

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum
(Part II)
Good Friday**



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
April 3, 2026**

Good Friday Chief Service

with Tenebrae Sequence

In our Lenten series this year, we will place ourselves in the hands of some of history's great painters as they guide us into the Scriptures. Today, we are invited to contemplate the story of our salvation through: Lamentation of Christ, Andrea Mantegna (c.1431- 1506, Italian Renaissance), c.1480, tempera on canvas, 68x81cm, Pinacoteca di Brera, Milan, Italy

COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer

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

¹²For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. 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.

Silence for individual prayer

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 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.

Silence

Stand as you are able

P Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer

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

Sit

HYMN

“In Silent Pain the Eternal Son”

LSB 432



1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lict and still;
2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ - teous - ness;
3 For strife He came to bring a sword, The truth to end all lies;



In dark - ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.
The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us in - to peace.
To rule in us, our pa - tient Lord, Un - til all e - vil dies:



Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang-est vic - to - ry,
 For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him - self to save the lost;
 For in His hand He holds the stars, His voice shall speak to end our wars,



For in His bod - y on the tree He car-ries all our ill.
 He loved us to the ut - ter - most And paid for our re - lease.
 And those who love Him see His scars And look in - to His eyes.

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The Third Candle is Extinguished

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

“And the Crowd Cried Out”

Soloist

The Fourth Candle is Extinguished

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Each petition concludes:

P ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

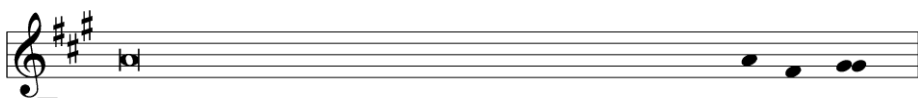
C Amen

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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 | |

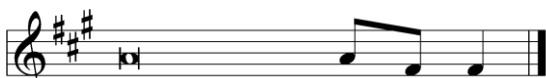
P Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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.

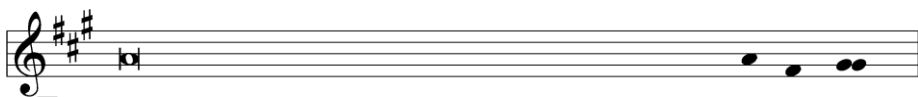
THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



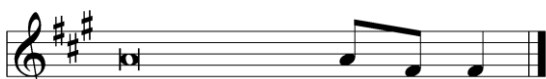
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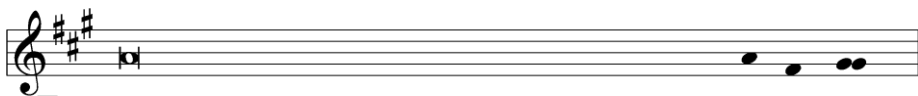
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



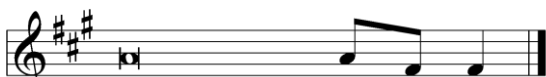
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HYMN

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

LSB 454



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
 world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!

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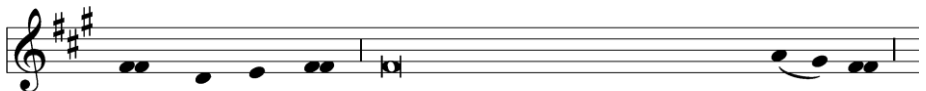
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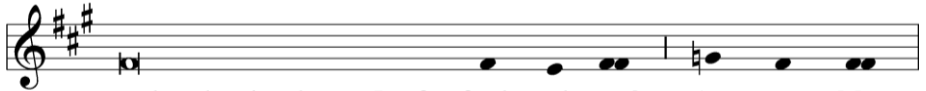
THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

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

Micah 6:3-4



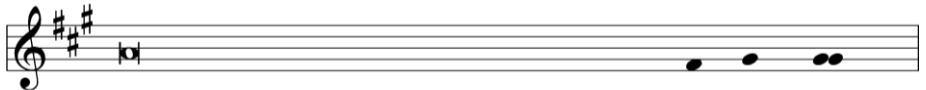
P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,



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.



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

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

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in bass clef. The second system also has two staves: a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time and G major. The lyrics are: 'Ho ly God. Ho - ly and might - y. Ho - ly im - mor - tal one have mer - cy up - on us.'

Jeremiah 2:6-7

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.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a passage from the Bible. It consists of seven staves of music in treble clef, all in G major. The lyrics are: '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.'



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Isaiah 5:4

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.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the biblical passage Isaiah 5:4. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are: '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 Banner Forward Go"

LSB 455

1 The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go;
5 O tree of beau - ty, tree most fair,
The cross shows forth re - demp - tion's flow, Where He, by
Or - dained those ho - ly limbs to bear: Gone is thy
whom our flesh was made, Our ran - som the
shame, each crim - soned bough Pro - claims the
in King His flesh has paid:
of Glo - ry now.

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P Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer

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 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**

“When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. -Revelation 8:1”

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.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Easter Vigil – 7:45pm Holy Communion

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunrise at the Arboretum - 6:30am

Easter Festival Service at St. Paul - 10:00am w/ Holy Comm.

Those Assisting in Good Friday Service

Head Usher: Dennis Fry

Organist: David Pitt

Soloist: Becky Clark

Cantors: Jon Barz & Becky Clark

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