

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

April 18, 2019 ♦ 12:00 and 6:30 P.M.



Invitation to the Triduum

Welcome to Our Savior's.

You have come here today for the first part of the journey we call the Three Days, the *Triduum*. The journey begins with this worship service, where we celebrate the last night Jesus shared with his friends, the night he gave us a celebration to remember him which we call our Great Thanksgiving, Holy Communion. It continues tomorrow with the Friday we call Good: a day to remember that God's love was so risky, so strong, so selfless that Jesus would die for us on the cross. And on Saturday, when we bear witness to the spark of hope God strikes in the dry desert of death: the fiery promise of new life.

This is one service, spread across three days. You can expect to experience every emotion: The lightness of laughter. The fear of betrayal and forces beyond our control. The leaden feeling of guilt for those who survive when the innocent die.

And the release of joy we experience on Easter Sunday when we proclaim Christ risen from the dead.

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

Gathering

Prelude – “Christ, Our Hope Alone” (BWV 670), J. S. Bach

Welcome and Worship Notes

The assembly stands.

Litany

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.

God, it is right to give you our thanks and praise,
because you made this world
and filled it with delights
to satisfy our senses.

**You gave us families and friends,
so we could accompany one another.**

You gave us wisdom and creativity
so we could use regular things
for godly purposes.

**And you sent your son Jesus
to live among us.**

**To heal our bodies and bless our houses,
to host the meal that gives us life.**

You have been good to us.

We shall praise your name.

The assembly is seated.

Gathering Drama

Psalm – Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19, arr. Robert Buckley Farley

Refrain



I will lift the cup of sal-va-tion and call on the name of the LORD.

Psalm Tone



I love the LORD, who has¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my¹ supplication,
for the LORD has given¹ ear to me
whenev-¹er I called.

How shall I re-¹pay the LORD
for all the good things God has¹ done for me?

I will lift the cup¹ of salvation
and call on the name¹ of the LORD. R

I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people.

Precious in your¹ sight, O LORD,
is the death¹ of your servants.

O LORD, truly I¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me¹ from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name¹ of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people,
in the courts of¹ the LORD's house,
in the midst of you,¹ O Jerusalem. R

Offering – During the gathering of gifts, the drama continues as an offertory.

Offertory Drama

Hymn – ELW, No. 186, “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Confessional Drama

Hymn – ELW, No. 606, “Our Father, We Have Wandered”

The assembly stands.

Prayer of Confession

Please join me in a prayer of confession.

**We did not save enough time
to prepare our lives for you.**

**We did not save enough money
to do your will.**

**We eagerly spent time and money
on things that did not satisfy.**

**Even when we tried
to give everything to you,
we discovered our shortcomings.**

**For children still grow up without love;
and people still sleep on our streets;
and wars still rage in our nations and families;
and we have kept quiet in the face of injustice.**

Still, you called us your friends.

**Show us the way
to honor your love.**

The assembly is seated.

Word

Reading and Drama

Homily

Meal

The assembly stands.

Holy 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.

Preface

Holy – ELW, page 207

Our Story – Words of Institution

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.**

Distribution

All are welcome to come forward to the communion rail and receive bread and fruit of the vine. As you share this food, you will receive the forgiveness of your sins. As you leave the table, we invite you to have your hands washed at the basins on either side of the sanctuary.

Communion Songs

“Lamb of God,” ELW, page 208

“I Give to You a New Commandment,” Peter Nardone

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence,” ELW, No. 490, sts. 1–3

Blessing after Communion

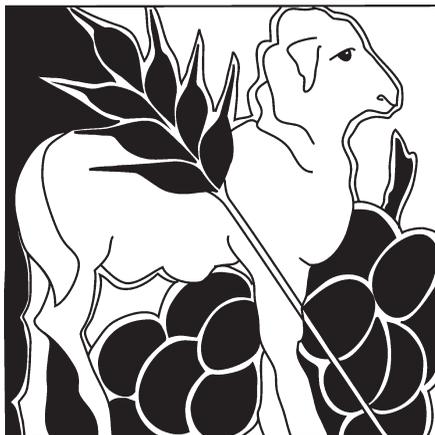
Final Drama

Stripping of the Altar – Psalm 88, arr. Nancy Raabe

There is no dismissal. 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.*

Please return this worship booklet to an usher so that it may be used at the next worship service.



