



*Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Trinity*

*Good Friday*

*April 2, 2021*

*7:00 p.m.*

**Significance of The Day:** Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

*(Please remember to turn off your cell phone. Thank you.)*

Assembly responses are in **boldface**.

## *Gathering*

*(All gather in silence.)*

*(The assembly stands when the ministers enter.)*

### 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, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

A reading from Isaiah;

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

14 Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
- so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals –

15 so 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?

2 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,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

3 He 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.

4 Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

5 But 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.

6 All 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.

7 He 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.

8 By 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.

9 They 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.

10 Yet 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.

11 Out 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.

12 Therefore 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22

*(Psalm will be spoken by alternate verses.)*

- 1 My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?  
Why so far from saving me,  
so far from the words | of my groaning?
- 2 My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;  
by night, but I | find no rest.**
- 3 Yet you are the | Holy One,  
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.
- 4 Our ancestors put their | trust in you,  
they trusted, and you | rescued them.**
- 5 They cried out to you and | were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,  
scorned by all and despised | by the people.**
- 7 All who see me laugh | me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.
- 8 "Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him."**
- 9 Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my | mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.**
- 11 Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,  
and there is no | one to help.
- 12 Many young bulls en- | circle me;  
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.**
- 13 They open wide their | jaws at me,  
like a slashing and | roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.

**16 Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;  
they pierce my hands | and my feet.**

17 I can count | all my bones  
while they stare at | me and gloat.

**18 They divide my gar- | ments among them;  
for my clothing, | they cast lots.**

19 But you, O LORD, be not | far away;  
O my help, hasten | to my aid.

**20 Deliver me | from the sword,  
my life from the power | of the dog.**

21 Save me from the | lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

**22 I will declare your name | to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**

23 You who fear the LORD, give praise!  
All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

**24 For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face | hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

25 From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

**26 The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!  
May your hearts | live forever!**

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

**28 For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

29 Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,  
shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

**30 Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

31 They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

A reading from Hebrews:

16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

17 he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for  
sin.

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the  
sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened  
for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a  
great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full  
assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience  
and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession  
of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let  
us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not  
neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one  
another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(The assembly remains seated.)*

Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and praise to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Gospel

John 18:1 – 19:42

*The gospel is announced.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

*(The assembly may sit until the words “. . . bowed his head and gave up his spirit” at which time the assembly will kneel for reflection and to the reading’s conclusion. The assembly is seated for reflection following the reading.)*

Sermon

The Very Rev. Dr. John P. Downey

Canon Theologian of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania  
and Dean Emeritus of the Cathedral of St. Paul, Erie

*(Silence for reflection follows.)*



Hymn of the Day

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

*(Cantor will sing the hymn. The words are here for your reflection.)*



Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,



pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for-sak - en in your suf - f'ring:



from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.



- 1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
- 2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
- 3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - men.

*(The assembly kneels, as able, or sits for prayer.)*

## Bidding Prayer

*(Silence for prayer follows each bid.)*

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church throughout the world.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for Elizabeth, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; for Michael, Bishop of our synod; for Brenda, our Pastor; for Martin, Curtis, Brian, and Julia, our pastors in residence; for Francis, Bishop of Rome; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople; for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the Church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.  
*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you give your Church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.  
*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.  
*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the Gospel. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.  
*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Procession of the Cross

*(The assembly stands and turns to face the cross as it is processed.)*

*The following dialogue is spoken as the procession begins.*

Behold the life-giving cross,

on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*The dialogue is spoken a second time at the midpoint of the procession.*

Behold the life-giving cross,

on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*The dialogue is spoken a third time at the end of the procession.*

Behold the life-giving cross,

on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

## Adoration of the Cross

*(During this time, the assembly kneels, as able, or sits, in adoration for a time of meditation on the mystery of the crucified Savior. Members of the assembly may come to the cross to make a sign of reverence by pausing before the cross, bowing or kneeling before it for prayer.)*

## Solemn Reproaches

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you?

How have I offended you? Answer me.

I led you out of slavery into freedom,  
and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

Forty years I led you through the desert,  
feeding you with manna on the way;  
I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire,  
but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;  
I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit;  
I made you branches of the vine and never left your side,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I poured out saving water from the rock,  
but you gave me vinegar to drink;  
I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;  
I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed;  
I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land,  
but you opened my side with a spear;  
I washed your feet as a sign of my love,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I lifted you up to the heights,  
but you lifted me high on a cross;  
I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I grafted you into my people Israel,  
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters,  
but I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
a stranger and you did not welcome me,  
naked and you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

*(Silence is kept for meditation on the mystery of the crucified Savior, the  
mystery of redemption.)*

*The adoration of the Cross concludes:*

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

Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*(Cantor will sing the hymn. The words are here for your reflection.)*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The candle is removed from the chancel to signify the death of Christ.

In the darkness there is a time for silent reflection.

The service concludes with the “strepitus”, a harsh noise. The Scripture has been fulfilled.

*After the ministers exit, all leave the church building in silence.*

The liturgy of the Triduum concludes tomorrow evening with the Easter Vigil at 7:00 p.m.

*Serving Tonight*

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brenda Martin
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. John P. Downey
Organist	Maidene Hackett
Cantor	John Myers
Liturgical Deacon	Jane McCall
Lector	Judi Moinet
Head Usher	Jim Martin

