

Good Friday
April 2, 2021



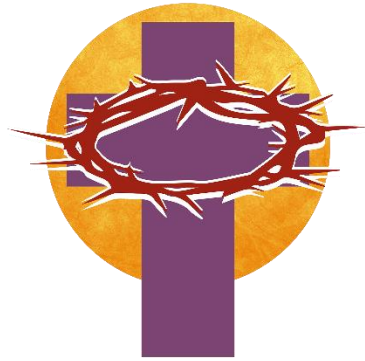
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Life and Forgiveness Flow from the Cross

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AS WE GATHER

Good Friday is a time of somber reflection as we approach the mystery of the cross. But the austerity of the Good Friday liturgy should not obscure the fact that this is a death we celebrate because of the life and forgiveness that flow from the cross for us and for our salvation. Because Good Friday is not an isolated event or day but part of God's planned revelation of His love, we listen to the entire story of God's work of salvation and deliverance. The message of the cross is the message of the Scriptures, planned by God, proclaimed by the prophets, and fulfilled in Christ. This liturgy continues what was begun on Holy Thursday and will not be complete until Easter Sunday adds its own message of hope and triumph.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Hymn # 436 – Go to Dark Gethsemane Vs 1-3

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We gather before God, remembering the cross in sorrow and in shame. We seek His forgiveness, strength, and mercy. We remember the day of our Savior's death. We mourn and struggle to understand the depth of Christ's love—that He should suffer and die in our place. Father, our hearts are heavy as we gather in the name of Christ, bearing witness to the terror of His crucifixion, knowing full well that we are guilty sinners, in need of Your forgiveness, life, and salvation.

People: **Christ our Savior has died for our sins.**

Pastor: At times, we have failed to strive against evil in the world.

People: **Christ our Savior has died for our sins.**

Pastor: At times, we have denied our Lord.

People: Christ our Savior has died for our sins.

Pastor: At times, we have betrayed our Lord.

People: Christ our Savior has died for our sins. Have mercy on us, Lord, and grant us forgiveness. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us bring it to completion in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 52:13–53:12*

(He was pierced for our transgressions.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9* (Jesus, the great High Priest)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

HYMN #433 – Glory Be to Jesus Vs 1-4

READING I. *John 18:1–11* (Betrayal and arrest of Jesus)

(The response after each reading is)

Reader: We Adore you, O Christ, and We bless you.

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

(A meditation will follow each reading)

READING II. *John 18:12–14, 19-24* (Jesus before the high priest and the denial of Peter)

Hymn # 449 – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Vs 1&2

READING III. *John 18:33-38* (The King and His Kingdom)

READING IV. *John 19:1–16a* (Jesus prepared for crucifixion)

READING V. *John 19:16b–22*(The crucifixion of Jesus)

Hymn # 451 – Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted

READING VI. *John 19:23-27* (Blessed Word to His Mother)

READING VII. *John 19:28-37* (Jesus' fulfills the scriptures)

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN # 456 – Were You There Vs 1-3

BIDDING PRAYER

*A rough-hewn cross may be carried in procession through the church
and/or placed in front of or near the altar.*

Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the
salvation of the world.

People: O come, let us worship Him.

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LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN # 560 – Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

READING VIII *John 19:38–42* (Jesus' burial)

The service ends in silence.

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