

# Zion & St. James Lutheran Churches Martin County, Minnesota

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#### **Good Friday**

March 29, 2024

Welcome to Good Friday worship. From the cross, Jesus gave Mary and John into each other's care. He gives us, too, into each other's care.

The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Stand

## **Opening Versicles**

- **P** O Lord, open my lips,
- and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- make haste to help me, O Lord.
  Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Sit

#### Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

<sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,

<sup>15</sup>so shall he sprinkle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him;

for that which has not been told them they see,

and that which they have not heard they understand.

and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us?

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, and no beauty that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his 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 opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, 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; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

#### Responsive

from Psalm 22

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;

in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man,

scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;

they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

8"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;

you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,

and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

and there is none to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;

strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,

like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>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;

15my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me;

a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— <sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones they stare and gloat over me; <sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

**Hymn** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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#### **Introduction to Readings**

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

**Passion Reading** 

John 19:1–16

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." 5So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." 8When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" 11Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

<sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with

him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus,

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 450 sts. 4–7

Stand

### **Passion Reading**

John 19:16-42

<sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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." <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

<sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>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, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." <sup>37</sup>And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

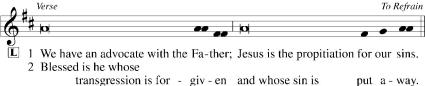
<sup>38</sup>After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup>So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup>So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

## **Reading Response**

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

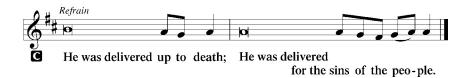
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transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.

3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



Sit

#### Sermon

Stand

# **Prayers**

### **Kyrie**

- **P** Lord, have mercy.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** Christ, have mercy.
- C Christ, have mercy.
- **P** Lord, have mercy.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

#### Lord's Prayer

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.

# **Collect of the Day**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** 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.

C Amen.

# **Concluding Collect**

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 so 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.

C Amen.

"Were You There?" is sung.

The final candle is extinguished.

A loud noise is heard, evoking the closing of the Holy Tomb, and the finality of Christ's sacrifice: "It is finished."

The congregation leaves in silence and minimal light.

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