

Father, forgive them;
for they know not what they do

Verily I say unto thee,
Today shalt thou be with me in paradise

He saith unto his mother,

Behold thy son!

Then saith he to the disciple,

Behold thy mother!

And from that hour

the disciple loved her as himself

that is to say,
My God, my God,

why hast thou
forsaken me?

I thirst It is finished!

Father, into thy hands
I commend my spirit

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GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

April 2, 2021 - 2:30 PM

Our Good Friday Worship is marked by silence. We begin in silence; we conclude in silence. Throughout this service, we will observe other periods of silence. These moments of quiet set the service apart from the other times of the year when we gather to worship God. Today, our focus is on Christ's loving sacrifice, which gave new life to the world. Today, we offer silent and spoken thanks for the cross which bought our salvation.

Gathering

Organ Prelude

The Road to Calvary

—Edward Broughton

Litany:

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: CHRIST, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Pastor: Lord, out of Your grace, you have invited us to come to You.

Congregation: GRANT NOW THAT WE MAY ENTER INTO YOUR PRESENCE.

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Congregation: LISTEN TO OUR CRY.

Pastor: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten.

Congregation: NOR THE HOPE OF THE POOR TAKEN AWAY.

Pastor: Create within us clean hearts, O God.

Congregation: AND SUSTAIN US WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT.

Pastor: Out of Your suffering love, you save and redeem us.

Congregation: ACCEPT OUR THANKS, O LORD.

Pastor: By the death of Your only Son on the cross.

Congregation: YOU HAVE DEFEATED DEATH AND THE GRAVE FOREVER.

Pastor: You came to take away the sins of the world.

Congregation: REMOVE OUR SINS AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST.

Pastor: Help us ever to remember that on this day, the price for our disobedience and rebellion has been paid.

Congregation: MAKE US EVER MINDFUL OF THIS AWESOME TRUTH.

Pastor: Grant that we may give You always the fullest measure of our thanks and praise;

**Congregation: GRANT THAT WE MAY LIVE IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR LOVE
ETERNALLY.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

Congregation: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy.

Congregation: CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

Congregation: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Prayer of the Day:

Pastor: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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.

Congregation: Amen.

Psalm 22:1-23 (*Spoken in unison*)

PSALM 22:1-23

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

**My God, I cry out by day,
but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.**

**Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

**Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.**

**They cried out to you
and were delivered;
they trusted in you
and were not put to shame.**

**But as for me,
I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all
and despised by the people.**

**All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips;
they shake their heads.**

**“Trust in the Lord;
let the Lord deliver;
let God rescue him
if God so delights in him.”**

**Yet you are the one
who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe
on my mother’s breast.**

**I have been entrusted to you
ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still
in my mother’s womb.**

**Be not far from me
for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.**

**Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan
surround me.**

**They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.**

**I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast
is melting wax.**

**My strength is dried up
like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.**

**Packs of dogs close me in,
a band of evildoers
circles round me:**

they pierce my hands and my feet.
I can count all my bones
while they stare at me and gloat.

They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls
You have rescued me.

I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly
I will praise you.

You who fear the Lord, give praise!
All of you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord,
all of you offspring of Israel.

Hymn: *There Is A Green Hill Far Away*

1. There is a green hill far away, Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.
2. We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains He had to bear;
But we believe it was for us,
He hung and suffered there.
3. He died that we might be forgiv'n,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heav'n,
Saved by His precious blood.
4. There was no other good enough,
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate,
Of heav'n, and let us in.
5. O dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him, too
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.

The Passion According To St. John
(Each reading is followed by a period of silence)

PART ONE: **John 18:1-11**
PART TWO: **John 18:12-18**
PART THREE: **John 18:19-27**

Hymn—*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*- #351 (Verses 1 & 2)
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.How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

PART FOUR: John 18:28-40
PART FIVE: John 19:1-7
PART SIX: John 19:8-16a

Hymn—*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*- #351 (Verses 3 & 4)
3.What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.
4.Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.

PART SEVEN: John 19:16b-22
PART EIGHT: John 19:23-30
PART NINE: John 19:31-42

Bidding Prayer: (Kneel/Sit)

Pastor: Let us pray, brothers and sisters ... so that we may
 worship together in peace and tranquility.
Pastor: Almighty and Eternal God...we ask this through Jesus
 Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: AMEN.

Lord's Prayer

The service concludes in silence. Please remain for prayer and
meditation, leaving when your personal meditation is ended.

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER

The Easter Vigil Service will be celebrated this **Saturday, April 3**, beginning at **7:30 P.M.** This is an ancient worship service which begins in darkness and gradually moves to light. The Christ Candle is lit and brought into the sanctuary. Several readings from Scripture tell the story of salvation. As the light increases, we celebrate the Remembrance of Holy Baptism which ties us to Jesus' death and resurrection. The light beams forth as we hear the Easter Gospel, sing "Alleluia" once again, and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion together. This is a holy, moving and special time of worship.

Easter Sunday Services, April 4

8:30 am **Festival Communion Service**
11:00 am **Festival Communion Service**

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing,
and serving community of baptized
Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is
proclaimed and the Sacraments are
celebrated according to the Gospel.
As a community of believers,
we challenge each other to
respond to the call of our Lord to love
and minister to persons at home and throughout the world.
We encourage each other to share our time, our talents,
and gifts to further the mission of our Lord
Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness
to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.*

Adopted by the Congregation

January 25, 1998

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