



# GOOD FRIDAY

*The congregation and pastors enter in silence.  
Meditation on Psalm 22 (front of hymnal) is encouraged.*

## Service of the Word

### THE COLLECT of the DAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G Amen.**

*Sit*

### JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW

*Hymnal page: 440*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Isaiah 52:13—53:12**

Behold, My Servant shall act wisely; He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you—His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall He sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of Him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the Arm of the Lord been revealed? For 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, and no beauty that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was

the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a Lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a Sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. 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, stricken for the transgression of My people? And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for sin, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; 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, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His Soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord. **G Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

## **COLLECT**

**P:** Let us pray. Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **c: Amen.**

## **EPISTLE**

**Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9**

Since then we have a great High Priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do

not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the Throne of Grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him Who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the Source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord. **G** **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

## **COLLECT**

**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. **G** **Amen.**

## **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

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

**READING**     **John 18: 1-9**

**(Betrayal of Jesus)**

**HYMN** (*Tune: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken*)

**O wondrous Love, Whose depth no heart hath sounded,  
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!  
All worldly pleasures, heedless I was trying  
While Thou wert dying.**

**READING**    John 18: 10-11    (Peter strikes Malchus with his sword)

## HYMN *(Tune: “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above)*

**Your gracious will on earth be done  
As it is done before Your throne,  
That patiently we may obey  
Throughout our lives all that You say.  
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill  
That sets itself against Your will.**

**READING**    John 18: 12-23                      (Jesus before Annas)

## HYMN *(Tune: Arise and Shine in Splendor)*

**Who is it, Lord, that bruised You?  
Who has so sore abused You  
And caused You all Your woe?  
We all must make confession  
Of sin and dire transgression  
While You no ways of evil know.**

**I caused Your grief and sighing  
By evils multiplying  
As countless as the sands.  
I caused the woes unnumbered  
With which Your soul is cumbered,  
Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.**

**READING John 18:24-27 (Jesus before the High Priest/Peter's Denial of Jesus)**

**HYMN** *(Tune: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now)*

Peter did not give a thought  
As he God rejected.  
At Christ's glance he was distraught,  
Grievously dejected.  
Jesus, fix Thine eye on me,  
When I'll not be chastened  
When my evil Thou dost see,  
Then my conscience waken.

**HYMN: CHRIST, WHO SAVES US BY HIS CROSS** *(St. 1)*

*see back page of bulletin*

**READING** John 18:28-38a (Jesus before Pilate)

**HYMN** *(Tune: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken)*

O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory.  
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?  
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer?  
What dare I offer?  
For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder –  
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcends our wonder.  
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee?  
Can I requite Thee?

**READING** John 18:38b-19:12a (Behold the Man)

**HYMN** *(Tune: Come, Follow Me, Said Christ Our Lord)*

Through Thine own bondage, God's dear Son,  
Thou hast giv'n freedom to us,  
Yea, from Thy cell, Thy Grace's Throne,  
The freedom of the pious.  
Hadst Thou not borne this slavery,  
We would be slaves eternally.

**READING     John 19: 12b-22**

**(Crucifixion of Jesus)**

**HYMN** *(Tune: All Glory, Laud, and Honor)*

When darkness round me gathers,  
Thy name and cross, still bright,  
Deep in my heart are sparkling  
Like stars in blackest night.  
O heart, this image cherish:  
The Christ on Calvary,  
How patiently He suffered  
And shed His blood for me!

**READING     John 19:23-27a**

**(Jesus' Care for His Mother)**

**HYMN** *(Tune: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now)*

He made sure all things were wrought  
As His hour was waning,  
On His mother kindly thought,  
Help for her ordaining;  
Man, put all thy matters right,  
Loving God and neighbor,  
Then ungrieving take thy flight,  
Freed from earthly labor.

