

GOOD FRIDAY

It's All about Death

April 9, 2023

AS WE GATHER



Good Friday is the second of the three days in which the full story of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection unfold. This is the Friday we dare to call good because of what Jesus accomplished by His all-sufficient sacrifice. It is all about death; there is no escaping it. But it is not simply about one man and one cross. It is also about death from which we were spared because He died. And finally, it is about the death in which we take part through our Baptism into Christ and the life He gives us there.

PREPARATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

(Silence)

Pastor: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; through Him who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

* WORD *

FIRST READING

Pastor: Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Pew Bible Page 1145
(Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.)

(Silent reflection)

HYMN

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

LSB 451

SECOND READING

Reader: Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 Pew Bible Page 1866
(Jesus is our great High Priest.)

(Silent reflection)

HYMN

"O Perfect Life of Love"

Chancel Choir

THIRD READING

Pastor: John 18:1—18:11 Pew Bible Page 1681

HYMN RESPONSE

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" v.1–2

LSB 436

Reader:

John 18:12–18:27

Pew Bible Page 1681

HYMN RESPONSE

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" v 1, 5

LSB 440

Pastor:

John 18:28–40

Pew Bible Page 1682

HYMN RESPONSE

"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" v. 1–2

LSB 439

Reader:

John 19:1–16a

Pew Bible Page 1683

HYMN RESPONSE

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" v 1–2

LSB 450

Pastor:

John 19:16b–24a

Pew Bible Page 1684
this was to fulfill the Scripture which says:

People: "They divided My garments among them, and
for My clothing they cast lots."

Reader: John 19:24b-30 Pew Bible Page 1684

HYMN RESPONSE **LSB 452**

"O Perfect Life of Love" v.5

Pastor: John 19:31-42 Pew Bible Page 1685

HYMN RESPONSE **LSB 433**

"Glory Be to Jesus"

FOURTH READING

Reader: Acts 2:22-24, 37-38 Pew Bible Page 1693 & 1694

MEDITATION

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

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THE PRAYERS

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Christ, have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.

Pastor: O God, the Father in heaven,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: have mercy on us.

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: From all evils

People: deliver us, O Lord.

Pastor: From sudden or evil death, from the snares of satan, from anger, hatred, or bitterness, and from everlasting death,

People: deliver us, O Lord.

Pastor: By the mystery of Your incarnation, by Your most holy life, by Your most bitter passion and death, by Your agony and sweat, by Your stripes and wounds, by Your body wounded for our transgressions, by Your crown of thorns for our shame, by Your cross borne for us, by the suffering of the nails, by Your crucifixion and agony, by Your blood shed for us, by Your patience and humility, by Your love to the end,

People: deliver us, O Lord.

Pastor: That we may be dead to sin and alive to righteousness, that we may not glory except in the cross of Christ, that we may daily take up our cross and follow Him, that we may be cleansed to serve the living God with the good works that glorify Him, that we may be partakers of His suffering and sharers in His glory.

People: We beg You to hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

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People: grant us Your peace.

Pastor: O God, the Holy Spirit,

Pastor: O Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God,
who at the sixth hour was raised up on the
cross for the redemption of the world, and who
did shed Your blood for the forgiveness of all
our sins, we pray You, that by the merits of
Your holy life, life-giving passion, and death,
You may grant to us the privilege of Your mercy
to enter into the gates of paradise to dwell with
You there in all joy and blessedness, for all
eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (whispered)

HYMN **LSB 450**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" v. 5

*Following the "closing of the Book", which symbolized the sealing of
the tomb, worshipers are asked **to leave the church in silence.** The
Savior of the world has died, and we mourn His death.*

The Story is not yet over. Come and share the good news
yet to come

***Join us for worship with Holy Communion Easter
morning with service at 9 a.m. Fellowship at 8:15 –
8:45 am and at 10:15 – 10:45 am.***

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