



Good Friday Worship

April 2, 2021

THE CROSS OF CHRIST IS GOOD FOR ALL is the theme of our Good Friday service. On this Good Friday, you are invited to walk in the shadows of the suffering and death of our Savior. Come with us to Golgotha and let God's Word do the talking. See, how the Cross of Christ is important not just for a small group of believers, but for all people.

A note about the service: As we gather, we gather in silence, not because this is a funeral, but to reflect the significance of Christ's death for us. The altar is stripped to symbolize the disciples' abandoning Christ. We will hear the seven words spoken. As each word is read, we will take time to meditate and pray. Following Christ's burial (represented by a loud noise [strepitus], the lighted candle will return in anticipation of Christ's triumphant resurrection. At the close of service, the congregation is asked to leave quietly.

The prayers after each of the readings are from Martin Luther. These books were published by Joachim Mynsinger of Frundeck from the *Gebetbuch, enthaltend die sämtlichen Gebete und Seufzer Martin Luthers*.

Hymn **125 - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (verses 1 & 2)**

**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.**

Isaiah 53

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Prayer of the Day

- P:** God Most Holy, look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- C:** **Amen.**

Psalm 22 (read responsively)

P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

P: O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

C: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.

P: In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

C: They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

P: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

C: All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

P: "He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

C: Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

P: From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

C: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

P: Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

C: Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

P: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

C: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

P: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

C: I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

P: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

C: But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

P: Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

C: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

P: I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.

**C: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!**

- P: For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.
- C: From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows.**
- P: The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the Lord will praise him— may your hearts live forever!
- C: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,**
- P: for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.
- C: All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him— those who cannot keep themselves alive.**
- P: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.
- C: They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn— for he has done it.**

THE SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS

The First Word -- Luke 23:26-34

²⁶As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then “ ‘they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!” ’

³¹For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Silence for Meditation

Prayer

- P: O God in heaven, grant us patience, that we poor people will not strike back in return for any reproach or mockery from our neighbors, but that we may persist in your Word, follow your divine will, and forgive all who have done us harm.
- C: Amen.**

Hymn

105 - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (verse 1)

O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded,
With thorns your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory
Now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call you mine.

The Second Word -- John 19:25-27

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Silence for Meditation

Prayer

P: O God, we ask for your compassion which you had for your afflicted mother when you gave her into the care of your beloved disciple John. O Lord, take us poor people in your care. Shelter and shield us from all the assaults of the evil foe, and all adversaries and persecutors who seek to take Christian lives.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn

105 - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (verse 2)

Men mock and taunt and jeer you,
They smite your countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear you
And flee before your glance.
How pale you are with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
Your eyes with pain now languish
That once were bright as morn!

The Third Word -- Luke 23:38-43

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Silence for Meditation

Prayer

P: O God in heaven, we poor sinners cry out from this valley of tears to you, "Lord, remember us poor people in your kingdom." Cry out to our hearts, when the soul is about to leave the body, "Today will you be with me in paradise."

C: Amen.

Hymn

105 - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (verse 3)

**Now from your cheeks has vanished
Their color, once so fair;
From your red lips is banished
The splendor that was there.
Grim death with cruel rigor
Has robbed you of your life;
Thus you have lost your vigor,
Your strength, in this sad strife.**

The Fourth Word -- Matthew 27:45-49

⁴⁵ From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

Silence for Meditation

Prayer

P: O God, heavenly Father, through the anguished cry of Jesus Christ, “My God, why have you forsaken me?” you draw us to yourself. For the sake of your Son, O God in heaven, do not forsake us when we bear our heaviest crosses and afflictions, but reach out to us and uphold us with your fatherly grace.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn **105 - “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (verse 4)**

**My burden in your passion,
Lord, you have borne for me,
For it was my transgression,
My shame, on Calvary.
I cast me down before you;
Wrath is my rightful lot.
Have mercy, I implore you;
Redeemer, spurn me not!**

The Fifth Word -- John 19:28-29

²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

Silence for Meditation

Prayer

P: O God, in the parched thirst of Jesus Christ, he spoke in the depths of his suffering, “I thirst.” Move us poor people to hunger and thirst for your righteousness, O God in heaven, kindle our hearts with your divine love, that neither death nor life, nor angles nor rulers will be able to separate us from your love. Make us hunger and thirst to serve each other willingly.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn

105 - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (verse 5)

**What language shall I borrow
To thank you, dearest Friend,
For this, your dying sorrow,
Your pity without end?
Oh, make me yours forever,
And keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love for you.**

The Sixth Word -- John 19:30

³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silence for Meditation

Prayer

P: O God in heaven, according to your will and in your Son Jesus Christ, all is finished. May all our works always be done according to your divine will, and never following our own understanding.

C: Amen.

Hymn

105 - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (verse 6)

**My Savior, then be near me
When death is at my door,
And let your presence cheer me;
Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
Oh, leave me not alone,
But take away my anguish
By virtue of your own!**

The Seventh Word -- Luke 23:44-46

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Silence for Meditation

Prayer

P: O God in heaven, help us to follow our head, our Lord Jesus Christ. When you call us poor sinners out of this valley of tears, move us to submit our spirits to you in trouble, and speak in the heart when our tongues can no longer speak, “Father into your hands I commit my spirit!” Then, receive our souls into the divine protection of your gracious hands, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and Savior.

C: **Amen.**

The lighted candle is taken out of the sanctuary.

Hymn **105 - “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (verse 7)**

**Lord, be my consolation,
My shield when I must die;
Remind me of your passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
My eyes will then behold you,
Upon your cross will dwell;
My heart will then enfold you –
Who dies in faith dies well!**

Prayer of the Church for Good Friday

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

The Strepitus (The stone is rolled in front of the tomb)
(*A noise is made as a reminder of the sealing of the tomb.*)

A lighted candle is returned to the altar.

Hymn

113 - "Upon the Cross Extended" (verse 5)

Your cords of love, my Savior,
Bind me to you forever;
I am no longer mine.
To you I gladly tender
All that my life can render
And all I have to you resign.

SILENT PRAYER: *After personal reflection and prayer, the congregation may leave in silence.*

The omission of a benediction indicates that our worship is not complete until our celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter. Please leave in silence in anticipation of the joys of Easter, while contemplating the seriousness of Good Friday.



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THERE WILL BE a call meeting immediately following the Maundy Thursday service this evening to call a 1st & 2nd grade teacher as well as a 7th & 8th grade teacher/principal. All voters and members, men and women, are encouraged to attend.

A SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING will be held Sunday, April 11, immediately after second service. We will be discussing the future of busing at our school as well as necessary masonry work needed on the school building. The congregation (all voters, men, and women) and school parents are encouraged to attend to voice your opinions on these important matters.

CALL MEETING: There will also be a call meeting Sunday, April 11 to call a pastor. Please plan on attending both meetings.

JOIN US Sunday, April 4th at 6:30 a.m. for Easter Sunrise worship. The service will be repeated at 9:30 a.m. Join in the celebration of new life in Christ!

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Now is the time to get your children registered for the 2021-2022 school year. The deadline is April 12th. If you have not received your registration packet, or if you know of someone who is interested in our school, please contact the office, either by phone or email. We are still accepting students to our preschool/prekindergarten program, as well. Simple registration forms can be found on the table in the narthex or they also be obtained from the school office, along with the complete Pre-K packet.