

GOOD FRIDAY

The Sights and Sounds of Good Friday

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

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3:00 p.m.



At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn, but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died. Today's liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening at 7 pm.

PRELUDE “Prelude for Good Friday” -Steven Scott

P Our Good Friday afternoon Service is a series of readings, responses, silent reflection, sights, sounds, smells and prayers designed to help us enter more deeply into the meaning of Good Friday, who God is and how he creates hope even in the midst of His Son's death.

Please Rise

OPENING VERSICLES

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

P Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation

C Oh come, let us worship Him

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...

C Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

SETTING THE SCENE

P Many years before Jesus walked the earth as a human through His prophets God revealed to the world how He would give us a future, and how we would be saved. Let us speak the words of the 22nd Psalm

P My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

C O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

P Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

C In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

P To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

C But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

P All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

C “He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

P Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

C On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

P Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

C Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

P they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

C I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

P my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

C For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet —

P I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me;

C they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

P But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

C Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!

P Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

C I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the

congregation I will praise you:

P You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

C For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

P From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

C The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!

P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

C For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

P All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

C Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

P they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

C Glory be to the Father and to The Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Kyrie” -By Greg Gilpin

THE CROSS

P This afternoon, we are gathered here at the foot of the cross. This is Good Friday, a dark day, the day we remember the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. It is a day for repentance over sin and a day of restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. Yet today is not just Good

Friday, but God's Friday, when the words "It is Finished" restore us to Him. So when we, as Christians, look at the cross, we look and we do see the sorrow and suffering of Christ. Yet we also see hope, grace, and light. We see the light of Christ, which shines on us through the Wondrous Cross.

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" – LSB Hymn 425

- 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.**
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.**
- 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!**

JESUS GATHERS AND LEAD US

READING: Luke 22:39-46

39 And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. 40 And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." 41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." 43 And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. 44 And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like

great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

P As we begin to reflect on the passion narrative we begin by hearing about a place that Jesus and his disciples knew well. It was in the valley, where we find a garden filled with trees and foliage. Olive trees in ancient times were a sign of peace and the palm branch was a sign of hope and joy. As the branches are passed around think and pray how Jesus led his disciples and constantly leads us as individuals into a group of people that are focused on Him, His ways and His approach to Hope, Peace and even Joy.

Silence for reflection and prayer as the branches are passed around

P O God – thank you for leading us as individuals and as your church focused on you and your ways

C Forgive us when we have strayed from you and have not met regularly in prayer, praise and worship. Help us to trust in you always. Don't give up on us, continue leading us into your family and your kingdom. Amen.

BETRAYING JESUS

READING: Matthew 26:47-50

47 While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. 48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” 49 And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. 50 Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.”

In the account of Jesus' betrayal in the Gospel of Matthew, we see that Judas betrayed Jesus so that he could gain 30 pieces of silver. As the coins are passed around. Think about how we betray Jesus and others so we can satisfy ourselves.

Silence for reflection and prayer as the coins are passed around

- P** O God, help us to consider how we betray You and others, by living lives where we think of ourselves first.
- C** **Show us how we have betrayed you and others. Forgive us for hurting you and others due to our acts of betrayal. Help us to remain loyal to you and others in all situations. Amen.**

HYMN "What Is the World to Me" – LSB Hymn 730

- 1** What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
- 2** The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!
- 3** The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
- 4** What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure, My life,
my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

JESUS SURRENDERS HIMSELF FOR US

READING: JOHN 18:4-14

4 Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." 9 This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." 10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?" 12 So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. 13 First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. 14 It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

P In Jesus surrendering himself to the soldiers, he saved others. He refused to live by the sword and therefore willingly allowed himself to be taken. As we meditate in silence all are invited to write down on their worship folder, a list or prayer of those things we have received and are thankful for as a result of God surrendering Himself for us.

Silence for reflection and prayer as lists of thanksgiving are written down

P Gracious God, your son gave himself up to the soldiers so that the disciples and all of us could be saved from the harms of sin.

