



Good Friday

April 2, 2021

7:00pm – Worship Service

Adoration of the Crucified Jesus

In person & Online (YouTube & ZOOM)



ST. JOHN'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, 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 this day 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 from whom Christ died.

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THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"The Penitent Heart"

Higgins

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

*Once the Announcements have concluded, please pause for a moment of silence.
The assembly stands when the minister stands.*

GATHERING

We gather in the name of the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

THE WORD

HYMN

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

ELW 335

(Stanzas 1)

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

PART ONE: John 18:1–11

(Jesus is Arrested)

HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

ELW 324

(Stanzas 1)

The first candle is extinguished

PART TWO: John 18:12–27

(Jesus Before the High Priest/Peter's Denial)

HYMN

"God So Loved the World"

ELW 323

(Stanzas 1)

The second candle is extinguished.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***THE 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.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

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

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Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, delivered and saved humankind: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

SENDING HYMN

ELW 347

"Go to Dark Gethsemene" Vs. 1 P Shawn

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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PSALM 22 & REVERCING THE CROSS

As the organist plays and a Lector reads the solemn prayer, all are welcome to come forward, light a candle, pray, give thanks for the gift of Christ's sacrifice, and otherwise adore the one whose life was given for us.

REVERENCING THE CROSS

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"Were You There"

Worshippers may remain in the sanctuary as long as they wish for silent reflection and meditation. As you leave, please depart in peace and quietness.



PRAYER CONCERNS

For homebound members:

Erma Becker, Gloria Breighner, Suzanne George, Dorothy Hoffheins, Miriam Huff, Merle Linebaugh and Darlene Rodgers

For those serving the larger church:

Dr. Stephan J. and Jodi Lynn Swanson – Tanzania

For persons undergoing treatment or hospitalized:

Scarlet - (great-granddaughter of Bonnie Staub)

Janet Heflin & Betty Mauk - Cancer (friends of Lorna Runk)

Nicole Valentine and her child, Dakota

Kaden Decker - receiving care for illness

Dot Bonebrake - Continued prayers for family after devastating fire in Hagerstown, MD

Earl Swope—recovering at home after receiving care at Hanover Hospital

Erma Becker - recovering at home after stay in hospital

PSALM 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? ²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest. ³Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people. ⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

⁸“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him.” ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,

and kept me safe on my mother’s breast. ¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

¹²Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax. ¹⁵My 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. ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion’s mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you. ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel. ²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD’s face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever! ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God. ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD. ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come. ³¹They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”