

The Three Days of Jesus' Death and Resurrection



The Paschal Triduum

Maundy Thursday
12:00 and 6:30 P.M.

Good Friday
6:30 P.M.

Holy Saturday
5:00 P.M.

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Maundy Thursday

March 29, 2018 ♦ 12:00 and 6:30 P.M.

Notes on the Liturgy

The liturgy of the Three Days, the Triduum, begins with this service. Although each service on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday is a separate service, they are in fact one continuous liturgy that focuses on the events at the heart of the Christian faith—the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the salvation of the world was won. The omission of benedictions on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicates the continuous nature of the Triduum.

The Maundy Thursday service begins with confession and forgiveness. The Lenten journey that began on Ash Wednesday with confession and the imposition of ashes finds its completion in tonight's rite of absolution.

Throughout this service, liturgical drama will imaginatively depict several moments in Jesus' last night with his friends—drawing us into reflection on the witness of the gospel in our time and place.

The service closes with Psalm 22, an ancient poem Jesus echoed from the cross. Here the service descends into desperation, and we strip the altar to symbolize how Jesus was stripped of his dignity after his betrayal and arrest. Worshipers leave in silence, held in the tension between God's love and our inconstancy.

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

Gathering

Prelude

(12:00) “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” and “Stay with Me,” arr. Gene LeVasseur

(6:30) “A Lenten Prelude,” Matthew Corl

Welcome and Worship Notes

Drama

The assembly stands.

Gathering Hymn – ELW, No. 358, “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us,” *st. 1, 5*

Greeting

Friends in Christ,
this Lenten season we have pursued the heart of Jesus
through these forty days.

Forty days is long enough
to discover a habit,
create new pathways.

And we hope you have found new life
in your walk with God this season.

But forty days is also long enough
to tire of struggle
and exhaust our discipline.

The long road has brought us here,
to an encounter with a tireless God.
A God without human limits,
who never tires of forgiveness,
never falters in the pursuit of reconciliation.

For forty days we have pursued the heart of Jesus;
now we put our burdens down
in the presence of God and one another.

For it is time to confess our sins.

The assembly is seated.

Drama

Confession

Silence is kept for reflection.

Song of Confession – ELW, No 358, “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us,” *st. 2*

Prayer of Confession

Please join me as we pray:

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Forgiveness

Individual Forgiveness and Laying on of Hands

Worshippers are invited to come forward via the center aisle, kneel or stand at the rail, and receive individual forgiveness with the laying on of hands.

Hymn – ELW, No. 359, “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

The assembly stands.

Absolution

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song of Forgiveness – ELW, No. 358, “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us,” *st. 3*

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The peace is shared. The assembly is seated.

Offering

(12:00) “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” and “Go to Dark Gethsemane,” arr. Gene LeVasseur

(6:30) “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed,” Wayne Fritchie

Offering Song – ELW, No. 360, “Love Consecrates the Humblest Act,” *st. 1*

Word

Drama

Reading – John 13:1–38 (*page 874 in the pew Bible*)

Communion

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Prayers of the People

...Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Invitation to Holy Communion

Communion Music

ELW, No. 358, "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us," *st. 4*
"Wash Their Feet," Pepper Choplin
ELW, No. 471, "Let Us Break Bread Together"
ELW, No. 466, "In the Singing"

Blessing after Communion

Sending'

Reading – John 18:1–12 (*page 880 in the pew Bible*)

Drama

Stripping of the Altar – Psalm 22:1–15

Epilogue – John 18:15–18, 25b–27 (*page 880 in the pew Bible*)

Worshippers may remain for a time of prayer and meditation.

