



THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 2, 2021 † 6:30 P.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day — the triumph of the cross — reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Helmut Walcha

Welcome and Announcements

*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.**

Reading — Isaiah 52:13—53:12

¹³See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—¹⁵so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his

bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn — “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (#351)

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN



O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
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?
O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ner's gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
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.

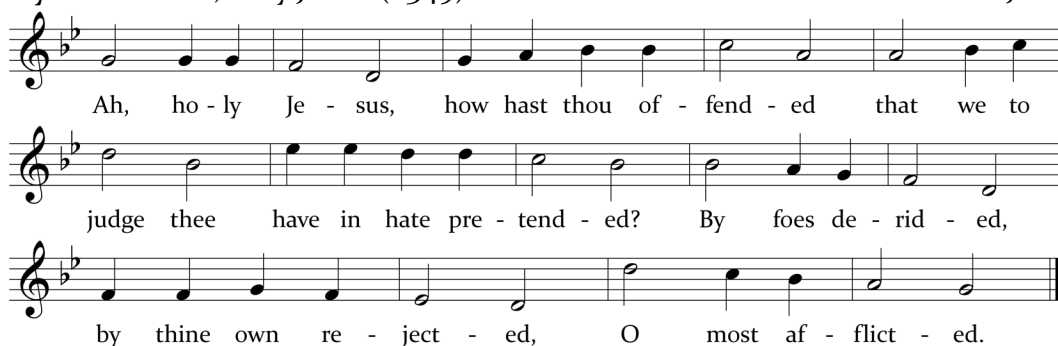
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The Passion of Our Lord according to John — John 18:1—19:42

I. John 18:1-14 *Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest*

Hymn — “Ah, Holy Jesus” (#349) stanza 1

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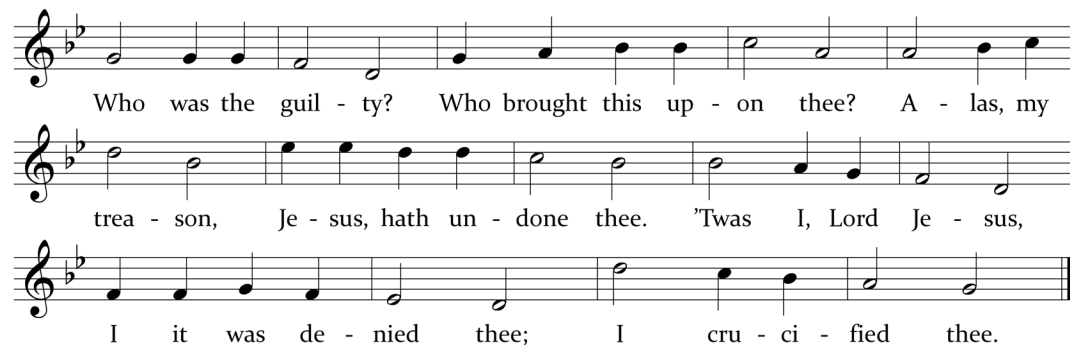


Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.

