

## Good Friday

Good Friday 9:00 a.m. & 6:15 p.m. April 2, 2021  
Grace Lutheran Church of Wayne, Nebraska

AS WE GATHER: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John the Baptist spoke that prophetic phrase at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Today as we meditate on the death of the Son of God on our behalf, we see the awful price required to take away those sins. The basis of our meditation will be hymnody used by the church for centuries as it seeks to put into words the tragic consequence of sin and the greatness of our Savior's sacrifice on Golgotha. The extinguishing of candles one by one following the reading of Jesus' words from the cross signifies Jesus' gradual expiration and death on the cross. It also reminds us of the darkness which covered and still covers the people who reject the Son of God.

### Tolling of the Bell

♪ Hymn: "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LSB 420 sts. 1, 4, 6

- 1** Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 4** Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn  
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.  
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,  
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6** Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Responsive Reading

Isaiah 53:3-9, 12b

- P** He was despised and rejected by men;  
**C** a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;  
**P** and as one from whom men hide their faces  
**C** he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**P** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
**C** **yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**  
**P** But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
**C** **he was crushed for our iniquities;**  
**P** upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
**C** **and with his stripes we are healed.**  
**P** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;  
**C** **and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**  
**P** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
**C** **yet he opened not his mouth;**  
**P** like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
**C** **so he opened not his mouth.**  
**P** By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
**C** **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?**  
**P** And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,  
**C** **although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.**  
**P** he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors;  
**C** **yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.**  
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

♪ Hymn: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

LSB 440 sts. 1, 6

- 1** Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;  
 With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.  
 Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish  
 Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.
- 6** Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,  
 Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.  
 May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,  
 That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

**The Words from the Cross  
+ The First Word +**

**Scripture Reading**

*Luke 23:23-26,32-34a*

"But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that [Jesus] should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will. And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus....Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.**"

♪ **Hymn: "Were You There"**

*LSB 456 sts. 1-3*

- 1 **Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**
- 2 **Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**
- 3 **Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

**+ The Second Word +**

**Scripture Reading**

*Luke 23:35-43*

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him,

"This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, **"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."**

♪ **Hymn: "Upon the Cross Extended"**

*LSB 453 sts. 1, 6-7*

- 1 Upon the cross extended See, world, your Lord suspended.  
Your Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself has freely given To shame and blows and bitter death.**
  
- 6 Your cords of love, my Savior, Bind me to You forever,  
I am no longer mine. To You I gladly tender  
All that my life can render And all I have to You resign.**
  
- 7 Your cross I place before me; Its saving pow'r restore me,  
Sustain me in the test. It will, when life is ending,  
Be guiding and attending My way to Your eternal rest.**

**+ The Third Word +**

**Scripture Reading**

*John 19:25-27*

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, **"Woman, behold, your son!"** Then he said to the disciple, **"Behold, your mother!"** And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

♪ **Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

*LSB 425 sts. 1, 3, 4*

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.**
  
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
  
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

## + The Fourth Word +

### Scripture Reading

*Matthew 27:45–47*

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, **“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”** that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

### ♪ Hymn: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

*LSB 437 sts. 1, 3–5*

- 1 **Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?**
- 3 **Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died For His own creatures' sin.**
- 4 **Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.**
- 5 **But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.**

## + The Fifth Word +

### Scripture Reading

*John 19:28–29*

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), **“I thirst.”** A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

### ♪ Hymn: “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

*LSB 439 sts. 2–3, 7*

- 2 **They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.**
- 3 **Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.**
- 7 **O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,  
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!  
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying While Thou wert dying.**

## + The Sixth Word +

### Scripture Reading

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "**It is finished,**" and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### ♪ Hymn: "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

LSB 451 sts. 1-3

- 1 **Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.**
  
- 3 **Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.**
  
- 4 **Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost:  
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.**

## + The Seventh Word +

### Scripture Reading

Luke 23:44–46, Matthew 27:54

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!**" And having said this he breathed his last.

*Pause for silent meditation.*

When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

**Choir Anthem: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"** 6:15 p.m. only

- 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die;  
Remind me of Thy passion When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

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- P** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, for all the people of God, and most especially for our catechumens, that they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for all in authority that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty, and we pray that the world would be delivered from all error, disease, famine, and all disruptive forces so that peace may abound among us. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for all people in every place, including for our enemies and for all those who are outside of the Church, that there may be a true love of concord and that all that is evil may be turned to that which is good and salutary. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for blessing upon the fruits of the earth and on all who share the bounties of God so abundantly given to us, asking that we may receive

every divine gift with thanksgiving and respond to the grace of God we are given with humble hearts and dedicated lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Finally, we pray that we may continue living in faith all our days, ever looking to Jesus, who has won our salvation. Grant that our worship and devotion be blessed with Your abiding grace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### ♪ **Agnus Dei** (*Divine Service, Setting Three*)

LSB 198

**C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

**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.**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **Amen.**

*All leave in silence following a time for silent prayer.*

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