

Good Friday



St. Paul Lutheran Church
March 29, 2024

Good Friday Chief Service

with Tenebrae Sequence

I. The Liturgy of The Word

Collect 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

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.

Silence

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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Hymn

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

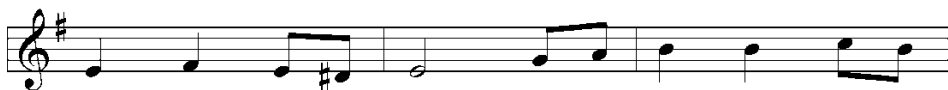
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1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

The First Candle is Extinguished

Epistle

Hebrews 4:14-16

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.

Hebrews 5:7-9

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,

Silence

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn

"O Scared Head, Now Wounded"

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st. 1

1. 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.

The Second Candle is Extinguished

Jesus Betrayed and Arrested

John 18:1-11

Hymn

"O Scared Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450

st. 2

2. How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now languish That once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter

John 18:12-27

Hymn

"O Scared Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450

st. 3

- 3 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.

Jesus Before Pilate

John 18:28-40

Hymn

"O Scared Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450

st. 4

- 4 My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts divine.
Thy lips have often fed me With words of truth and love;
Thy Spirit oft hath led me To heav'nly joys above.

Jesus Prepared For Crucifixion

John 19:1-16

Hymn

"O Scared Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450

st. 5

- 5 What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.

Jesus Crucified

John 19:16-24

Hymn

"O Scared Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450

st. 6

- 6 My Savior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me, Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish, O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish By virtue of Thine own!

Jesus' Mother and His Death

John 19:25-30

The Third Candle is Extinguished

Hymn

“O Scared Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 450
st. 7

- 7 Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

Jesus' Side Is Pierced

John 19:31-42

Hymn

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447
sts. 16-18

- 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.

Silence

The Sermon

“I Find No Guilt in Him”

John 18:38

Anthem

“And the Crowd Cried Out”

soloist

The Fourth Candle is Extinguished

II. The Bidding Prayer

Each petition concludes:

- P** ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

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| I. For the Church | VI. For Those Outside the Church |
| II. For Church Vocations | VII. For Peace |
| III. For Catechumens | VIII. For Our Enemies |
| IV. For All in Authority | IX. For the Fruits of the Earth |
| V. For Deliverance from Affliction | |

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

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.**

The Fifth Candle is Extinguished

III. The Adoration of The Holy Cross

P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

C **O come, let us worship Him.**

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Hymn

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

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- 1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay;
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,
As a victim won the day.
- 2 Tell how, when at length the fullness
Of the appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman,
Left for us His Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience,
Shone as light amidst the gloom.
- 3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing,
Did His work, and met His death;
Like a lamb He humbly yielded
On the cross His dying breath.

- 4 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
 Be for all the noblest tree;
 None in foliage, none in blossom,
 None in fruit thine equal be;
 Symbol of the world's redemption,
 For the weight that hung on thee!

IV. The Solemn Reproaches

The following Reproaches are the words of the Lord against His people, the Church, to which the congregation replies with a plea for mercy.

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offered you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people. (*Micah 6:3-4*)

C Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn

"Were You There"

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I Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh...

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offered you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people. (*Jeremiah 2:6-7*)

C Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn

"Were You There"

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2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh . . .

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes the phrase 'Oh . . .'. The third staff continues the melody and includes the phrase 'Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.'. The fourth staff concludes the melody and includes the phrase 'Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?'.

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offered you? Answer Me. For What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people. (*Isaiah 5:2-4*)

C Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn

"Were You There"

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3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh . . .

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes the phrase 'Oh . . .'. The third staff continues the melody and includes the phrase 'Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.'. The fourth staff concludes the melody and includes the phrase 'Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?'.



Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Adoration of Christ

C We adore You, O Lord
and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.
For behold, by the wood of Your cross
joy has come into all the world.
God be merciful to us and bless us,
and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.
We adore You, O Lord,
and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.
For behold, by the wood of Your cross
joy has come into all the world.

The Sixth Candle is Extinguished

Hymn

“The Royal Banners Forward Go”

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1 The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go;
2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
5 O tree of beau - ty, tree most fair,



The cross shows forth re - demp - tion's flow, Where He, by
Life's tor - rent rush - ing from His side, To wash us
Or - dained those ho - ly limbs to bear: Gone is thy



whom our flesh was made, Our ran - som
in the pre - cious flood Where flowed the
shame, each crim - soned bough Pro - claims the



in His flesh has paid:
wa - ter and the blood.
King of Glo - ry now.

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P Let us pray.

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; 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.

The Seventh Candle is Extinguished

Streptitus

The last candle is removed and the Streptitus (a loud sound) is heard, symbolizing Christ's final breath, the earthquake at the moment of his death and the closing of the tomb.

Return of The Christ Candle

A single candle is returned, symbolizing Christ victorious. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5)

Triduum



Because the Triduum ("three days" - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) is seen as one service in three parts, no Benediction is spoken at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service. The benediction spoken at the Easter Vigil concludes all the services of the Three Days.

Easter Schedule

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Easter Vigil Service - 7:45pm

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunrise Service at the Arboretum - 6:30am

Easter Festival Service - 10:00am

Join us as we draw near the cross of
Christ and his empty tomb.

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Those Assisting in Good Friday Service

Organist: Dr. David Pitt

Soloist: Becky Clark