



# THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO LUKE

APRIL 18, 2025 † 12:00 P.M. & 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 story.*

*(For more on the gospel reading, see page 6.)*

*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.*

*The assembly gathers in silence.*

**Prelude** — “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Helmut Walcha

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

☐ Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, 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.**

**Reading** — Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Pew Bible, page 596

*After the reading:*

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** — ELW No. 351

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

***Stanzas 1–2***

# The Passion of Our Lord according to Luke

Luke 22:39—23:56

## I. Luke 22:39-53      *The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

**Hymn** — “Ah, Holy Jesus” (ELW No. 349) *stanza 1*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

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

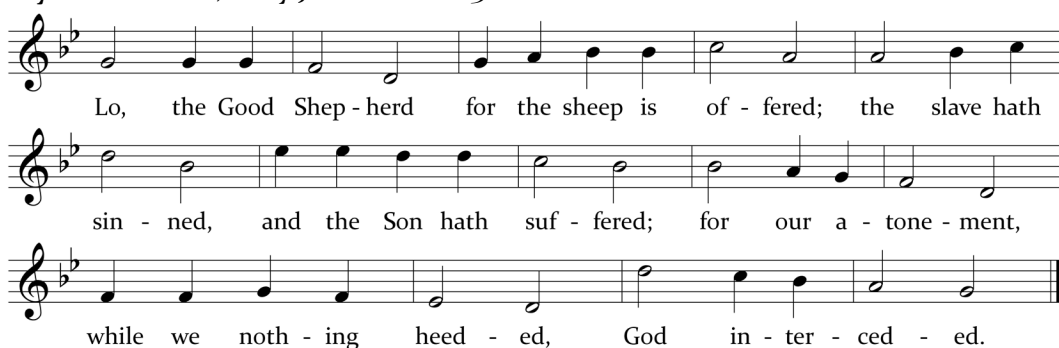
## II. Luke 22:54-71      *Peter Denies Jesus; Jesus Before the Council*

**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. Luke 23:1-25      *Jesus Before Pilate and Herod*

**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. Luke 23:26-49      *The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus*

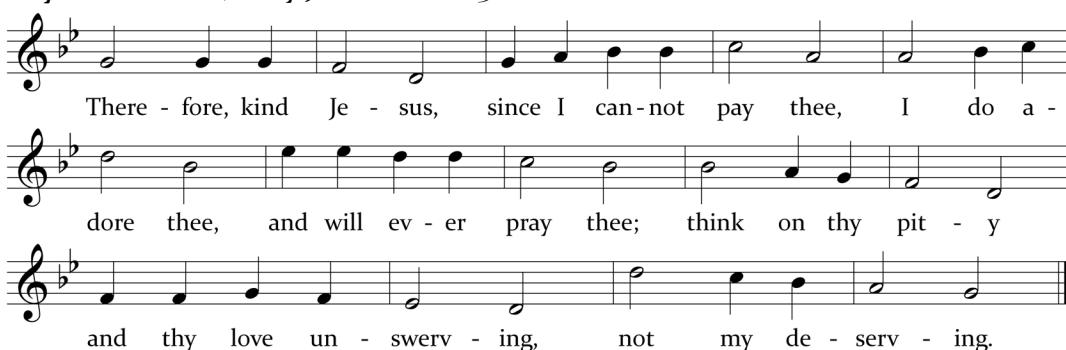
**Hymn** — “Ah, Holy Jesus” stanza 4



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. Luke 23:50-56      *The Burial of Jesus*

**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.

Hymn — ELW No. 351

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

*Stanzas 3-4*

**\*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 — ELW No. 353

“Were You There”

*Stanzas 1-4 — all*  
*Stanza 5 — all, hushed*

**Closing Response**

- P** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
- C** By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

*All depart in silence.*



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	David Sims
Organist	Nathan Proctor

## **Announcements**

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

Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1 FM from 8:30–9:30 a.m. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: May 4, 11 & 22. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV) - cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

## **OUR GOSPEL READING**

*It is the tradition of the lectionary to read the Gospel of John for the Great Three Days. This year we are reading from the Gospel of Luke on Good Friday in order to have continuity with Passion Sunday and Easter.*

*Contemporary readers are called to wrestle with the ways the gospels downplay the role of the Roman empire in Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus could not have been crucified by any authority other than the occupying government of Rome. Crucifixion was a punishment inflicted upon many Jews and many others who were considered to be a threat to imperial power.*

*Whatever role religious authorities had in turning Jesus over to the Romans, they were not solely responsible for his death.*

*In the words of the hymnwriter, Good Friday calls us not to point a finger at "who killed Jesus," but instead to confess: "I it was denied thee. I crucified thee." (ELW No. 349, "Ah, Holy Jesus")*

## **Easter Worship**

***Holy Saturday, April 19***

*The Great Vigil of Easter*

8:00 p.m.

Boe Chapel, St. Olaf College

***Celebration of the Resurrection***

***Easter Sunday, April 20***

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion at both Services

8:30 a.m. service broadcast on KYMN 1080 AM / 95.1 FM  
and livestream on the St. John's website

***Easter Breakfast***

Served from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

in St. John's Hall

## **St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.**

Kids 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited to St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.  
Make sure to bring a basket or bag to collect all the eggs!

**Email Julie Brehmer, [children@stjohnsnorthfield.org](mailto:children@stjohnsnorthfield.org),  
if you can help Saturday morning.  
Thank you!**

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

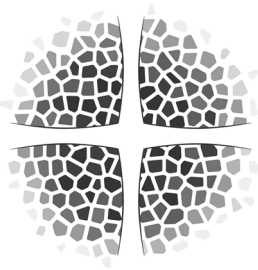
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*St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the  
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.  
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.*