C Thank you Jesus for giving yourself up for us. Help us to faithfully follow You, by giving ourselves up to you, our loving God. Amen.

DENY KNOWING JESUS

READING: Mark 14: 66-72

66 And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed.

69 And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." 70 But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." 71 But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." 72 And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

P Despite being one of the closest people to Jesus Peter denied knowing Jesus, not once but three times. Peter's denial of Jesus came through His silence, actions and by saying He was not one of Jesus' disciples. Think about how we have pretended that we are not your church by our silence, by our words or actions. On this occasion nothing is being passed as a symbol of our silence.

Silence for reflection and prayer

P O God, help us consider how we deny you, how we seek to live as people belonging to this world rather than You.

C Forgive us for those times we have denied knowing You. Give us strength to bring your love and Good News in all situations you have placed us. Amen.

HIS WORD IS TRUTH

READING: JOHN 18:19-24

19 The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. 20 Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. 21 Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." 22 When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" 24 Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

P Early in His ministry Jesus said He is the way, the truth and the light. Unfortunately the officials could not see the truth that was in front of them. As we all grasp a bible in front of us, we reflect on God's gift of truth that we can access everyday through the scriptures.

Silence for reflection and prayer as we meditate holding the BIBLE, God's Word.

P O God, thank you that you are truth and for giving us the truth in the scriptures.

C Forgive us for not relying on your Word. Help us to regularly open your pages of scripture and study so you can reveal

the truth to us. May we trust in your teachings above all others. Amen.

JESUS IS PUNISHED AND SUFFERS

READING: Mark 15:1-20

1 And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. 2 And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." 3 And the chief priests accused him of many things. 4 And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." 5 But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. 6 Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. 7 And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. 8 And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. 9 And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 10 For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. 12 And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" 13 And they cried out again, "Crucify him." 14 And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." 15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. 16 And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. 17 And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. 18 And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19 And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him

and kneeling down in homage to him. 20 And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

P Despite His innocence Jesus is punished and suffers. He didn't suffer for himself but for us. As we meditate on the crown of thorns and pray about how Jesus suffered for us.

Silence for reflection and prayer as we meditate on the crown of thorns worn by Jesus

P Jesus thank you for suffering for us.

C It is our desire to be our own boss and do our own thing, yet we would have no hope of heaven without your suffering. We cannot thank you enough for what you have done and are doing for us. Amen.

HYMN “My Song Is Love Unknown” – LSB Hymn 430

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?**
- 2 He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ
would know. But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!**
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!” Is all their breath, And for His death
They thirst and cry.**

- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.
- 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away; A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

JESUS IS STRIPPED

READING: John 19:16-24

16 So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, 17 and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. 18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. 19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." 20 Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. 21 So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." 23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and

divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24 so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots."
So the soldiers did these things,

P Jesus was stripped and the Gospel of John tells us that the soldiers divided His clothes amongst themselves. The altar in Church has been stripped as a symbol of how Jesus was poured out for you.

Silence for reflection and prayer as we meditate on the emptiness present in the sanctuary and as the altar is stripped, and all candles except for the Christ Candle are extinguished

P O God our sinful desires caused you to be stripped naked.

C Forgive us. Take from us all that hinders our relationship with you and others and replace it with your clothes of righteousness. Amen.

JESUS CREATES FAMILY

READING: JOHN 19:25-27

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

P Even while hanging on the cross Jesus was still thinking of others and helping them become family. We are also given the

opportunity to be part of His family, through the waters of baptism, where God says you are now part of my family

Silence for reflection and prayer as water is poured into the baptismal font.

During the singing of our Hymn, worshippers are invited to come to the font dipping your fingers in the water, the sign of the cross is made on our forehead as a reminder of our baptism.

HYMN “Were You There” LSB 456 Verses 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?**

P O God thank you for welcoming us into your family through the waters of baptism.

C Forgive us when we have failed to honor our baptismal promises, when we have strayed from your family And we are thankful that you have honored your promises to us. Help us to grow together as the body of Christ, Your family. Amen.

JESUS IS THIRSTY

READING: JOHN 19:28-29

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." 29 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.