Text: Johann Heermann; tr. Robert Bridges; Music: Johann Crüger

II. John 18:15-27 *Peter's Denial; Trial before Annas*

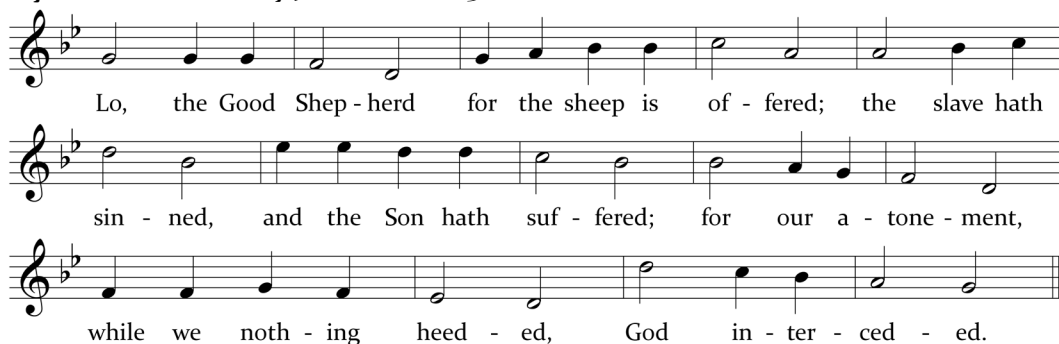
Hymn — “Ah, Holy Jesus” stanza 2



Who was the guil - ty? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.

III. John 18:28—19:12 *Jesus' Trial before Pilate*

Hymn — “Ah, Holy Jesus” stanza 3



Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of-fered; the slave hath
sin-ned, and the Son hath suf-fered; for our a-tone-ment,
while we noth-ing heed-ed, God in-ter-ced-ed.

IV. John 19:13-30 *Jesus is Crucified and Dies*

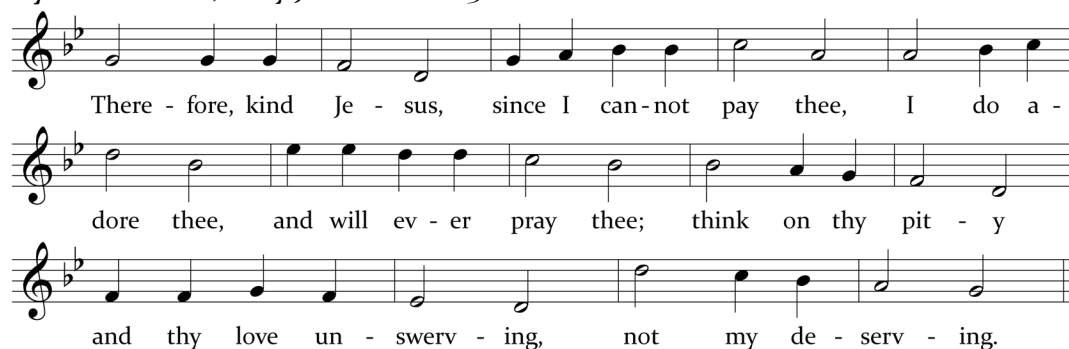
Hymn — “Ah, Holy Jesus” stanza 4



For me, kind Je-sus, was thine in-car-na-tion, thy mor-tal
sor-row, and thy life's ob-la-tion; thy death of an-guish
and thy bit-ter pas-sion, for my sal-va-tion.

V. John 19:31-42 *The Burial of Our Lord*

Hymn — “Ah, Holy Jesus” stanza 5



There-fore, kind Je-sus, since I can-not pay thee, I do a-
dore thee, and will ev-er pray thee; think on thy pit-y
and thy love un-swerv-ing, not my de-serv-ing.

*Bidding Prayer

*The 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.

Hymn — “Were You There” (#353)

African American spiritual

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Closing Response

- ☐ We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
- ☑ By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.



SERVING AT ST. JOHN’S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschier
Assisting Minister	Tracy Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor

Holy Week and Easter

Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday

Stop by the columbarium for a time of prayer and candle lighting
between 6:30-8:30 p.m. as we prepare for Easter.
A brief devotion will be held every 30 minutes.

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

Radio and Livestream service at 9:00 a.m.
with communion via Zoom to immediately follow.

Today’s Radio Broadcast is given by friends of St. John’s.

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Community Television (NTV) - cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m.,
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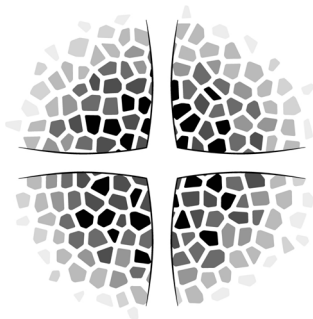
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