

† Good Friday †



**“The Earth Shook”
Matthew 26:57—27:56**

✠ The Divine Liturgy ✠
“Deeper Discipleship & Closer Communion with Jesus”
Saint Luke’s Lutheran Church | April 10, 2020

Silent Prayer | Greeting

Invocation

In the name of our Creator who loves his enemies and suffers injustice at our hands to bring us life and freedom—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ✠ **Amen.**

Psalm of the Day ✠ Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

✠ **Why are you so far away from the words of my groaning?**

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

✠ **and by night, for I have no rest.**

Yet you are holy and just, you who are enthroned above all.

✠ **In you our fathers trusted, they trusted in you and you rescued them.**

To you they cried out and were delivered,

✠ **in you they trusted and were not disappointed.**

Therefore, O Lord, do not be far away from me!

✠ **You are my only hope, come quickly to my assistance!**

Deliver my life from the sword, my life from the power of death.

✠ **Rescue me and answer me so that I may live to praise your name!**

Hymn of the Day ✠ *LSB 453 “Upon the Cross Extended”*

♪ *Upon the cross extended see, world, your Lord, suspended. Your Savior yields his breath. The Prince of Life from heaven himself has freely given to shame and blows and bitter death.* ♪

♪ *Come, see these things and ponder, your soul will fill with wonder as blood streams from each pore. Through grief beyond all knowing from his great heart came flowing sighs welling from its deepest core.* ♪

♪ *Your soul in griefs unbounded, your head with thorns surrounded, you died to rescue me. The cross for me enduring, the crown for me securing, you healed my wounds and set me free.* ♪

♪ *Your cords of love, my Savior, bind me to you forever, I am no longer mine. To you I gladly tender all that my life can render and all I have to you resign.* ♪

Prayer of the Day

The Lord Jesus be with you. ✠ **And also with you.** ✠ Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, focus our hearts on the faith of Jesus. Help us to be empowered by his trust in your care and provision that we might also put all things into your hands. Through Jesus the Christ, your Son, our Lord. ✠ **Amen.**

Old Testament Litany ✕ Isaiah 52 & 53

Behold, my servant! He will be high and lifted up.

✕ **Kings will shut their mouths over him, even though he has no stately form.**

He is despised and forsaken by men, a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief.

✕ **Like one from whom men hide he is despised and we do not esteem him.**

Surely he carries our griefs and sorrows,

✕ **yet we ourselves think he is stricken and cursed by God.**

He is pierced and crushed by our desire to be rid of him.

✕ **We have turned to our own way of living and our rebellion falls on him.**

He is oppressed and afflicted, yet he does not open his mouth.

✕ **Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, he is silent.**

Through our “justice” we cut him out of the land of the living,

✕ **even though he has done no violence or wrong.**

Yet he will bring true justice to us and make us just

✕ **by bearing our violence against him and pouring himself out in love.**

† Tenebrae — Service of Darkness †

We meditate on Jesus’s love for his enemies and trust in his Father. Readings and music trace his faithful death and the silence and darkness help us to experience the drama of this day.

† Jesus On Trial Before the Sanhedrin Council † Matthew 26:57-68

Song ✕ *“Jesus Is Condemned by the Sanhedrin” by Poor Bishop Hooper*

♪ *Why do you come against me? Why do you seek false testimony? I tell you, you will find none. But still you say, ‘Show us, show us you Son of God!’* ♪

♪ *Two have brought their witness, saying, ‘He will destroy! He will rebuild in three days!’ No words I say could sway you. But still you say by the Living God, ‘Show us, show us you Son of God!’* ♪

♪ *What blasphemy what further need. Now tell me people what do you think? He deserves death every bit of it! Oh come and prophesy whose mouth forfeits this, ‘Show us, show us, show us, show us, show us you Son of God!’* ♪

Textual Meditation ✕ (silence for reflection) ✕ Candle Is Extinguished

Song ✕ *LSB 688 “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”*

♪ *“Come, follow me,” the Savior spake, “All in my way abiding’ deny yourselves, the world forsake, obey my call and guiding. O bear the cross, whate’er betide, take my example for your guide.”* ♪

† Peter’s Denial & Judas’s Suicide † Matthew 26:69—27:10

Song ✻ *“Jesus Is Denied by Peter”* by Poor Bishop Hooper

♪ I said, 'Even if everyone else turns on you, I promise I never will!' I thought you were wrong, wrong, wrong, wrong about me. I screamed, 'Even if I have to die, I'm never never gonna deny you!' I thought you were wrong, wrong, wrong, wrong about me. ♪

♪ You used the words of an old gone man, said, 'God will strike the shepherd down.' I know these lines have never been wrong before, but I swear they won't define me now. I knew you were wrong, wrong, wrong, wrong about me. ♪

♪ When she asked her question, that servant girl she broke my heart. I knew she was the message that you had spoken all along. And two behind her followed in the prints her feet had made. Said they'd seen me walking with you, said my tongue gave me away. But I swore against their charges, claimed you I'd never known. Just in time to hear the bird you promised, lift its head and crow, lift its head and crow. Oh Jesus I wish you were wrong, wrong, wrong, wrong about me. ♪

Textual Meditation ✻ (silence for reflection) ✻ Candle Is Extinguished

Song ✻ **LSB 456 “Were You There”**

♪ **Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? ♪**

♪ **Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? ♪**

† Jesus On Trial Before Rome & the People † Matthew 27:11-26

Song ✻ *“Jesus Is Judged by Pilate”* by Poor Bishop Hooper

♪ Husband come and hear my plea, I've seen this man you keep. He visits me between the walls of my dreams, he comes upon the whitest righteous wings. Do not break, do not lose to the roaring round. What they beg of you, what their voices howl, it's an evil born from their bones, that they don't know. ♪