P Jesus says he is thirsty and the soldiers respond by giving Him wine vinegar, a cheap drink. As the sponge is passed around reflect on what we give Jesus...is it cheap or something more.

Silence for reflection and prayer as the wine vinegar is passed around

P O God you have given so much to us and for us.

C Forgive us when we have been greedy and not generous with everything we have. Help us to be your generous and faithful followers as we live our life of loving you and others. Amen.

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

READING: Luke 23:39-49

39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." 44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the

whole land until the ninth hour, 45 while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 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. 47 Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" 48 And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. 49 And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

P Jesus is a king, but was crowned in an unexpected way. His throne was the cross. Reflect on how as our king Jesus took the punishment we deserve, being nailed to the cross.

*Silence for reflection and prayer as the nails are passed around.
As the nails are passed, we will also hear the nails being hammered
into the cross.*

The lights are dimmed in the sanctuary

P O God, thank you for paying the price for our sins.

**C Forgive us for not always acknowledging you as our king
Thank you that you have done what it takes to give us
access to heaven. Amen.**

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" – LSB Hymn 449

**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.**

- 2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.
- 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.

HOMILY “Jesus, remember Me.”

After the Homily, the Christ Candle is extinguished and removed from the Sanctuary.

JESUS IS SPEARED

READING: JOHN 19:31-37

31 Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. 35 He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the

truth—that you also may believe. 36 For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” 37 And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

P In going to the cross and being pierced Jesus is replacing once and for all the sacrificial lamb. He foretold this on the night he was betrayed, when he instituted Holy Communion. This meal was given to Jesus disciples, the people who followed Him, none of them perfect, yet they were all loved by Jesus. In Holy Communion we receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Today we will not receive communion, but rather contemplate what it took for Jesus to give His body and blood as we reflect on the empty Chalice and the empty Ciborium we contemplate the words

“The body of Christ, the bread of life... the blood of Christ, shed for you.”

Silence for reflection and prayer as the communion vessels are passed around.

AGNUS DEI: LSB pg. 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

JESUS IS BURIED

READING: Matthew 27:57-61

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be

given to him. 59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

THE ANCIENT LITANY OF THE CROSS

P The word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Cor. 1:18)

C May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Gal. 6:14)

P Why do you fear to take up the Cross, which is the road to the Kingdom? In the Cross is salvation and life, protection against our enemies, infusion of heavenly sweetness; in the Cross is strength of mind, joy of spirit, excellence of virtue, perfection of holiness. There is no salvation of soul, nor hope of eternal life, except in the Cross.

C May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Gal. 6:14)

P Take up the Cross, therefore, and follow Jesus, and go forward into eternal life. Christ has gone before, bearing His Cross; He died for you on the Cross, that you also may bear your cross, and desire to die on the Cross with Him. For if you die with Him, you will also live with Him. And if you share his sufferings, you share His glory.

C May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Gal. 6:14)

P See how in the Cross all things consist, and in dying on it all things depend. There is no other way to life than the way of the

Cross. Go where you will, seek what you will; you will find no higher way above nor safer way below than the road of the cross of Jesus Christ.

C May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Gal. 6:14)

P Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

HYMN “The Lamb” – LSB Hymn 547

**1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
Refrain**

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**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering. The Lamb,
the Lamb, Let earth join heav’n His praise to sing. Refrain**

**3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain**

**4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness. He
lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain**

**5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev’ry heart to Him belong. Refrain**

We depart silently in the name of our Crucified Lord. The lights will remain dimmed in the sanctuary for a few minutes following the service and then will be turned back on so that you may leave church safely. Please use the darkened time to meditate on the sacrifice of Jesus.

Serving you at Worship:

Officiant Preacher:

Rev. Tim Anderson

Organist/Director:

Ellen Brown

Lector:

Skip McFadden

Special Music:

The Beautiful Savior Singers

GOOD FRIDAY THANKSGIVINGS

- **During the service you will have the opportunity to Give thanks to God for the blessing of His Son and All other blessings in your life.**