All leave in silence. There is no benediction; the liturgy continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 3:00 and 6:30 P.M. The 6:30 worship service will be telecast on KTTW (channel 17 or cable channel 9) on Friday evening at 10:00. Worship on Holy Saturday will be at 5:00 P.M.*

**Good Friday GIFT of Love, a Cross+Gen Good Friday worship service that features engaging age-appropriate elements for children and their families, beginning in the Sanctuary at 3:00 P.M.*

Worship Leaders for Maundy Thursday

Presiding Minister: Pastor Justin Kosec

Assisting Ministers: Pastors Randy Gehring, Tim Lemme, and Sami Johnson

Liturgical Drama Troupe: Brad Green, Dan Smith, Toni LeVasseur, Bob Nelson, Bruce Hasche, Wendy Hasche, Paul Konz, Randy Ruud, Chad Mickelson, Sadie Mickelson, Ca'juana Lamp, and Camille Tollefson

Piano: (12:00) Gene LeVasseur

Organ: (6:30) Marilyn Schempp

Flute: (6:30) Dennis Knutson

Choir: The Response Singers, directed by Gene LeVasseur, accompanied by Deanna Wehrspann

Readers: (12:00) Janiece Peterson; (6:30) Milt Hanson

Media: (12:00) Toni LeVasseur; (6:30) Josh Matzner

Sound: (12:00) Steve Kuper; (6:30) Andy Steinhouse

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Good Friday

March 30, 2017 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

Notes on the Liturgy

Today we follow the tradition of the church and read the passion according to St. John. This particular account sees Jesus' death as his glorification and Jesus' final words as words of triumph: "It is finished."

Interspersed throughout the reading of the passion account will be chorales by J. S. Bach and sung by the Our Savior's Choir with a little help from the congregation. This layering of word and song broadens and deepens our experience of a story that has been told at least yearly for nearly two millennia.

Although Good Friday is about the cross, we are intentional about acclaiming the cross as a sign of the world's redemption rather than mourning Jesus' death. This is a day to offer praise to the one who, lifted up from the earth, draws all people to himself. In fact, all three days of the Triduum celebrate the paschal mystery of Jesus' dying and rising.

When the service ends, we are in darkness, symbolizing the darkness of a world without Jesus.

The Liturgy of Good Friday

Gathering

Psalm – Psalm 22

The assembly stands.

Procession of the Cross – ELW, No. 803, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Call to Worship

We gather tonight in the shadow of the cross.

Evil abounds. Jesus goes forth to suffer and die.

How we tremble with fear!

How we long to know the heart of Jesus.

Why have we forsaken him?

There is much that separates us from God.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Hymn of Contemplation – ELW, No. 353, “Were You There,” *sts. 1–4*

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, 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 assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading – Isaiah 52:13–53:12 (*page 596 in the pew Bible*)

Hymn – ELW, No. 337 – “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed,” *sts. 1, 2*

Second Reading – Hebrews 10:16–25 (*page 976 in the pew Bible*)

Acclamation – ELW, No. 337, “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed,” *st. 3*

The Passion of St. John, *with chorales by J. S. Bach* – John 18:1–19:37 (*page 880 in the pew Bible*)
John 18:1–8

Chorale 1: “O Wondrous Love!”

O wondrous love!

O love divine, unbounded!
You chose a painful road,
by hate surrounded.
I live for all the joys this world can offer,
but you must suffer.

John 18:9–11

Chorale 2: “Your Gracious Will on Earth Be Done”

Your gracious will on earth be done
as there in heav’n before your throne,
that firm in faith we may remain
in time of joy and time of pain.
Curb flesh and blood and ev’ry ill
that sets itself against your will.

John 18:12–23

Chorale 3: “Who Is the One?” *congregation sings lines in bold*

Who is the one that beats you?
My Savior who mistreats you,
that torment is your lot?
For you are no offender,
yet we to sin surrender.
You are as pure as we are not.

**I, I and my offenses—
like ocean’s wide expanses,
like sands upon the shore—
I caused your grief and sighing,
your suff’ring and your dying.
My sin is vast;
your love is more.**

John 18:24–27

Chorale 4: “Peter Did Not Recognize”

Peter did not recognize his foretold denial;
then he met his Savior’s eyes, wept in bitter trial.
Jesus, look upon me still, though repentance fail me;
when my evil causes ill, stir my conscience, heal me.