♪ I see the crowd turn and move as one. They're fools to follow themselves their fools in what they want. His blood's upon their hands and on their children's fate. It wasn't made to bathe their greed, still it was made for this very claim. Do not break, do not lose to the roaring round. What they beg of you, what their voices howl, it's an evil born from their bones, that they don't know. ♪

♪ I heard you ask what you already know. Where is he from, where will he go? It was he who said his kingdom's not of here. And a throne I cannot see, is a throne that I must fear. Do not break, do not lose to the roaring round. What they beg of you, what their voices howl, it's an evil born from their bones, that they don't know. ♪

Textual Meditation ✻ (silence for reflection) ✻ Candle Is Extinguished

Song ✻ **LSB 430 “My Song Is Love Unknown”**

- ♪ ***Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease and 'gainst him rise.*** ♪
- ♪ ***They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suffering goes that he his foes from thence might free.*** ♪

† Jesus Is Mocked & Beaten † Matthew 27:27-31

Song ✻ **“Jesus Is Scourged & Crowned with Thorns” by Poor Bishop Hooper**

- ♪ ***He spoke his preparation, he spoke of this time. Said they will hand him over, to be mocked, to be flogged, to be crucified. So they led him down, to the post he knew, to be tied and bound, to be stripped and bruised. With a scarlet robe wrapped around his frame, they spit insults inside a deserving name.*** ♪
- ♪ ***Then the whip falls down oh on his back. You come again with your nine black straps. Oh whip fall down. You can have your day, for these stripes will heal, oh these stripes will save. You can strike this Man, you can make him bleed, but some day you'll answer on your knees.*** ♪
- ♪ ***Wind those thorns, make your cursed crown. While you bind those horns trap a good reason, there's a sacrifice on the table set. But Abe's son was spared and the Lord's he forgets. You can strike this Man, you can make him bleed, but some day you'll answer on your knees.*** ♪
- ♪ ***Whip fall down, would you make your mark. You have set the stage, you are just the start. You have paved the way, you are just the start. You have paved the way, you are just the start.*** ♪

Textual Meditation ✻ (silence for reflection) ✻ Candle Is Extinguished

Song ✻ **LSB 425 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

- ♪ ***See, from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?*** ♪
- ♪ ***Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!*** ♪

† Jesus Is Crucified † Matthew 27:32-37

Song ✻ **“Jesus Takes Up His Cross” by Poor Bishop Hooper**

- ♪ ***So he then handed him on to them to be crucified. They took him and he went out bearing his own cross. To the place, called the place of the skull, Golgotha. There they crucified him.*** ♪

Textual Meditation ✻ (silence for reflection) ✻ Candle Is Extinguished

Song ✻ **LSB 437 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”**

♪ *Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears, dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.* ♪

♪ *But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give myself away: 'tis all that I can do.* ♪

† Jesus Is Mocked for His Trust † Matthew 27:38-44

Song ✻ *“Jesus Is Crucified”* by Poor Bishop Hooper

♪ *Above his head read the charge, 'King of the jews.' Torn and marred. And they nailed him up as the priests remarked, 'Go on and save yourself Man of God.'* ♪

♪ *They took his clothes and they tore apart. As they rolled their dice, as they cast their lots. But what he wore was seamless art, hidden on the skin of God.* ♪

♪ *Even after all the evil, even when they raised him from the ground, Aas countless weight was laid upon him, he could only speak the sound. His voice could only cry the sound, 'Forgive them, they know not what they do!'* ♪

Textual Meditation ✻ (silence for reflection) ✻ Candle Is Extinguished

Song ✻ *LSB 451 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”*

♪ *Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he! 'Tis the long expected prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord; proofs I see sufficient of it: 'tis the true and faithful Word.* ♪

♪ *Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate. Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load; tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.* ♪

† Jesus Dies & Graves Open † Matthew 27:45-56

Song ✻ *“Jesus Dies on the Cross”* by Poor Bishop Hooper

♪ *From the sixth hour it came, a darkness like no man had seen. The sun's light failed and through the black, a voice that held all breathing.* ♪

♪ *As his friends stood distant still, his thirst the wine, his pierced side fulfilled. Bowed his head the Innocent, He left his life and spirit. He cried, 'My God, my God! Why have you forsaken me?'* ♪

♪ *The veil was torn from top to bottom. The tombs opened and the holy ones rose. His murderers saw what they had done. A soldier spoke what he had come too late to know, 'Truly this was the Son of God!'* ♪

Textual Meditation ✻ (silence for reflection) ✻ Christ Candle Is Extinguished

Song ✻ *LSB 432 “In Silent Pain the Eternal Son”*

- ♪ *In silent pain the eternal Son hangs derelict and still. In darkened day his work is done, fulfilled, his Father's will. Uplifted for the world to see he hangs in strangest victory, for in his body on the tree he carries all our ill. ♪*
- ♪ *He died that we might die to sin and live for righteousness, the earth is stained to make us clean and bring us into peace. For peace he came and met its cost; he gave himself to save the lost; he loved us to the uttermost and paid for our release. ♪*
- ♪ *For strife he came to bring a sword, the truth to end all lies; to rule in us, our patient Lord, until all evil dies: for in his hand he holds the stars, his voice shall speak to end our wars, and those who love him see his scars and look into his eyes. ♪*

Silent Recession of the Christ Candle & Closing of the Tomb

Exit in Silence

We return tomorrow night as the journey of Jesus is not over...

Holy Week Schedule

Apr 11 — Holy Saturday, 6:30 pm

Apr 12 — Easter Festival, 9:30 am