



St. John Lutheran Church

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

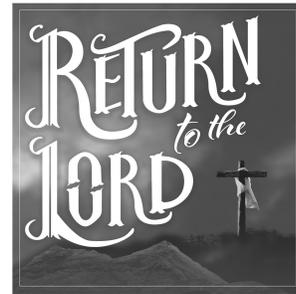
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Return to the Truth

Peter addressed the people in Solomon's Portico at the temple in Jerusalem after the time of Pentecost, and said directly, "Men of Israel . . . you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life" (Acts 3:12, 14–15). In the service of Good Friday, we reflect on that truth and remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us. The hymnist describes the event with poignant beauty: "The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander" (LSB 439:4). Good Friday is good for us. It is good to be here!



ORGAN PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

OPENING PRAYER

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.**

421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me from its first beginning.

- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
Fascinate my sinful mind,
Draw me to Your cross and passion,
And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard,
Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
That the tempter flee confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices
With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices,
Let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure.
Help me flee all thoughts impure
And to master each temptation,
Calm in prayer and meditation.
- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For Your all-atoning passion
Has procured my soul's salvation.
- 5 O my God, my rock and tower,
Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power
Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

- P** Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,
C thus securing an eternal redemption.**P** Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,
C so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
P He sent redemption to His people;
C He has commanded His covenant forever.
P Confident of His redeeming love, let us confess our sins to our gracious God.
C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us make our confession to our God, seeking His grace and forgiveness.

• **VERSES** “Lord, to You I Make Confession”

Lord, to You I make confession:

I have sinned and gone astray,
I have multiplied transgression,
Chosen for myself my way.
Led by You to see my errors,
To Your mercy, Lord, I flee.

For Your Son has suffered for me,
Giv'n Himself to rescue me,
Died to save me and restore me,
Reconciled and set me free.
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish;
Every sin was conquered there.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. As you believe, so let it be. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

• **VERSE** “Lord, to You I Make Confession”

Lord, on You I cast my burden—
Sink it in the deepest sea!
Let me know Your gracious pardon,
Cleanse me from iniquity.
Let Your Spirit leave me never;
Make Yours forevermore.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be delivered from all evil. Restore us through the Passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, who gave Himself into death—even death on a cross—for us, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

¹⁴As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵so 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.

¹Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For 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.

³He 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.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But 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.

⁶All 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.

⁷He 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.

⁸By 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?

⁹And 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.

¹⁰Yet 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.

¹¹Out 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.

¹²Therefore 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.

PSALM 22

- I** ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.
- II** ³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

- I** ⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
 scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
⁷All who see me mock me;
 they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
⁸“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
 let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”
- II** ⁹**Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
 you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.**
¹⁰**On you was I cast from my birth,
 and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.**
¹¹**Be not far from me,
 for trouble is near,
 and there is none to help.**
- I** ¹²Many bulls encompass me;
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
 like a ravening and roaring lion.
- II** ¹⁴**I am poured out like water,
 and all my bones are out of joint;
 my heart is like wax;
 it is melted within my breast;**
¹⁵**my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
 and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
 you lay me in the dust of death.**
- I** ¹⁶For dogs encompass me;
 a company of evildoers encircles me;
 they have pierced my hands and feet—
¹⁷I can count all my bones—
 they stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸they divide my garments among them,
 and for my clothing they cast lots.
- II** ¹⁹**But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
 O you my help, come quickly to my aid!**
²⁰**Deliver my soul from the sword,
 my precious life from the power of the dog!**
²¹**Save me from the mouth of the lion!**
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
- I** ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
 All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
 and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred
 the affliction of the afflicted,
 and he has not hidden his face from him,
 but has heard, when he cried to him.
- II** ²⁵**From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
 my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**
²⁶**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
 those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
 May your hearts live forever!**
- I** ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
 and turn to the LORD,
 and all the families of the nations

shall worship before you.
²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

- II** ²⁹**All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.**
³⁰**Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**
³¹**they shall come and proclaim his righteousness
to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.**

SECOND READING *Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶Let 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. . . .

⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 19:16-22*

¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many 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. ²¹So 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.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 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?**
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a tribute far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

SERMON "Return to Truth"

THEME HYMN “Break Your Hearts” [tune: “Christ is Surely Coming”]

Break your hearts with mourning And your pride in two,
Ash and grief adorning Your repentance true.
With your tears and fasting, From your God discern
His ways everlasting: To your Lord return.

