

Good Friday



April 2, 2021

RETURN TO TRUTH

Peter addressed the people in Solomon's Portico at the temple in Jerusalem after the time of Pentecost, and said directly, "Men of Israel . . . you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life" (Acts 3:12, 14–15). In the service of Good Friday, we reflect on that truth and remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us. The hymnist describes the event with poignant beauty: "The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander" (*LSB* 439:4). Good Friday is good for us. It is good to be here!

All enter the church in silence.

Stand

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Lord God, because of our wandering ways, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was arrested, tortured, and crucified. He suffered the consequences for our sin. By His stripes we are healed. On this day, guide us to return to the truth of our sin, the truth of Jesus' sacrifice for us, and the truth of Your love by which You gave Your beloved Son for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13—53:12

- A** The Old Testament Reading for Good Friday is from Isaiah, the fifty-second and fifty-third chapters.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

A The Epistle is from Hebrews, the fourth and fifth chapters.

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.

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C Thanks be to God.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, You give to us a Savior who in every respect has been tempted as we are yet was without sin. In our times of temptation, give us the power of Your Spirit to resist. And when we fall, bring us back again to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

st. 1

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.

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Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus: John 18:1-11

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 1

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

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Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter: John 18:12–27

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 2



2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!



How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!



Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;



Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

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Jesus before Pilate: John 18:28–40

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 3



3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion: John 19:1–16

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 4



4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.
Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.
Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;
Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

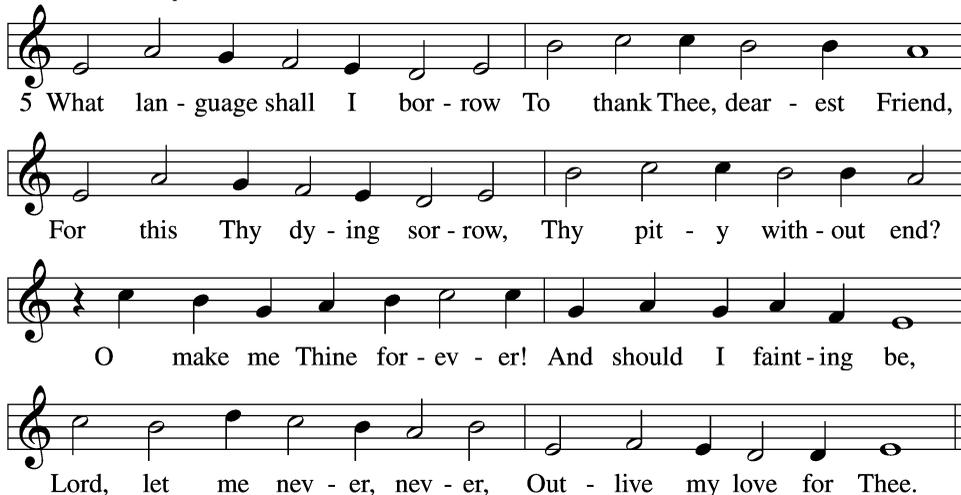
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As able, please stand for the remainder of the Passion

The Crucifixion of Jesus: John 19:16–24

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 5



5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

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Jesus' Mother and His Death: John 19:25–30

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 6

6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;
Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!
When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,
But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!

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Jesus' Side Is Pierced: John 19:31–42

Sit

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 7

7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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Sermon

Stand

Bidding Prayer

Each petition will conclude with

P ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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.**

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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453 Upon the Cross Extended

sts. 1, 6-7



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
6 Your cords of love, my Sav - ior, Bind me to
7 Your cross I place be - fore me; Its sav - ing



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
You for - ev - er, I am no long - er mine.
pow'r re - store me, Sus - tain me in the test.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
To You I glad - ly ten - der All that my life can
It will, when life is end - ing, Be guid - ing and at -



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
ren - der And all I have to You re - sign.
tend - ing My way to Your e - ter - nal rest.

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Reproaches

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended 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.

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.**

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

st. 1

I Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended 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.

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.**

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

st. 2

2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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- P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. 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.
- 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.**

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

st. 3

3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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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.

Concluding Collect

- P** Let us pray.
God of power and might, on this day we have remembered with thankfulness the truth of Your love, by which You did not spare Your Son, but gave Him up for us on the cross. Filled with gratitude for the depth of Your love, we now live in true hope; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

436 Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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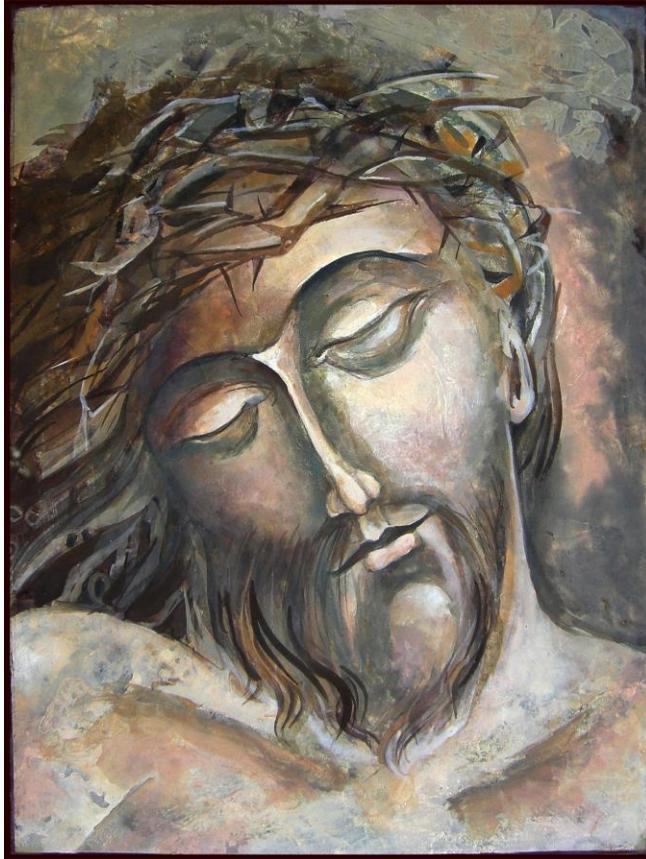
A loud sound, symbolizing the shutting of the tomb, is heard and the bell is tolled 33 times. The congregation may depart while the bell is tolling.

Please refrain from speaking until you have left the church grounds. We retire to our homes in somber contemplation of the meaning of Christ's death for us and the certain hope of the Easter victory soon to be celebrated!

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