



GOD ON TRIAL - EVIDENCE

GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29, 2024, 6:30 P.M.



CHRIST THE KING
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for our Good Friday service this evening! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities. All we like sheep have gone astray: and he Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my cry come to You.

SERVICE NOTES


If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the red binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with the pastor or one of the elders.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience tonight's order of service is printed on the following pages. The order of service is a Tenebrae service, based on the seven words Jesus spoke from the cross.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Easter Festival Service (Comm.) – March 31, 8:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast will be served following the Easter Festival Service.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. Michael Dietz
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Mark Uhlig
Altar Guild	Sandy Gillaume & Janet Heuser

God on Trial -- Evidence

Opening Hymn: # 149

Confession of Sins

M: In the name of our God, to Whom all hearts are open and from Whom no secrets are hidden.

ALL: I confess that I am by nature sinful

I am guilty of many sins.

I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.

For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love.

M: Jesus says to His people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." His sufferings and death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

ALL: Yes, I believe.

M: By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Psalm 22 (See Insert)

Psalm Prayer (in unison): Lord Jesus, because Your hands and feet were pierced for us, because You were surrounded by taunting enemies, and because You were abandoned even by Your Heavenly Father, we are rescued from the lion's mouth. Be with us when we must face our own crosses, and instill in us the confidence to say, "My Savior has won the victory for me." Amen.

Passion History readings

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

M: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord

Hebrews 7:26-28

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John 19:17-30

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Choir: The Old Rugged Cross

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 170

Sermon: God on Trial – Evidence Matthew 27:38-54

Offering

3rd Hymn: #153

M: Let my prayers be set forth before Thee

C: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice

The Nunc Dimittus: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou has prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayers:

Prayer for Good Friday then the following:

M: O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safety into darkness and returns again to light.

C: We place into Your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper.

M: To Your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing You alone are our sure Defender; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us

Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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

M: The Lord be with you

C: And with Your spirit

The Prayer for Peace

M: Bless we the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction:

C: Amen

Closing Hymn: Hymn # 146

PSALM 22

M: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

C: *Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?*

M: O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;

C: *And in the night season, and am not silent.*

M: But You *are* holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You;

C: *They trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.*

M: But I *am* a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people.

C: *All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,*
"He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

M: But You *are* He who took Me out of the womb;

C: *You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts.*

M: I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You *have been* My God.

C: *Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help.*

M: Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled Me.

C: They gape at Me *with* their mouths, *Like* a raging and roaring lion.

M: I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint;

C: *My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.*

M: My strength is dried up like a potsherd,

C: *And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.*

M: For dogs have surrounded Me;

C: *The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.*

M: They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones.

C: *They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.*

M: But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

C: *Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog.*

M: Save Me from the lion's mouth

C: And from the horns of the wild oxen!

M: You have answered Me. I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

C: You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

M: For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;

C: Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard.

M: My praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.

C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!

M: All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD,

C: And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the LORD's, And He rules over the nations.

M: All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship;

C: All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive.

M: A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the *next* generation,

C: They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done *this*.