Worship Leaders for Maundy Thursday

Presiding Minister: Pastor Randy Gehring

Assisting Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme

Preaching Ministers: Pastor Justin Kosec

Liturgical Drama Troupe: Bruce Hasche, Wendy Hasche, Craig McCarthy, Charlie Nesdahl, Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl, Paul Konz, Chad Mickelson, Rosie Linsner, Camille Tollefson, Toni LeVasseur, and Pr. Justin Kosec

Organ: Matthew Tylutki

Cantors: Deanna Wehrspann and Gene LeVasseur

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

Readers: (12:00) Maribeth Anderson; (6:30) Hannah Nesdahl

Deacons: (12:00) Paul Davidson and Eleanor McMahon; (6:30) Dave Brunkow and Tracey Butler

Media: Harold Breitag

Sound: (12:00) Randy Preston; (6:30) Jacob Lemme



Good Friday

April 19, 2019 ♦ 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 verses of the Lenten hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" (ELW, No. 349) sung by 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.

The *strepitus* follows the reading of the passion account. This is a loud sound that dramatically symbolizes the earthquake that followed Jesus' death on the cross.

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

All gather in silence and darkness.

Stripped bare of the symbols of our faith, we gather in community and use what we have to worship the One who will stop at nothing to convey God's love to us and to the world.

Call to Worship

Last night we ate and drank
a holy and familiar meal
because our Lord commanded,
“Do this in remembrance of me.”

We heard again and clung to familiar words,
“In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ
I forgive you all your sins,”
and we felt a sweet release
from all that would weigh us down.

In basins of cleansing water
our hands were made clean
and we remembered feet being washed
and our own adoption at the font.

But tonight the stuff of faith
has been all but stripped away
by forces that crucified our Lord.

Still, though we gather in this barren room,
we use what we have—
our voices, our memory,
our ears, our eyes,
the prayers of our souls,
the traditions of the Church—
and we worship the One
who died to heal a broken world
and rose to bring life and light to all.

Come and worship.

The assembly stands.

Hymn – ELW, No. 347, “Go to Dark Gethsemane,” *sts. 1–3*

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on all your people, 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 assembly is seated.

Word

Word in Song – “The Lord Is My Shepherd,” John Rutter

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

Acclamation – ELW, No. 349, “Ah, Holy Jesus,” *st. 1*

The Passion According to John – John 18:1–19:42, *page 880 in the pew Bible*

ELW, No. 349, “Ah, Holy Jesus,” sts. 2–5, will be sung throughout the Passion account.

Strepitus

Pastoral Reflection – “The Stuff of Death Is Changed”

Hymn – ELW, No. 356, “Sing My Tongue,” *sts. 1, 2, 4, 6*

Bidding Prayer

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

(Silence is kept.)

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our bishops, for our pastors, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

(Silence is kept.)

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

(Silence is kept.)

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

(Silence is kept.)

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

(Silence is kept.)

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

(Silence is kept.)

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

(Silence is kept.)

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's creation.

(Silence is kept.)

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

(Silence is kept.)

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those in need.

(Silence is kept.)

Almighty and eternal God, 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 deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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.**

Hymn – ELW, No. 808, “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song,” *st. 1: choir; sts 2–4: all*

Worshippers may remain for a time of personal prayer and meditation.

All leave in silence.

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(channel 17 or cable channel 9) this evening at 10:00.*

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Worship Leaders for Good Friday

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

Organ: Matthew Tylutki

Flute: Dennis Knutson

Reader: Lavada Woods

Choir: Our Savior's Choir, directed by Gene LeVasseur, accompanied by Matthew Tylutki

Media: Toni LeVasseur

Sound: Jacob Lemme



Saturday of Holy Week

April 20, 2019 ♦ 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

Prelude – Improvisation on “Sing My Tongue,” Matthew Tylutki

Invitation

For forty days we have regarded
the stuff we hold in this life
and the stuff that holds us.

Tonight in darkness and silence we gather,
thankful for the company of another,
clinging to the stuff of faith,
reaching for the stuff of hope,
the very stuff
that will see us through the night
into the promise of the morning.

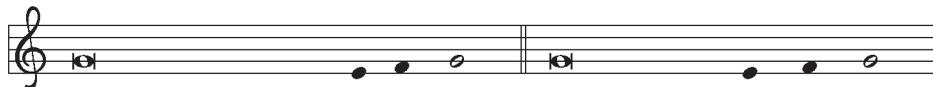
Come and worship.

