

Christ Lutheran Church

April 2, 2021

Good Friday Worship



The Good Friday Service is one of quiet contemplation of the mighty acts of love and sacrifice that Jesus offered for us upon the Cross. The service begins and ends in silence.)

GATHERING

(Please stand in body or spirit)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of heaven and earth,
you come in close and make us yours.
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,
embrace your forgiveness,
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

(Silence may be kept.)

Merciful God,
forgive us.
Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.
We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.
(Silence)

We were silent when we should have said something.
(Silence)

We acted when we knew better.
(Silence)

We were still when we know we should have moved.
(Silence)

For the wrong we have done,
for the good we have failed to do,
have mercy on us,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

People of God, look to the † Son,
given to heal you and set you free
because God loved the world so much.
Take hold of life, here and now, and eternal life!
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

(Silence is kept)

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

THE CRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

Worship for the Way of the Cross

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PHARISEE: And some of the Pharisees in the multitude cried to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples! They're calling you the Christ. Tell them to shut up!"

NARRATOR: He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent the very stones themselves would cry out."

NARRATOR: And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. O Jerusalem! The days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation."

2. The Preparation and the Eating of the Last Supper-The Passion of Our Lord

NARRATOR: Now, the feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the Temple Priests were seeking how to put Jesus to death; for they feared the people.

JUDAS: Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the temple priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and engaged to give him money. So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude.

NARRATOR: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

PEOPLE: They said to him, "But where. Lord? Where will you have us prepare it, and what are we to do?"

NARRATOR: He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city. a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the householder, 'The Teacher says to you. Where is the guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready." And they went and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

HYMN

"Let us Break Bread Together" (v.1)

LBW 212

**Please enjoy the soloist as we refrain from singing together at this time.*

Let us break bread together on our knees;

let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees,

with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

PASTOR: And when the hour came, he sat at the table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN

"Let us Break Bread Together" (v.2-3)

LBW 212

**Please enjoy the soloist as we refrain from singing together at this time.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

NARRATOR: But behold the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined: but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

PEOPLE: And they began to question, "Who, Lord? Who is to betray you? Is it I? Is it I?"

NARRATOR: He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. Oh, it would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

JUDAS: Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him, "You have said so."

PETER: Simon Peter was indignant. "But not I!" he said. And he declared, "Though they all fall away from you, I will never leave you."

NARRATOR: "Peter, truly I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

PETER: Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!"

PEOPLE: And so said all of the disciples, over and over again-

3. *The Agony in the Garden*

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" (v. 1)

LBW 109

**Please enjoy the soloist as we refrain from singing together at this time.*

Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

NARRATOR: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

PEOPLE: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us, deliver us.

NARRATOR: And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done."

PEOPLE: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done. Thy will be done. Thy will be done-

NARRATOR: When he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

PEOPLE: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, even the evil within ourselves.

JUDAS: While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him.

NARRATOR: But Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

JUDAS: Judas said, "Hail, Master."

PEOPLE: When the disciples saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

PETER: And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

NARRATOR: But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

PEOPLE: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to those who had come out against him, "When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness." Then they seized him-

4. The Judgment

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" (v. 2)

LBW 109

**Please enjoy the soloist as we refrain from singing together at this time.*

**Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame or loss;
Learn from him to bear the cross.**

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him to the High Priest's house.

PETER: Peter followed at a distance; and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together. Peter sat among them.

PEOPLE: Then a maid, seeing him sit in the light, said, "This man also was with him."

PETER: But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

PEOPLE: And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

PETER: But Peter said, "Man, I am not."

PEOPLE: An hour later another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him: for he is a Galilean."

PETER: But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!"

NARRATOR: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

PETER: And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and he wept bitterly.

NARRATOR: Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him; they blindfolded him and demanded.

PEOPLE: "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

NARRATOR: And they spoke many other words against him, reviling him. When the day came. the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together and led him to their council;

PEOPLE: And they said, "If you are the Christ, tell us."

NARRATOR: But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask you now, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God""

PEOPLE: And they said, "Are you the Son of God. then?"

NARRATOR: And he said to them, "You say that I am."

PEOPLE: And they said, "Blasphemy! What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips. Blasphemy! Oh. BLASPHEMY!"

5. Dawn Friday: Jesus Before Pilate

NARRATOR: Then the whole company of them arose, and brought him before Pontius Pilate.

