



Good Friday – Service of the Cross

April 3, 2026

7:00 p.m.

* **Please Stand** (as you are able) at the parts of the liturgy marked with an asterisk *
Bold type means congregational participation.

Gather

WELCOME

SILENCE

This is the second portion of the liturgy of the Three Days, continuing where worship ended last night, in silence.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

This prayer collects up the themes from today's scriptures.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Word

Think of the readings as listening in to an age-old, holy conversation.

FIRST READING - A reading from Isaiah.

^{52:13} See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. ¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals ¹⁵so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

^{53:1} Who has believed what we have heard? 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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, 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 with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

[Pastor Bekki Lohrmann](#)

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN

John 18:1-11

First candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: Ah Holy Jesus

Hymn #349 v. 1

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

John 18:12-27

Second candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: Ah Holy Jesus

Hymn #349 v. 2

- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

John 18:28-40

Third candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: Ah Holy Jesus

Hymn #349 v. 3

- 3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.

John 19:1-7

Fourth candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hymn #351 v. 1

- 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.

John 19:8-16a

Fifth candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane

Hymn #347 v. 2

- 2 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 suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

John 19:16b-22

Sixth candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: Were You There

Hymn #353 v. 1

- 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?

John 19:23-30

Seventh candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: Were You There

Hymn #353 v. 2

- 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?

John 19:31-42

Eighth candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: Were You There

Hymn #353 v. 3-5

- 3 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?

4 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?

5 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?

MEDITATION

Silence for reflection follows.

* PRAYERS

After each petition,

D ... Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

D Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your
mercy through Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

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

**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.**

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

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

C **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

Worshippers may come forward to pray around the cross.

HYMNS

**Holy God, Holy and Glorious
What Wondrous Love is This**

Hymn #637

Hymn #666

After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues:

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

C **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

* CLOSING HYMN:

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Hymn #335

All depart in silence.



Easter Sunday

April 5

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

The Lord is risen indeed! We will gather at 7:00 a.m. for a sunrise service followed by a second service at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary with brunch served between the services.

Let our alleluias ring out for all the 50 days of Easter!

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