

# Good Friday

April 15, 2022

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## AS WE GATHER

The good story of Good Friday is the story of a sacrificial death. Jesus, the Son of God, gave up His life to pay the price of our sins. This is the highest and grandest drama that has ever unfolded on the stage of the earth. Through the words and the actions of this service, we observe the completion of Jesus' saving work.

## BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

## WELCOME

## PRAYER

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Isaiah 52:13- 53:12** (ESV)

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 he has 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 pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds 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 guilt, 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. O, Lord have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

**"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**

**LSB #450** vs 1-4

## EPISTLE READING

**Hebrews 4:14-16** (ESV)

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. O, Lord have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE (speak together)

## SONG

**"Near the Cross"**

**Carol Erks and Gladys Luebbe**

## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 23:44-56** (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-third chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. Now there was a man named Joseph,

from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

O, Lord have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY  
SERMON**

**“O Perfect Life of Love”**

**LSB #452**

**HYMN**

**“Were You There”**

**LSB #456**

**BIDDING PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*spoken quietly*)

**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IS REMOVED**

**THE STREPITUS**

**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST RETURNS**

**HYMN**

**“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”**

**LSB #743 vs 1-3,6**

(We leave the church in silence)

**TONIGHT'S OFFERINGS MAY BE LEFT  
IN THE PLATE AT THE DOOR**

***Our worship continues on Sunday***  
**6:30 AM ----- Easter Sunrise Service**  
**9:00 AM ----- Easter Festival Service**  
**Easter Breakfast served from 7:00-9:00 am**  
**by St. Paul Youth**  
**(Gluten-free and meatless options available)**