



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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April 7, 2023

Good Friday

7 pm

+ GATHERING +

All gather in silence

<We stand.>

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Grieved God, your only son Jesus fell to the earthly desires of humanity. Forgive us for our sin and restore us to your grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 27:27-61

Pew Bible page 810

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

SERMON

Pastor Matt

Silence for reflection follows.

<We stand>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW Hymn 349

<We sit or kneel. as we are comfortable and able.>

BIDDING PRAYER

Tonight we pray for God's holy church in every land.

Silent prayer.

Lord, your power is beyond our imagination, and yet you sent your Son to us as a humble carpenter, riding into Jerusalem on a colt. By your Holy Spirit guide your church to gather together throughout the world, to share the good news of your grace in Jesus Christ with all people, and to serve our neighbors with kindness and humility.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Tonight we pray for all servants of your church, for our bishops, Elizabeth & Ginny, for our pastor, Matthew, for those who have gathered to worship tonight and those who could not be with us.

Silent prayer.

Lord, your Holy Spirit guides our steps each day, help each of us to do your work in the church and in the world as you have called us to, with generosity and an open heart, and keep us in health and safety.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Tonight we pray for all those who are preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

Lord, you bless your church each day with your wisdom and grace. Give all those who are taking their first steps into faith, insight into your understanding and compassion. As they receive their new life in Christ, give them community and communion within the church, and bless them with a thriving and healthy community for support.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Tonight we pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, whatever we share in common, whatever our differences.

Silent prayer.

Lord, it is in your name that we have our unity, it is in our baptism into Jesus Christ that we are truly one. Unite us again into one fellowship and grant us your favor as we work together to share your good news with the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Tonight we pray for Jewish people, the first to hear the word of Almighty God.

Silent prayer.

Lord, your promises are eternal and the strength of your covenants cannot be doubted. Your promises, to Abraham and Moses, to Sarah and Esther, remain in place, and you have chosen the Jewish people as your own. Grant them your strength and protect them from every harm. We ask this through Christ² our Lord. **Amen.**

Tonight we pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Lord, around the world your name is said in many languages, many who believe in you call you by another name. Bring an end to hatred between religions, and give us the grace and courage to be faithful witnesses of your love for all people in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Tonight we pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer.

Lord, you created us in an act of love, and you sent your Son to us as one of us to show that love. Let all people around the world see your love in the daily words and actions of Christians, that they may come to know you and love you as we do. Help us to carry your light within us and to share that light with all we meet, so that the whole world may proclaim you as the true God of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Tonight we pray for all of God's wondrous creation.

Silent prayer.

Lord, you have created everything we know, from the stars above to the dirt beneath us, from gigantic galaxies to the tiniest atoms, from the dinosaurs of our past to the children who have yet to be born. You care for all that you have created, help us to care for it as you do and bring everything you've made to fulfill its purpose.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Tonight we pray for all who serve in public office, whether they are appointed by officials or elected by the people.

Silent prayer.

Lord, you are the source of all of our knowledge and compassion. Your voice speaks on behalf of the weak and the downtrodden, those whose voices and needs are ignored. Give your wisdom to all those with the power to use it, so that all people may live in a world of justice and peace, and share in your creation with generosity and compassion.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in any kind of need.

Silent prayer.

Lord, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly imprisoned or oppressed, and deliver your world from dishonesty, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, and help them in their need. We ask this

through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

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

<We stand.>

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

*The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.
The following is repeated three times.*

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

Oh, come, let us | worship him.

During this time, or at the end of the service, worshipers may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.

<We sit or kneel. as we are comfortable and able.>

SOLEMN REPROACHES

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.

I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

We stand

HYMN

Were You There

ELW Hymn 353

WE GLORY IN YOUR CROSS

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon the earth, your saving health among all nations.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

We adore you, Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

*All depart in silence.
If you have not done so earlier,
you may reverence the cross before departing.*

*You are invited to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord this Sunday, April 9 at 7:00 am
or 10:30am*



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