



SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

Good Friday

March 29, 2024

“In Nomine Iesu”

915 - 27th Street, Marion, Iowa 52302
e-mail: office@stpaulsmarioniowa.org
Phone: 319/377-4687
www.mystpauls.org

About this evening's service.

Good Friday brings us to the heart of God's plan of salvation, combining elements of sorrow and love, despair and victory, death and life. Through the words and actions of this service we remember the completion of Jesus' saving work on the cross for us, for "the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin."
(1 John 1:7).

As the seven candles are extinguished one by one, and the lights in the sanctuary are turned off, we are reminded of the darkness that covered the earth at the time of our Lord's crucifixion. The darkness also serves as a reminder of the spiritual darkness that would exist had Jesus, the Light of the world, not come.

At the close of the service, the Christ candle is extinguished, signifying Christ's death and burial, and a loud sound will be made (the "strepitus") which stands for the sealing of the tomb and that the mission of the cross is fulfilled, the sacrifice is complete. The Christ candle is eventually relit to remind us that our Easter hope is coming.

Although tonight's service is very solemn in nature, tonight we joyfully worship as God's loved and forgiven people, and we worship with adoration and thanksgiving for the perfect life that Jesus offered as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Offering will be collected before and after service.

*There will be no presentation of the offering
during the service this evening.*

+ Service of the Word +

All enter the church in silence.

P We continue tonight the worship service that began last night, when we celebrated Jesus' gift of the Lord's Supper. Tonight, we stand at the foot of the cross on Golgotha, while the crucified Christ breathes His last for our sake. His suffering is in plain view, as well as His great love. His death redeems us all!

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Isaiah 53:4-11

P Surely he has borne our griefs

C **and carried our sorrows;**

P yet we esteemed him stricken,

C **smitten by God, and afflicted.**

P But he was wounded for our transgressions;

C **he was crushed for our iniquities;**

P upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

C **and with his stripes we are healed.**

P All we like sheep have gone astray;

C **we have turned every one to his own way;**

P and the LORD has laid on him

C **the iniquity of us all.**

P He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

C **yet he opened not his mouth;**

P like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep
that before its shearers is silent,
C **so he opened not his mouth.**

P By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
C **stricken for the transgression of my people?**

P And they made his grave with the wicked
C **and with a rich man in his death,**

P although he had done no violence,
C **and there was no deceit in his mouth.**

P Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
C **he has put him to grief;**

P when his soul makes an offering for sin,
C **he shall see his offspring;
he shall prolong his days;**

P the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be
satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one,
my servant,
C **make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.**

Hymn *“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”* LSB #437

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St.
John.

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus *John 18:1–11*

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his

disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

Hymn *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* LSB #450 vs 1

(the first candle is extinguished)

Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter

John 18:12–27

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” ¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they

were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” ²²When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” ²³Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” ²⁴Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Hymn “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*” LSB #450 vs 2

(the second candle is extinguished)

Jesus Before Pilate

John 18:28–40

²⁸Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” ³⁰They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.” ³¹Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” ³²This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus

and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” ⁴⁰They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

Hymn “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” LSB #450 vs 3

(the third candle is extinguished)

Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion

John 19:1–16

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” ⁷The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his

headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” ¹¹Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” ¹⁵They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

Hymn *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* LSB #450 vs 4
(the fourth candle is extinguished)

The Crucifixion of Jesus *John 19:16–24*

¹⁶So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²²Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each

soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.”
So the soldiers did these things,

Hymn “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*” LSB #450 vs 5

(the fifth candle is extinguished)

Jesus’ Mother and His Death

John 19:25–30

²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hymn “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*” LSB #450 vs 6

(the sixth candle is extinguished)

Jesus’ Side is Pierced

John 19:31–42

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

³⁸After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Hymn *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* LSB #450 vs 7
 (the seventh candle is extinguished)

Sermon

Hymn *“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”* LSB #451

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we gather together on this day which we call “good”, we are brought to remember the pain, the suffering, and the death of Jesus on the cross and all that He was willing to endure, all so that we may be set free. For we know that it was us who deserved that punishment, for we have sinned and have fallen short to Your glory. But out of Your love and care for us, You sent Jesus to take our place.

Guide us this weekend, through Your Word and Spirit, to realize the seriousness of Jesus’ suffering and

death and its benefits for our salvation and for our daily lives. Cleanse us through the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, and make us new.

Thank You, O Heavenly Father, that by the wounds of Christ we are healed. For in Him sin and death have been conquered and everlasting life has now been given to us.

We come to You in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...

All **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Choir Anthem *“Will We Ever Sing Alleluia?”*

Words: Stephen L. Lawrence; Music: Jari Houston

Concluding Collect

P Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy’s sake we pray.

C **Amen.**

The candle is extinguished

The Strepitus

(A loud sound symbolizing the stone being rolled in front of the tomb)

The candle is relit

(symbolizing that our Easter Hope is coming!)

The omission of the Benediction tonight indicates that our worship is not yet complete until we are joined together to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acknowledgments. Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing House. Streaming license through CCLI, Stream License number: 20193242 Copyright License number: 1259603



*Join us in our Easter worship celebration this Sunday.
Services are at 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.*