PEOPLE: And they began to curse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ the King!"

PILATE: And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: And he answered him, "You have said so."

PILATE: And Pilate said to the Chief Priests and the multitudes, "I find no crime in this man."

PEOPLE: But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout Galilee even to this place."

PILATE: And when Pilate heard that he was a Galilean, of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod,

NARRATOR: Where he was vehemently accused, and treated with contempt and mocked, and arrayed in gorgeous purple, and then sent back again.

PILATE: Pilate said to the rulers of the people, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him, behold, I did not find him guilty of any of the charges against him. Behold, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him""

PEOPLE: But they all cried out together, "Away with this man! Away! Away! Release to us Barabbas-"

NARRATOR: Barabbas! -a man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and for murder-

PILATE: Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus-

PEOPLE: But they shouted out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

PILATE: "Why? What evil has he done? I've found no crime in him deserving death. I'll chastise him and I'll release him."

PEOPLE: But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified.

NARRATOR: And their voices prevailed.

PILATE: So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been jailed for murder. But Jesus he delivered up to their will.

6. **Friday Morning: Crucifixion "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (v. 3) LBW 109**
**Please enjoy the soloist as we refrain from singing together at this time.*

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" Hear him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

ALL MEN: 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.

ALL WOMEN: And there followed him a great multitude of women who bewailed and lamented him-

NARRATOR: But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughter of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it dries!"

HYMN **"Were you There?" (v.1) LBW 92**
**Please enjoy the soloist as we refrain from singing together at this time.*

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?

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place which is called the Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

HYMN **"Were You There?" (v. 2)**
**Please enjoy the soloist as we refrain from singing together at this time.*

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?

NARRATOR: And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

ALL WOMEN: Forgive us our trespasses.

ALL MEN: And they cast lots to divide his garments.

ALL WOMEN: Forgive us our trespasses.

ALL MEN: 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!"

ALL WOMEN: Forgive us our trespasses.

ALL MEN: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar.

ALL WOMEN: There was an inscription over him: "This is the King of the Jews."

ALL MEN: Forgive us our trespasses. Forgive us, O Lord, Our trespasses!

JUDAS: One of the criminals who were hanged with him railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

PETER: But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence, and we justly? But this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

PEOPLE: Forgive us our trespasses, deliver us from evil. Thine is the kingdom-

NARRATOR: And Jesus said to him-

PEOPLE: And the power--

NARRATOR: "Truly, truly, I say to you."

PEOPLE: And the glory--

NARRATOR: "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

PEOPLE: Forever and ever. Amen!

HYMN

"Where You There?" (v. 3 &4)

**Please enjoy the soloist as we refrain from singing together at this time.*

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

NARRATOR: 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, from the top to the bottom....Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!" And having said this, he breathed his last. And all the multitudes who had assembled to see the sight,

PEOPLE: When they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.

ALL WOMEN: And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things-

7. Late Friday Afternoon: Burial

HYMN

"Were You There?" (v. 5)

**Please enjoy the soloist as we refrain from singing together at this time.*

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?

PILATE: Now there was a man named Joseph from the town of Arimathea, a righteous man, one looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the Body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid.

NARRATOR: It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.

ALL WOMEN: The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments—

NARRATOR: On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.
(silence for personal reflection)

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYERS (*bidding prayers*)

Let us pray, brothers and sisters , for the holy church throughout the world.

(Silence observed.)

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world.

Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.

Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders.

Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for Elizabeth Eaton and Joy Mortensen-Wiebe, our bishops, for ELCA pastors and all rostered leaders, for all servants of the church, including our Council and other lay leaders, and for all the people of God.

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ, including our neighboring churches, St. John's, Cornerstone, and Spring Green Community Church.

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters, the first to hear the word of God.

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed.

In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office, including our elected officials, Tammy Baldwin, Ron Johnson, Gov. Evers, and President Biden.

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need, including all those suffering from war and strife in Syria and those suffering from hunger, famine, and lack of clean water.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING (Please reflect on giving of your time, talents, and treasures and make an offering to God based on all that God has first given you.) Your continued financial giving is important for the health of our congregation – especially in this time. We appreciate your generosity, and we will need to work together to continue to support our mission. You always have the FOLLOWING options:

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- Mail your offering to the church office – 237 E. Daley Street, Spring Green 53588
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God,

receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

DEPART IN SILENCE