Chorale 5: “Christ, Whose Blessing Makes Us Right”

Christ, whose blessing makes us right, sin had not enraptured;
yet he, for our sake, that night like a thief was captured,

led before a haughty throng, falsely there convicted,
laughed at, mocked, and spat upon, as God's word predicted.

John 18:28–36

Chorale 6: “Eternal King, Supreme Beyond All Measure,” *congregation sings lines in bold*

**Eternal King, supreme beyond all measure,
how can I rightly show your love, my treasure?
No mortal can repay the gift you tender,
What shall I render?
With all my senses I could never fashion
an offering that would equal your compassion.
How can I manifest your love's oblation
in my vocation?**

John 18:37–19:12a

Chorale 7: “By Your Cruel Bondage”

By your cruel bondage, God's dear Son,
we live, our freedom gaining;
your prison is a grace-filled throne—
there liberty is reigning.
Had you not deigned a slave to be,
we would be slaves eternally.

John 19:12b–22

Chorale 8: “Deep in My Heart, O Savior,” *congregation sings lines in bold*

**Deep in my heart, O Savior,
your name and cross alone
like stars, shine with your favor;
your joy is now my own.
May I this image treasure
when troubles test my faith:
your love, beyond all measure;
your life, poured out in death.**

John 19:23–27

Chorale 9: “Jesus Thought, with Tender Care”

Jesus thought, with tender care,
at his hour of parting,
on his faithful mother there,
named for her a guardian.
So may we seek what is right,
loving God and neighbor;

death shall no more be our night
nor our lives belabor.

John 19:28–37

Chorale 10: “Help Us, Christ, O Son of God”

Help us, Christ, O Son of God,
through your bitter anguish,
that misdeeds we would avoid,
nor in vices languish.
Your blest death, and why you died,
help us to consider,
that, though poor, we may abide,
off’ring thanks forever!

Pastoral Reflection

Hymn of the Day – ELW, No. 351, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

The assembly stands.

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Offering – “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,” Michael Burkhardt

Offering Song – ELW, No. 347, “Go to Dark Gethsemane,” *st. 3*

Prayer

Bidding Prayer

...through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Sending

Reading – John 19:38–42 (*page 882 in the pew Bible*)

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Sending Hymn – ELW, No. 750, “Lord, I Love Thee with All My Heart,” *st. 1: choir; st. 2: all*

All leave in silence.

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Worship Leaders for Good Friday

Ministers: Pastors Randy Gehring, Tim Lemme, Sami Johnson, and Justin Kosec

Organ: Marilyn Schempp

Reader: Renee Aaker

Choir: Our Savior's Choir, directed by Gene LeVasseur, accompanied by Marilyn Schempp

Media: Toni LeVasseur

Sound: Matt Steinhouse



Saturday of Holy Week

March 31, 2018 ♦ 5:00 P.M.

Notes on the Liturgy

Since the earliest centuries of the Christian church, the Great Vigil of Easter has been a watch through the hours of the night for signs of the rising dawn and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Typically, the vigil occurs at a later hour, sometimes even spanning the midnight hour so that the service ends in the wee hours of Easter morning.

Tonight our worship is an adaptation of the vigil that seeks to lift up the Light of Hope that shines in the midst of the darkness between Good Friday and Easter morning. Our pattern of worship is familiar, but we reserve the proclamation of our Alleluias until Sunday when we gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. We hear God's Word proclaimed and we celebrate one of two sacraments of the church, Holy Baptism. Through these means the light of our faith grows brighter, we are reminded of Jesus' presence among us, and our resolve to live as followers of the risen Christ is strengthened.

The Liturgy of Saturday of Holy Week

Gathering

The assembly gathers in darkness and silence.

Call to Worship

The Light has fled from our sight.

Yet, as we sit and mourn

waiting for the dawn of new hope,

weighted with doubt

straining for a glimpse...

God sits with us.

Last night we watched evil take control.

We watched in loneliness and pain with fear eating at our hearts.

Watched as violent death claimed our teacher and leader, Jesus.