Dialogue

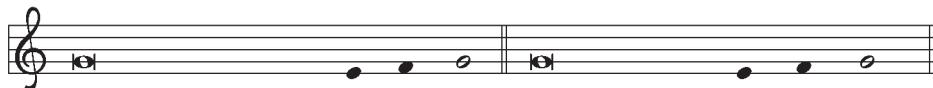
The assembly stands. A large, lighted candle is carried to its place, a sign of Jesus, the Light which no darkness can overcome.



God is our light and our sal - vation, **our refuge and our stronghold.**



From the rising of the sun to its setting, **we praise your name, O God.**



For with you is the foun - tain of life, **and in your light we see light.**

Hymn of Light – ELW, No. 721, “Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil”

Hymns and songs give voice to the faith of the assembly in worship. A solo voice sings the hymn the first time it is sung, after which the assembly joins the singing. The text of this hymn comes from An African Prayer Book by Desmond Tutu.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal giver of life and light, you sent your Son to transform the very stuff of death that all who believe in him might not die but live with you in eternity. On this night and always, grant us faith to trust your promises, courage to shine as a light in the darkness, and peace to soothe our troubled spirits. In Jesus’ name we pray.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

Across the spectrum of life circumstances, scripture gives witness to the relationship between God and God’s creation. Tonight, the psalm that is sung expresses the desire of the assembly to be heard by God. The readings that are read declare God’s power over sin, evil, and death.

Psalmody – ELW, No. 232, “Let My Prayer Rise Up”

Prayer

Let the incense of our prayers ascend before you, O God, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that we may sing your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading – Daniel 3:1–29, *page 719 in the pew Bible*

Second Reading – Acts 16:16–34, *page 900 in the pew Bible*

Acclamation – ELW, No. 702, “You, Dear Lord”

Gospel Reading – John 11:17–27, *page 873 in the pew Bible*

Sermon

The sermon is the Word of God proclaimed by one called by the church to speak a word of Law and Gospel to all who will listen. Tonight we are mindful both of our complicity in Jesus’ crucifixion and of God’s promise to bring light to a world of death and darkness, so we listen with eager ears and hearts.

Hymn – ELW, No. 723, “Canticle of the Turning”

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for *Beckam Randy Gullickson*, the son of Bjorn and Alicia Gullickson. Sponsors for Beckam are Carter Gullickson and Tanaya Brahmer.

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 minister presents the newly baptized for all to see.

Let us welcome Beckam into the family.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and Our Savior's congregation. We
rejoice and celebrate with you this gift of new life God gives through water and
the Word. Thanks be to God!**

Peace

The assembly stands. The peace is shared as a sign that goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness, and life is stronger than death.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Prayers

The assembly remains standing and joins in the holy and hopeful work of prayer.

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is for Soprano, the middle for Alto, and the bottom for Bass. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us¹ pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us¹ pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us¹ pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us¹ pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us¹ pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us¹ pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us¹ pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly,
and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy,
let us ¹ pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence is kept.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,

through Christ our Lord. To you, O Lord.

The assembly is seated.

Offering – “My Song Is Love Unknown,” Edwin Childs

Sending

The assembly stands.

Prayer

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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,

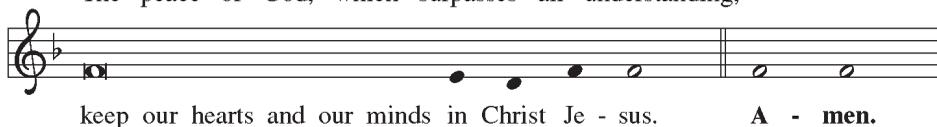
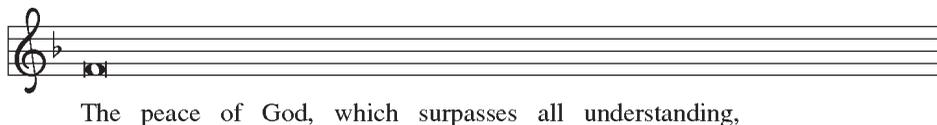
your will be done,

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.**

Blessing



Hymn – ELW, No. 595, “Jesus Loves Me”

The assembly departs in silence.

Postlude – “Abide with Me,” C. Hubert H. Parry

Worship Leaders for Saturday of Holy Week

Presiding and Preaching Minister: Pastor Randy Gehring

Organ: Matthew Tylutki

Cantors: Rosie Linsner and Gene LeVasseur

Reader: Milt Hanson

Media: Josh Matzner

Sound: Daniel Matzner

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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.



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