



"It is finished"



FAMILY OF GOD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd 2026

Prayer

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Way of the Cross

Jesus is condemned to death

Luke 23:18-25, Isaiah 50:4-6

Luke 23:18-25

18 Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' ²²A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Isaiah 50:4-6

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.
⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backwards.
⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
 I did not hide my face
 from insult and spitting.

*Hymn

"Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes"

LBW 113

1 Je - sus, in your dy - ing woes, e - ven while your life - blood flows,
 2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue when our sins your pangs re - new,
 3 O, may we, who mer - cy need, be like you in heart and deed,

crav - ing par - don for your foes: hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 for we know not what we do: hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 when with wrong our spir - its bleed: hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

P: Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,
C: Have mercy on us.

Silence

Jesus takes up his cross

John 19:7, Isaiah 53:4-7

John 19:7

⁷The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.'

Isaiah 53:4-7

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

Hymn

"Ah, Holy Jesus"
(Verses 1 & 3)

ELW 349

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

P: Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C: Have mercy on us.

Silence

Choir Anthem

"Via Dolorosa"

arr. Tom Fettke

Down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day,
 the soldiers tried to clear the narrow street;
 but the crowd pressed in to see the man
 condemned to die on Calvary.

He was bleeding from a beating, there
 were stripes upon his back,
 and He wore a crown of thorns upon his
 head;
 and he bore with every step the scorn of
 those who cried out for His
 death.

Down the Via Dolorosa, called "The Way
 of Suffering,"
 Like a lamb, came the Messiah Christ the
 King;

and He chose to walk that road out of His
 love for you and me,
 down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Cal-
 vary.

The blood that would cleanse the souls of
 all men
 made its way through the heart of Jerusa-
 lem!
 Down the Via Dolorosa called "The Way of
 Suffering"
 like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the
 King
 and he chose to walk that road out of His
 love for you and me,
 down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Cal-
 vary.

Psalm 22:16-18

¹⁶ For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shrivelled;
¹⁷ I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸ they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

Piano Solo

“Prelude 4”

Chopin

Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus”
(Verses 2 & 4)

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3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
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Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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P: Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C: Have mercy on us.

Silence

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Luke 23:33, Lamentations 1:12

Luke 23:33

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

Lamentations 1:12

¹² Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see

if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,

which was brought upon me,

which the LORD inflicted

on the day of his fierce anger.

Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

John 19:23-24, Psalm 22:16-18

John 19:23-24

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.'

Hymn

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

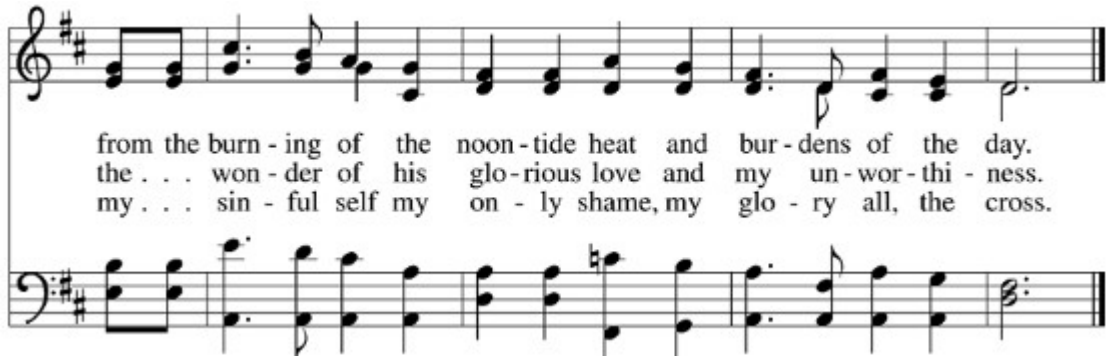
ELW 338

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869
 Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

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C: Have mercy on us.

Silence

Jesus dies on the Cross

Luke 23:44-46, Isaiah 49:5-6

Luke 23:44-46

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last.

Isaiah 49:5-6

⁵ And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
 for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
 I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

P: Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C: Have mercy on us.

Silence

Jesus is laid in the tomb

Matthew 27:57-61, John 3:16

Matthew 27:57-61

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59 So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

John 3:16

16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Organ

"God so Loved"

arr. John Stainer

P: Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C: Grant us peace.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Tenebrae

Seven Last Words

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing"
Luke 23:34

"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." John 19:26-27

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"
Matthew 27:46

Jesus knew that everything was now finished, and to fulfill the Scriptures he said, "I am thirsty." John 19:28

Jesus said, "It is finished!" John 19:30

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."
When he had said this, he breathed his last. Luke 23:46

Choir Anthem

“Jesus Remember Me”

J. Berthier

Closing of the Tomb

Depart in Silence

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Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 6th at 9 am and at 10:30 am

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