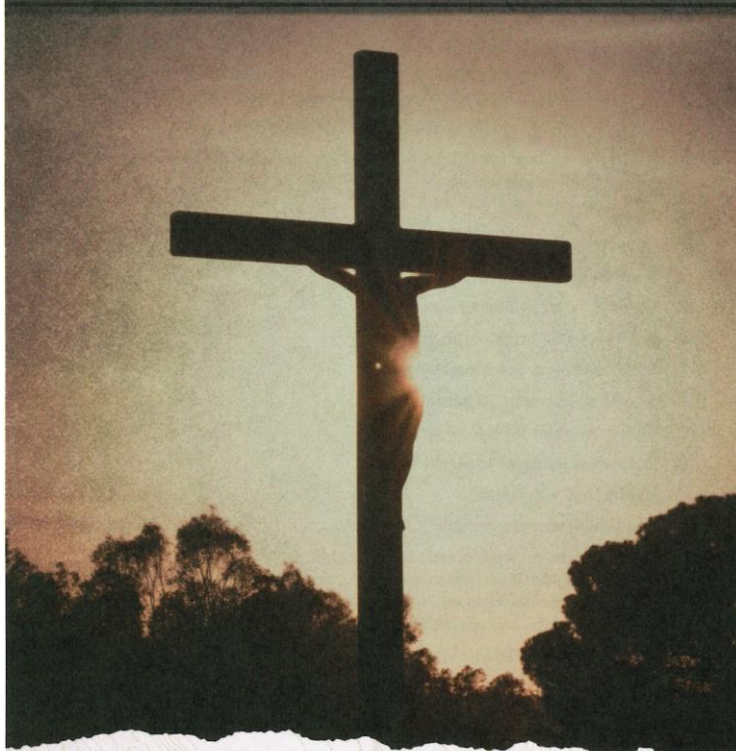


PLACES *of the* PASSION



GOOD FRIDAY

Golgotha

Good Friday
April 2, 2021
1 p.m.

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
Brillion, WI

Welcome

Theme Verse

P Our theme verse for today is, “And he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha” (John 19:17).

Invocation and Call to Worship

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

C Amen.

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

C To see the depths of His love.

P To behold the gift of His forgiveness.

C To gaze upon the heights of His grace.

P To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.

C We walk with Jesus to Golgotha.

P That’s Aramaic for The Place of the Skull.

C That’s where Jesus gave us His all.

P Faithful Lord, with me abide.

C I shall follow where You guide!

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

LSB 451 vs. 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.
- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.
- 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.

Confession and Absolution

P Dear Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to behold the agony of Your rejection, the pain of Your condemnation, and the horror of Your crucifixion.

C Empower us to walk where You walked and to the people You encountered on that Friday so long ago.

P Stay with us, Lord, as we witness Your suffering and listen to Your last words of love.

C As we approach Calvary, let us become mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against Your holy commandments.

P Eternal God, we confess that we have turned away from You in our thinking, speaking, and doing.

C We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others.

P We have passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

C O God, we have tried to hide from You and from one another.

P We confess our fatal attractions that enslave us and the failed relationships that haunt us.

C We cannot plead the strength of our temptations or the frailty of our nature or place the blame on other people.

P We can only say—

C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

P Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment, and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha, and Golgotha—for you. That’s why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

C I shall follow where You guide!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold 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 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 50:4–10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to

those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 3:10–14

¹⁰For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹²But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:45–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And 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?” ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his

resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When 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!”

⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Mini Message

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611 vs. 1-2

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus’ love, Higher than the heav’ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P Onward in Christ’s footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father’s bidding. And so we pray: Dear Lord Jesus, that there had to be a day when You—the eternal Son of God—would be made sin for us, is not good. But at the same time, that You freely and gladly gave Yourself for us on the cross, is ultimate goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Dear Lord Jesus, from the cross You uttered these two impassioned cries, “Father, forgive them” and “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” The first, our forgiveness, required the second, Your God-forsakenness. Together, these cries humble our hearts and ignite our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Dear Lord Jesus, then You cried, “It is finished.” You left nothing undone. We are redeemed, reconciled, renewed, and resurrection is most certainly coming. You became the Just for the unjust, the Beautiful One for the broken ones, the Way for the

lost ones, the Savior for the sinners, the Lamb of God for the rebels from God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Dear Lord Jesus, thousands of years into our life in the new heaven and new earth, we will still be stunned with awe, worship, and gratitude for the greatness of Your sacrifice and love for us. Rated, to be sure, because you exhausted God's judgment against our numberless sins.

C Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 Seven Last Words "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447

First Word: "Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' And they cast lots to divide his garments" (Luke 23:34).

(The first candles are extinguished.)

1 Jesus, in Your dying woes, Even while Your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for Your foes: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Second Word: "[Jesus] said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise'" (Luke 23:43).

(The second candles are extinguished.)

4 Jesus, pitying the sighs Of the thief, who near You dies,
Promising him paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Third Word: "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" (John 19:26-27).

(The third candles are extinguished.)

7 Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,
And Your dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Fourth Word: “And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?’ which means, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’” (Mark 15:34).

(The fourth candles are extinguished.)

10 Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, With our evil left alone,
While no light from heav’n is shown: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Fifth Word: “After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), ‘I thirst’” (John 19:28).

(The fifth candles are extinguished.)

13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Sixth Word: “When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, ‘It is finished,’ and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit” (John 19:30).

(The sixth candles are extinguished.)

16 Jesus, all our ransom paid, All Your Father’s will obeyed;
By Your suff’rings perfect made: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Seventh Word: “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” (Luke 23:46).

(The seventh candles are extinguished.)

19 Jesus, all Your labor vast, All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last: Hear us, holy Jesus.

21 May Your life and death supply Grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the home on high: Hear us, holy Jesus.

(Sanctuary lights are turned off – all but the far west light switch)

Closing Reading

John 19:41-42

P ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

The Paschal Candle (symbolizing Christ) is removed from its stand (symbolizing the cross), and is taken from the worship area (symbolizing Calvary).

The stone is rolled in front of the tomb.

The sound of the strepitus is heard, a harsh noise signifying the closing of the tomb.

The Paschal Candle is returned to the chancel area and placed near the baptismal font (symbolizing the tomb).

*(The congregation, after a silent prayer, leaves the church building **in silence** anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday.)*

As we leave, the bells are tolled 33 times, once for each year of Jesus' life.

The story is not yet over. Come and share the good news yet to come at the Festival of the Resurrection at **7 & 9 a.m. on Easter Sunday!**

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