

**GOOD FRIDAY**



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## **WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**, we welcome all who worship here today.

**REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM**, A bowl of water is placed at the entrance of the Sanctuary to remind us that we enter the church through Holy Baptism and that we are sent into the world to serve others with the love of Christ. As you enter and leave worship today, you are encouraged to mark your forehead with this water and with the Sign of the Cross as a reminder of this calling.

**COMMUNION** Welcome to the Lord's Table, there is a place for you here. Grape juice is available on the tray with the empty cups, please pick one up. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. We proclaim that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All are welcome to partake!

**Children are welcome in our worship service** and are strongly encouraged to be present with us. We encourage all children to come forward for the Children's Message before the Sermon.

### **Introduction for today**

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

**"They Crucified My LORD"**  
*We stand.*

**African American Spiritual**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

## FIRST READING

### Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

L A reading from the 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> chapters of Isaiah.

*The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The servant pours himself out to death and is numbered with the transgressors, images that the early church saw as important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.*

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up and shall be very high. <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— <sup>15</sup>so 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. <sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>He 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.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But 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. <sup>6</sup>All 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.

<sup>7</sup>He 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. <sup>8</sup>By 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. <sup>9</sup>They 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.

<sup>10</sup>Yet 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. <sup>11</sup>Out 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. <sup>12</sup>Therefore 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 The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.**

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> chapters.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### **GOSPEL**

**John 18:1--19:42**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*The passion account is read. On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion—from his arrest to his burial—is read in its entirety from the Gospel of John.*

*After the gospel is finished, silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY**

The Rev. Jonathan D. Hamman

*Silence for reflection.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW #666 – “What Wondrous Love Is This”**

**BIDDING PRAYER**

*The assembly kneels or sits. The assisting minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid. The presiding minister leads the prayers that conclude the silence.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** Let us pray for Elizabeth and Phyllis our bishops, for Jonathan our pastor, and for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

A Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

*Silent prayer.*

P 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.

**C Amen.**

A Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

P 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.

**C Amen.**

A Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

*Silent prayer.*

P 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.

**C Amen.**

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

*Silent prayer.*

P 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.

**C Amen.**

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

*Silent prayer.*

P 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.

**C Amen.**

A Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

P 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.

**C Amen.**

A Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer.*

P 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.

**C Amen.**

A Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer.*

P 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.

**C Amen.**

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

*All pray the Lord's Prayer.*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

*A large cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the assembly. The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.*

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

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



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**HYMN**

**ELW #353 “Were You There...”**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**SOLEMN REPROACHES**

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.*

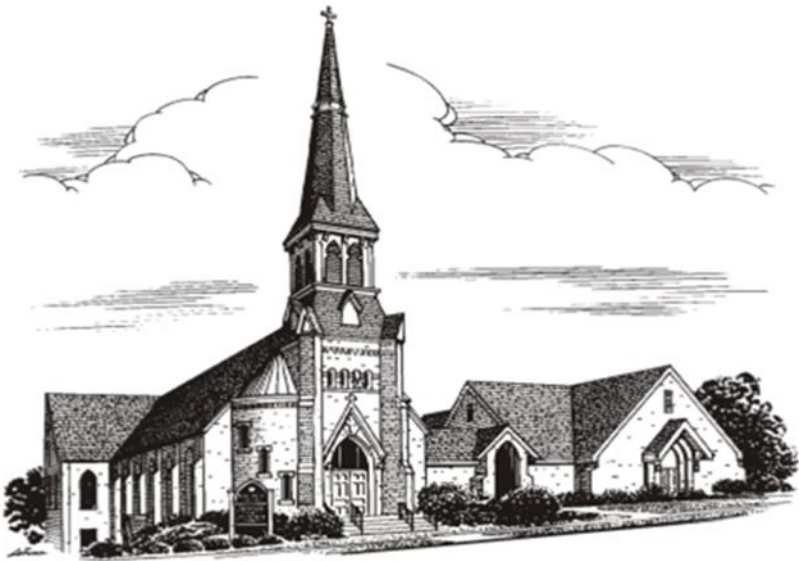
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW #349 – “Ah, Holy Jesus”**

*All depart in silence. If they have not done so earlier, worshipers may reverence the cross before they depart.*



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