

Good Friday

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 29, 2024

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7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE *Alle Menschen Mussen Sterben* **Bach**

OPENING WORDS

***GATHERING**

Pastor: This we know: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

All: And Jesus is the light of the world.

Pastor This story we are entering into tonight, then is a judgment. Light has come into the world.

All: We, the broken, we loved darkness rather than light.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

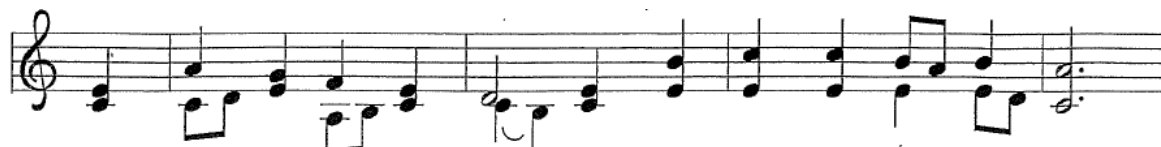
Pastor: Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus was betrayed and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of His passion, through Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

***HYMN** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **No. 351**



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.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite
Music: German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612;

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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

FIRST PASSION READING

John 18:1-14

Judas Speaks

(First candle is extinguished)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Pie Jesu

Weber

(Harper Cameron, Soloist)

SECOND PASSION READING

John 18:15-27

Peter Speaks

(Second candle is extinguished)

Hymn

Were You There (Vs. 1)

ELW #353

African American Spiritual

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?

Refrain

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?

THIRD PASSION READING

John 18:28-40

Pilate Speaks

(Third candle is extinguished)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Come to the Shadows

Martin

Text: Come to the shadows, the flickering candle;
Silence yourself in the still of this place.

Here in this moment as silence surrounds you,
Open your heart to the music of grace.

Come to the shadows, the mist of remembrance;
Learn of hosannas and whispering palms.

Come to the table; hear the wine pour.
Come and remember the life of the Lord.

Come to the garden where Jesus is praying,
Seeking His Father in evening's dim light.

Come to the shadows and watch with the Savior.
See how He suffers alone in the night.

Come to the mountain, the shadow of Calvary.
See now the cross which is lifted on high.

Come to the fountain, God's love outpoured;
Come and remember the death of the Lord!

Come to the shadows and rest in the promise.
The song of the shadows is calling to you.

Come to the shadows, come.

FOURTH PASSION READING

John 19:1-16a

Mary, the Wife of Cleopas Speaks

(Fourth candle is extinguished)

HYMN

Lamb of God
Adult Choir

Paris

TEXT: Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod,
and to become the Lamb of God.
Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned him as he died,
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
I was so lost I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

FIFTH PASSION READING

John 19:16b-27

Mary, the Mother of Jesus Speaks
(Fifth candle is extinguished)

MUSICAL OFFERING *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Adult Choir with Deb Smith, Conductor
Text: ELW #803

Martin

SIXTH PASSION READING

John 19:28-30

(Sixth candle is extinguished)

SILENCE

SEVENTH PASSION READING

John 19:31-42

Nicodemus Speaks

(Seventh Candle is extinguished)

HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross



1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
2. O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world,
3. In that old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - fering and shame;
has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
a won - drous beau - ty I see,
its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove
for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
then he'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

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for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross,
cross, the old rug - ged cross,



till my tro - phies at last I lay down;



I will cling to the old rug - ged cross,
cross, the old rug - ged cross,



and ex - change it some day for a crown.

Mary Magdalene Speaks

(Christ Candle is Removed)

BENEDICTION

Mary Magdalene Speaks: For this we know: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

All: And Jesus is the light of the world.

Mary Magdalene: What we have heard tonight, then, is a judgment. Light has come into the world.

All: We loved darkness rather than light.

Mary Magdalene: A light shines in the darkness. And the darkness will not overcome it.

Depart in Peace



GOOD FRIDAY

We thank our readers:

Judas Speaks: **Owen Dozer**

Peter Speaks: **Eric Klansek**

Pilate's Monologue: **Bryan Doll**

Mary, the Wife of Cleopas: **Courtney Peck**

Mary, Jesus' Mother,: **Stephanie Klansek**

Nicodemus: **Aaron Smith**

Mary Magdalene: **Madison Maloney**

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