See your Savior dying, Hung upon the tree.
It is vain denying What is plain to see:
While His heart is breaking, Still your God will earn
Freedom in the making. To your Lord return.

Gather all in number From both far and near;
Even those in slumber Wait for trumpets clear.
When the Lord grants blessing, Broken hearts will learn
Joy beyond expressing; To your Lord return.

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The Tenebrae Sequence

The Seven Words of Christ from the Cross

439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?
- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.
- 3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.
- 4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.
- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
God is committed.

THE FIRST WORD

- Luke 23:26-28, 32-34 “Father, forgive them”
- Hymn Verse “Jesus, In Your Dying Woes”

- 1 Jesus, in Your dying woes,
Even while Your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for Your foes:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

- 2 Savior, for our pardon sue
When our sins Your pangs renew,
For we know not what we do:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 3 Oh, may we, who mercy need,
Be like You in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

THE SECOND WORD

- **Luke 23: 39-43** “Today you will be with me in paradise.”
- **Hymn Verse** “**Jesus, In Your Dying Woes**”

- 4 Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief, who near You dies,
Promising him paradise:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 5 May we in our guilt and shame
Still Your love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Your name:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 6 May our hearts to You incline
And their thoughts Your cross entwine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

THE THIRD WORD

- **John 19:23–27** “Behold, your son. Behold, your mother.”
- **Hymn Verse** “**Jesus, In Your Dying Woes**”

- 7 Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,
And Your dearest human friend:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 8 May we in Your sorrows share,
For Your sake all peril dare,
And enjoy Your tender care:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 9 May we all Your loved ones be,
All one holy family,
Loving, since Your love we see:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

THE FORTH WORD

- **Matthew 27:45-46** “My God, why have you forsaken me?”
- **Hymn Verse** “**Jesus, In Your Dying Woes**”

- 10 **Fourth Word: Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34**
Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,
With our evil left alone,
While no light from heav’n is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

- 11 When we seem in vain to pray
And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 12 Though no Father seem to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

THE FIFTH WORD

- **John 19:28-29** “I thirst.”
- **Hymn Verse** “**Jesus, In Your Dying Woes**”

- 13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 14 Thirst for us in mercy still;
All Your holy work fulfill;
Satisfy Your loving will:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 15 May we thirst Your love to know.
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

THE SIXTH WORD

- **John 19:30** “It is finished.”
- **Hymn Verse** “**Jesus, In Your Dying Woes**”

- 16 Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All Your Father’s will obeyed;
By Your sufferings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 17 Save us in our soul’s distress;
Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 18 Brighten all our heav’nward way
With an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

THE SEVENTH WORD

- **Luke 23:44-46** “Father, into your hands I commit My spirit!”
- **Hymn Verse** “**Jesus, In Your Dying Woes**”

- 19 Jesus, all Your labor vast,
All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

20 When the death shades round us low'r,
Guard us from the tempter's pow'r,
Keep us in that trial hour:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

21 May Your life and death supply
Grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the home on high:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

GOOD FRIDAY 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

452 O Perfect Life of Love

- 1 O perfect life of love!
All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above
To do for us below.
- 2 No work is left undone
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled.
- 3 No pain that we can share
But He has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care
Have pierced that tender heart.
- 4 And on His thorn-crowned head
And on His sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid
That He might make us whole.
- 5 In perfect love He dies;
For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
I cling by faith to Thee.
- 6 In ev'ry time of need,
Before the judgment throne,
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Thy merits, not mine own.
- 7 Yet work, O Lord, in me
As Thou for me hast wrought;
And let my love the answer be
To grace Thy love has brought.

CLOSING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, You have taken our sins in Your own body on the tree of the cross so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come; in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED

symbolizing the burial of Christ.



THE STREPITUS IS HEARD

symbolizing the sealing of the tomb.



THE CHRIST CANDLE REEMERGES

anticipating Easter and Christ's resurrection

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WE DISMISS IN SILENCE

as we anticipate the celebration of Easter

Join us this Sunday for our
Easter Celebration

Sunrise Service – 7:00 a.m.

No breakfast this year, due to Covid

Festival Service – 9:30 a.m.

*Both services will be the same,
both with Holy Communion.*