Watched as the stone was rolled across the mouth of the tomb,

watched the fall of darkness.

We watched, our inarticulate cries winging their way to God in the darkness.

Yet the Spirit of God hovers in the vastness, moving ever closer.

Ever nearer.

Bringing hope.

Bringing comfort.

Bringing Light.

Procession of Light

The Christ Candle is processed during the following readings:

The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. (Isaiah 60:19)

He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:2-5)

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. (John 1:9)

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 3:19)

I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. (John 12:46)

When last the church gathered here, we experienced the light of Christ taken from us as our Lord was put to death on the cross. Tonight we gather to celebrate the love of God that can overcome any darkness. We celebrate because we know that not even death itself can constrain God's grace. May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly stands.

Song of Light and Hope – ELW, No. 793, “Be Thou My Vision”

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

Litany

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new...

So we will seek God.

**In the freshness of the morning,
in the tiredness of the evening.**

**In the laughter of friends,
through the tears of loved ones.**

**In the colors of creation,
in the grayness of uncertainty.**

**In the warmth of springtime sunshine,
in the chill of darkened times.**

Lord God, King of Creation,

**open our eyes to see your presence,
our souls to hear your calling,
and our hearts to feel your love. Amen.**

Psalm – “Psalm 130: With the Lord There Is Mercy” Marty Haugen

Refrain - All

Marty Haugen



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Reading – Romans 6:3–11 (*page 917 in the pew Bible*)

The assembly stands.

Acclamation – ELW, No. 715, “Christ, Be Our Light,” *refrain only*

Gospel – John 11:1-43 (*page 873 in the pew Bible*)

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW, No. 721, “Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil,” *cantor sings once, then all sing twice*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The peace is shared.

Offering – “Amazing Love,” Graham Kendrick

Prayer

Prayer

The assembly stands.

God of hidden nearness and relentless love,
from the beginning it is your breath that has given us life;
your hands that have formed and nurtured us,
and your cleansing waters that have purified us.

We remember and celebrate that we belong to your greater story.

For millennia your call has whispered through the hearts of women and men;
you have always been there for those who have made the choice to listen,
and you continue to call out to those who have not yet heard.

We are grateful for your enduring faithfulness.

In love and compassion, you created a covenant with us, promising not to give up on us.
You continue to absorb the worst that we can do,
and in your mercy, continue to forgive us.

We are comforted by your gentle, challenging acceptance.

As with Abraham and Sarah, Moses, David, Jonah, and others, you bind yourself to us—and you invite us into the covenant of healing and transforming grace.

**Your commitment to us is surprising and unmistakable;
give us ears to hear your invitation and the willingness to live as witnesses to your great story forever and always. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Sending

Blessing

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn – ELW, No. 629, “Abide with Me,” *sts. 1, 5*

The lights are dimmed. The assembly leaves in silence.

Worship Leaders for Saturday of Holy Week

Presider and Preacher: Pastor Sami Johnson **Piano:** Gene LeVasseur **Guitar:** Denny Gale and Bret Werpy
Vocals: Toni LeVasseur **Reader:** Cindy Sieber **Media:** Josh Matzner **Sound:** Daniel Matzner

The **Triduum** (or the Three Days) begins with Maundy Thursday and concludes with Holy Saturday. The liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday form a single celebration of our Lord's "Passover," and it is through the re-telling of these dramatic events that we participate in God's saving power. During the liturgies of these days we join with the Church around the world in celebrating the mystery of our faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. To grasp the depth of the Triduum, you are invited to be present at worship each of the three days.

Artwork by Gary Gaede

Gary Gaede's initial inspiration for the original artwork on this booklet's front cover came from a sermon by Pr. Randy Gehring having to do with listening. Gary also was inspired by the Lenten theme, "Pursuing the Heart of Jesus," represented here by the palm-leaf heart. Above the heart are images of tomb, cross, and Jesus' ascent. Faint figures—"angels or saints," Gary says—may also be discerned, as well as a small school of fish, since Jesus taught his Apostles to "fish for people" (Matthew 4:19).



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