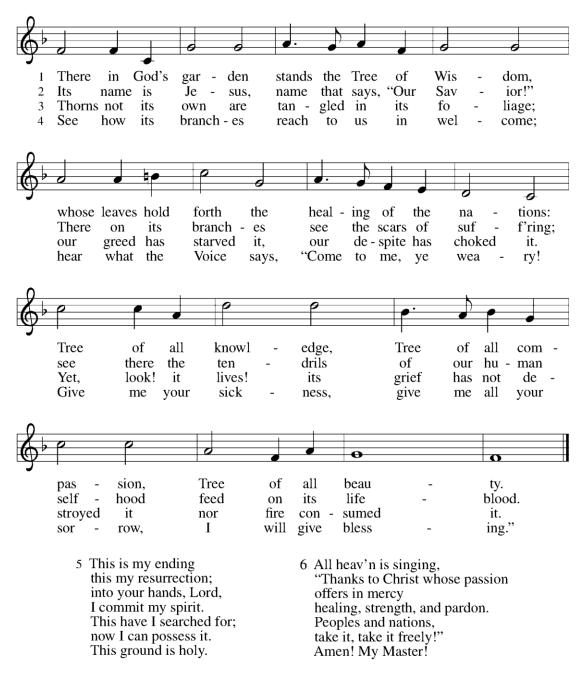
P- We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. After a brief silence the minister continues.P- We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.C- By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

**TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS** 

"There in God's Garden"

ELW #342

#### There in God's Garden



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This service is incomplete until Easter morning. The Nave lights will be raised slightly to allow the choir and minister to leave in silence. Worshipers may remain for prayer and meditation. On Easter Day we shall celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with Service on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

**Important** Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

**Prayer Requests** – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to the person leading service prior to start of service.

Pastoral Coverage –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request.

**Reminder: Hospital visits -**The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

Attendance for March 17, 2024 41 in person, 115 views online and 3 shares as of March 18, 2024.

**Sponsoring bulletins and flowers** is a great way to honor a special event in your loved ones' lives or to remember a loved one who has died. (Please only two vases of flowers per week.) Flowers are now \$15.00 a vase. Flower prices are increasing to \$17.50 a vase starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. If flowers are not sponsored, this is an added cost to the church. The charts are on the bulletin board for 2024. There are many empty spaces on the charts.

The Social Ministry's schoolhouse will be in the narthex from Sunday, March 24th until Sunday, April 14th. We will be accepting donations of items to be sent to our college students, to have while they are studying for their final exams. Items to be donated include snacks, pens, pencils, or any other small appropriate items. The packages will then be sent to the students, whose families have provided us with their names and

addresses. We thank everyone for their continuing support with this project.

DINNER AND A MOVIE: Saturday April 6th after services.

*Letters to God* is a 2010 American <u>Christian</u> drama film directed by David Nixon and starring <u>Robyn Lively</u>, <u>Jeffrey Johnson</u>, <u>Tanner Maguire</u>, Michael Bolten and <u>Bailee</u> <u>Madison</u>. The story was written by Patrick Doughtie about his son Tyler, with the screenplay penned by Doughtie, Art D'Alessandro, Sandra Thrift and <u>Cullen Douglas</u>. The story took place in <u>Nashville</u>, <u>Tennessee</u>, but the movie was filmed in <u>Orlando</u>, <u>Florida</u>.

*Letters to God* is based on the true story of Tyler Doherty, who was played in the film by Tanner Maguire. Parts of the story are real, and others were fictionalized, such as the character of a drunken mailman named Brady McDaniels (Jeffrey Johnson), who receives Tyler's "letters to God". The film was released to theaters on April 9, 2010, with mixed reviews. Despite opening at #10 at the <u>box office</u>, it fell just \$92,000 short of its \$3 million budget with a final gross of \$2.9 million.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

March 28- Maundy Thursday March 29- Good Friday March 31- Easter service April 6- 5 pm spoken service April 6- Dinner and a movie following service April 7- 8 am and 10:30 am services

#### STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$25.00
Local Benevolence	\$134.50
Current	\$1109.71
Capital Building Fund	\$25.00
Plate Offering	\$1.00
Lenten Offering	\$7.00
Total Received	<u>\$1302.21</u>

## "THE WEEK AT A GLANCE" Thursday: 6 pm Bell Choir

7 pm Maundy Thursday service <u>Friday:</u> 7 pm Good Friday service <u>Next Sunday:</u> 10:30 am Worship Service <u>Monday:</u> 10 am Prayer Shawl

## ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

#### GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29 7 PM GREETERS: ACOLYTE: CROSS BEARERS: LECTOR: Mike Ziegler

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Jr., Dianna Curry, Rosemary Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Stacey Rao, John and Betty Strauch, Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Brian Hunsberger, Cathy Moran, Diane Werner, Donovan Baker, Kyle Cleary. Peggy Davis, Harry Russell, Carol Beenick, Brittany & Joshua Gallagher, Shawnette Keller, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Betty Fromm Yarnell, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast.