

The Sacred Paschal Triduum (Part II) Good Friday



St. Paul Lutheran Church
April 18, 2025

Good Friday Chief Service

with Tenebrae Sequence

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

Stand as you are able

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.

Sit

Epistle

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,

Silence

Stand as you are able

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.

C Amen.

The First Candle is Extinguished

Sit

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

John 18 & 19

Silence

The Second Candle is Extinguished

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Hymn

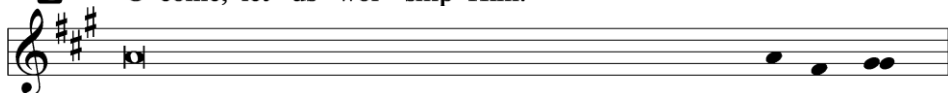
“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 450

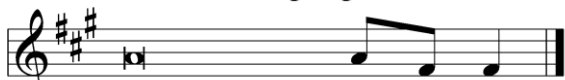
1. O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.
2. How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
How 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.
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.
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.
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.
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!



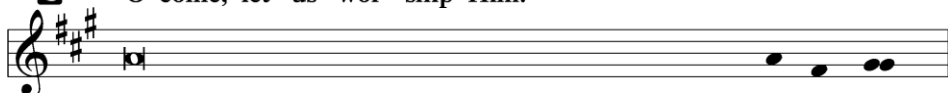
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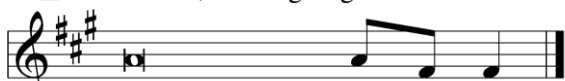
P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



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



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

During the following hymn, any who wish may come forward to touch or reverence (bow towards) the cross as an expression of gratitude to Christ for what He accomplished there.

Hymn “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” **LSB 454**

- 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!

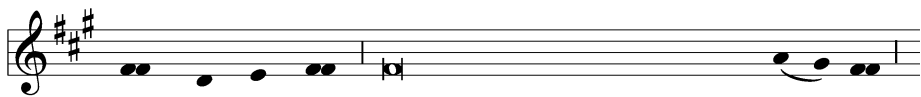
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The Solemn Reproaches

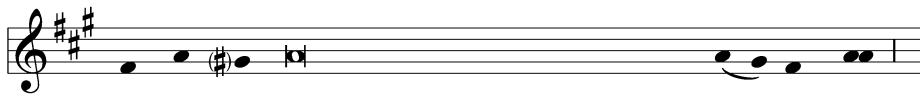
The following Reproaches are the words of the Lord against His people, the Church, to which the congregation replies with a plea for mercy.



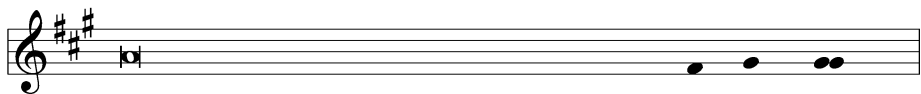
P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,



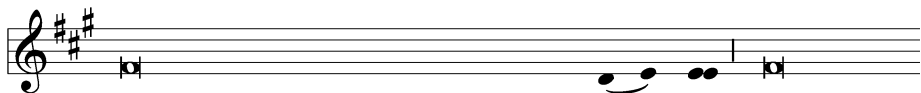
and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.



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 bond - age, and you have



nailed your Sav - ior to the cross. O My peo - ple.

C



Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and might - y.



Ho - ly im - mor - tal one have mer - cy up - on us.



P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,
 and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.
 For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and
 delivered Me to those who per - se - cute Me. For I have fed you with
 My Word and refreshed you with living wa - ter, and you have given
 Me gall and vin - e - gar to drink. O My peo - ple.

C
 Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and might - y.
 Ho - ly im - mor - tal one have mer - cy up - on us.

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,
 and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.
 What more could have been done for My vine - yard than I have
 done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield on-ly bad?
 My people, is this how you thank your God? O My peo - ple.

C
 Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and might - y.
 Ho - ly im - mor - tal one have mer - cy up - on us.



C We adore You, ♪ O Lord,
and we praise and glorify Your holy resur- ♪ rection.
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
up- ♪ on us.
We adore You, ♪ O Lord,
and we praise and glorify Your holy resur- ♪ rection.
For behold, by the wood ♪ of Your cross
joy has come into ♪ all the world.

The Sixth Candle is Extinguished

Sit

Hymn

“The Royal Banners Forward Go”

LSB 455

- 1 The royal banners forward go;
The cross shows forth redemption’s flow,
Where He, by whom our flesh was made,
Our ransom in His flesh has paid:
- 2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life’s torrent rushing from His side,
To wash us in the precious flood
Where flowed the water and the blood.
- 3 Fulfilled is all that David told
In sure prophetic song of old,
That God the nations’ king should be
And reign in triumph from the tree,
- 4 On whose hard arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world’s ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.
- 5 O tree of beauty, tree most fair,
Ordained those holy limbs to bear:
Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough
Proclaims the King of Glory now.

△ 6 To Thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done;
As by the cross Thou dost restore,
So guide and keep us evermore. Amen.

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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 Paschal Candle is Extinguished

Strepitus

*Upon hearing the loud noise, the congregation is encouraged to **stomp your feet**, swelling the noise. This reminds us not only of the earthquake at Calvary but also of the cataclysmic effects of Our Lord's Sacrifice of Himself.*

Return of The Paschal Candle

*The light will return **tomorrow** at the Vigil of Easter*

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5)

PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE AND REFRAIN FROM CONVERSATION

- Silence amplifies the words and deeds of Christ in our hearts
- Silence shows respect for our fellow worshippers

Triduum

Because the Triduum (“three days” - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Vigil of Easter) is one service in three parts, no Benediction is given at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service. The benediction spoken at the Easter Vigil concludes the service of the Three Days.

Easter Schedule

Saturday, April 19, 2025

Easter Vigil Service – 8:00pm

Sunday, April 20, 2025

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

Chanter: Jon Lutz

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