



It is finished

JOHN 19:30

# GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, 2026

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

### **WELCOME STATEMENT**

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

*"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."*

-Galatians 3:28

## **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Presiding Minister— Pastor Anne Andert  
Organist/Choir Director—Cheryl Licary

### **12:00pm service**

Assisting Minister—Jean Lincoln  
Lector—Nancy Nelson  
Musician—Zachary Peterson, violin

### **6:30pm service**

Assisting Minister—Pat Brogan  
Lector—Pat Brogan  
Musician—Zachary Peterson, violin  
AV Assistant—Grant Dusso  
Ushers—Steve Christensen and Karen Edwards

## **INTRODUCTION**

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.

# GATHERING

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*For personal prayer, you may find it helpful to turn to pages 72-87 (in the front of the hymnal).*

*Please gather in silence and mute all cell phones.*

## GREETING

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

P: Jesus said to them: *"You will all fall away because of Me this night."*

**C: Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away!**

P: Jesus said to them: *"Truly I say to you, this very night before the cock crows you will deny me three times."*

**C: Even if I must die with you. I will not deny you.**

## HYMN

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*—ELW 347

**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.**

**Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

## PRAYER

P: Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Christ, have mercy on us.**

P: Oh God, this is a night filled with terror and hope. We remember what our sins have done to you.

**C; Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the cross so that we may have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

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

L: A reading from Isaiah.

<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>53:1</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. <sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with affliction. 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; 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: John 18:1-19:42** (*You may remain seated.*)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

### **THE FIRST LIGHT**

**HYMN**     *Lamb of God*—ELW 336: 1&2

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.**

**Refrain:    O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love we crucified,  
we laughed and scorned him as he died.  
The humble king we named a fraud  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)**

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The passion according to John: 18:1-14  
*First candle is extinguished*

## **THE SECOND LIGHT**

**HYMN**     *Were You There*—ELW 353: 1&2

**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?**

**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?**

The passion according to John: 18:15-18

*Second candle is extinguished*

## **THE THIRD LIGHT**

**HYMN**     *Were You There*—ELW 353: 3&5

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**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?**

Text: African American spiritual

The passion according to John: 18:19-27

*Third candle is extinguished*

## **THE FOURTH LIGHT**

**HYMN**    *Ah, Holy Jesus*—ELW 349:1&2

**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!**  
**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 passion according to John: 18:28-19:3

*Fourth candle is extinguished*

## **THE FIFTH LIGHT**

**HYMN**    *Ah, Holy Jesus*—ELW 349:3&4

**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.**  
**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 passion according to John: 19:4-16

*Fifth candle is extinguished*

## **THE SIXTH LIGHT**

**HYMN**     ***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded***—ELW 357: 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.**

**How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
How does thy face now languish,  
which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

The passion according to John: 19:17-24  
*Sixth candle is extinguished*

## **THE SEVENTH LIGHT**

**HYMN**     ***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded***—ELW 357: 3&4

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

**Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;  
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

The passion according to John: 19:25-30  
*Seventh candle is extinguished*

## **THE EIGHTH LIGHT**

**HYMN**     *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*—ELW 338

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.**

**I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.**

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869

### **The Passion according to John: 19:31-42**

*Eighth candle is extinguished*

### **VIOLIN SOLO**

***Christ, We Do All Adore Thee***

-Baker/Dubois

(Adoramus Te, Christe)

*Christ, we do all adore Thee and we do praise Thee forever.  
For on the holy cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore Thee.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*(Apostles Creed - 2nd petition, Luther's Small Catechism)*

**I believe that Jesus Christ - true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary - is my Lord.**

**At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil - not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death.**

**All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*You may sit for the Bidding Prayers.*

## **BIDDING PRAYERS**

P: We pray 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.**

A: We pray for our bishops, for our pastor, and all servants of the  
church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

A: Almighty and eternal God,  
your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.  
Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers,  
and lay leaders.

A: Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help  
each of us in our various vocations to faithfully do the work to which  
you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: We 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.**

A: We pray for our nation.

*Silent prayer.*

A: Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Make us, who came from many nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties, and give those who we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: We 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.**

A: We pray for those who do not believe in God.

*Silent prayer.*

A: 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: We pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the world in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

A: We pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer.*

A: 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: We 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.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

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

**C: Oh, come, let us worship him.**

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**C: Oh, come, let us worship him.**

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

**C: Oh, come, let us worship him.**

P: We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. 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. We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. 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. 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 presiding minister continues*

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

## TIME OF REFLECTION

### *The Old Rugged Cross*

-Bennard/arr. Parks

*You are welcome to come forward and light a candle and pray at the foot of the cross. Or you may stay and pray from your pews. When you are ready to go, please leave the sanctuary in silence.*



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It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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## SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for Sunday by studying the scriptures.

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- Colossians 3:1-4
- Matthew 28:1-10

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