**READING     John 19:27b-30**

**(The Death of Jesus)**

*Silence*

**HYMN** *(Tune: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now)*

Jesus, Who didst truly die,  
Livest now forever.  
When in Thine arms I shall die,  
Let me not be severed,  
But to Thee be ever turned!

**O my faithful Savior!  
Give me only what Thou earned,  
More I shall not pray for.**

**READING John 19:31-37 (Blood and Water Pour from Jesus' Side)**

**HYMN: CHRIST, WHO SAVES US BY HIS CROSS (St. 8)**

*see back page of bulletin*

**READING John 19:38-42**

**(The Burial of Jesus)**

**HYMN**

**Lord, let at last Thine angels come,  
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until Thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me,  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,  
My Savior and my fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.**

**SERMON**

**BIDDING PRAYER**

**[A]** *Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend Her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep Her perpetually on the true Foundation, Jesus Christ:*

**[P]** Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your Glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His Truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in

true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **☩ Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:*

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **☩ Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:*

**P** Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **☩ Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:*

**P** O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially our President; the Congress of the United States; our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **☩ Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:*



**P** Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:*

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the Life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the Glory of Your Name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:*

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:*

**P** O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:*

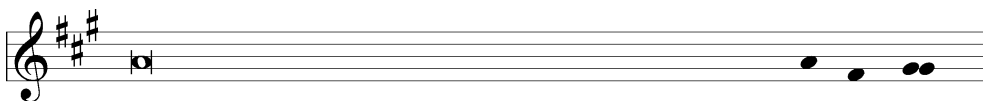
**P** O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

**A** *Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:*

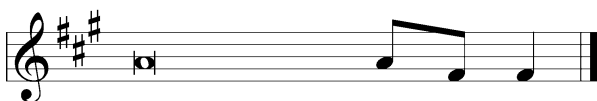
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be Thy name,**  
**Thy kingdom come,**  
**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;**  
**give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**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

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **SENTENCE AND RESPONSE (sung three times)**



**P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## THE REPROACHES

PASTOR: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised You up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people. (*Micah 6:3-4*)

**KANTOR:** Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed You with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people. (*Jeremiah 2: 6-7*)

**KANTOR:** Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people. *(Isaiah 5:2-4)*

**KANTOR:** Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

**HYMN      LAMB OF GOD, PURE AND HOLY      434, st. 3**

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.**

**All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!** Sta

## Stand

**P** We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.

**C** God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

**P** We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.

### Service of the Sacrament

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Hear us as we pray in His name and as he has taught us:

**C** 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.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **Take, eat; this is My + Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: ***Drink of it, all of you; this Cup is the new testament in My + Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.***

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always. ☑ **Amen.**

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<b>SING, MY TOUNGUE, THE GLORIOUS BATTLE</b>	<b>stanzas 1-4 454</b>
<b>O DEAREST JESUS</b>	<b>439</b>

*After finishing the Distribution, the pastor shall dismiss the communicants with the following blessing:*

☐ The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you body and soul to Life everlasting. Depart + in peace. ☑ **Amen.**

## **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

☐ Let us pray. We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☑ **Amen.**

***(The congregation and pastors leave in silence)***

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## **EASTER SCHEDULE:**

### **APRIL 20, DIVINE SERVICE, 9 AM**

Following service, there will be the annual Youth Breakfast.

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**April 18, 2025**

# Christ, Who Saves Us by His Cross

## Stanzas 1 & 8



Christ, who saves us by His cross, And no sin com - mit - ted,  
Grant, O Christ, God's ver-y Son, By Thy bit - ter Pas - sion



In the dark of night for us Was with shack - les fit - ted,  
That all e - vils we may shun, As Thy faith - ful na - tion;



Brought be - fore a wick - ed court False - ly charged, and smit - ten,  
Grant us faith - ful - ly to think On Thy death and suff' - ring,



Spit up - on and mocked in sport, As in scrip - ture writ - ten.  
And for that, though oft we sink, Bring Thee thank - ful off' - ring!

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