

**Roseville Lutheran Church**  
**Good Friday**  
**April 3, 2026 - 7:00pm**



**ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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PRELUDE

*Deep Were His Wounds*

Timothy Shaw

INTRODUCTION

On this night we gather to wonder once more at God's love for us.  
We do not understand why Jesus had to die,  
why he had to endure the pain and suffering of the cross.  
Tonight we gather here to meditate and contemplate the death of Jesus.  
Tonight we come to wonder at the sacrifice of our beloved Lord.  
Tonight we come in silence, awe and amazement,  
unsure of what to say or do, knowing that we need to be here.  
We seek to be in the presence of God, to know more clearly  
and deeply God's love and to give thanks for this precious gift of life.

HYMN

*Sing, My Tongue (vs. 1, 2, 5)*  
(Tune: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)

ELW 356

**Sing my tongue, the glorious battle; tell the triumph far and wide;  
Tell aloud the wondrous story of the cross, the Crucified;  
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, vanquished death the day he died.**

**God in mercy saw us fallen, sunk in shame and misery,  
Felled to death in Eden's garden, where in pride we claimed the tree;  
Then another tree was chosen, which the world from death would free.**

**Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, be for all the noblest tree;  
None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit your equal be;  
Symbol of the world's redemption, for your burden makes us free.**

PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**Grieved God, your only son Jesus fell to the earthly desires of humanity. Forgive us for our sin and restore us to your grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

ANTHEM

*There Is a Green Hill Far Away*

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

*There is a green hill far away outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.  
We may not know, we cannot tell what pains he had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.  
He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.*

GOOD FRIDAY NARRATIVE

John 18:33-38

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

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 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 and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*The first candle is extinguished*

ANTHEM

*In the Hour of Trial*

Spencer Lane

*In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me,  
Lest by base denial I depart from thee.  
When thou seest me waver, with a look recall;  
Nor from fear or favor suffer me to fall.*

*Should thy mercy send me sorrow, toil, and woe,  
Or should pain attend me on my path below,  
Grant that I may never fail thy hand to see;  
Grant that I may ever cast my care on thee.*

GOOD FRIDAY NARRATIVE

John 18:38b-40

After [Pilate] had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a bandit.

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 and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*The second candle is extinguished*

HYMN

*Ah, Holy Jesus (Vs. 1, 2)*

ELW 349

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
That we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee. I crucified thee.**

GOOD FRIDAY NARRATIVE

John 19:1-7

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

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 and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*The third candle is extinguished*

ANTHEM

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

arr. Evelyn Larter

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
A home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burdens of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus my eye at times can see  
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
The wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.*

GOOD FRIDAY NARRATIVE

John 19:14-16

Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. [Pilate] said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

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 and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*The fourth candle is extinguished*

HYMN

*Were You There? (Vs. 1, 4)*

ELW 353

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

GOOD FRIDAY NARRATIVE

John 19:16-19

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

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 and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*The fifth candle is extinguished*

ANTHEM

*Lamb of God Most Holy*

José Ruiz/arr. John Helgen

*Lamb of God most holy, upon the cross extended, all my sin you carry, the burden of my soul.  
What love amazing! What price unbounded! Your body, wounded, will make me whole.*

*Mine is the transgression that causes you to suffer, mine is the rebellion, but you receive the blame.  
My guilt before me, I come before you; Lord, I implore you, remove my shame.*

*Lamb of God most holy, upon the cross forsaken, for our sins you suffered, so far from God on high.  
Your life surrendered in mercy frees us; your name, O Jesus, we glorify.*

GOOD FRIDAY NARRATIVE

John 19:25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.  
I came to you in the least of my 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, but you did not visit me, but you have prepared a cross for  
your Savior.

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

*The sixth candle is extinguished*

ANTHEM

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

arr. Robert Leaf

*O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown!  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.*

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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 and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*The seventh candle is extinguished*

SERMON

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

HYMN

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (Vs. 3, 4)*

ELW 351

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

**Lord, be my consolation, shield me when I must die;  
Remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move,  
For all who die believing die safely in thy love.**

PRAYERS

*Prayer response:* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee and and will ever pray thee;  
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.**

THE RECEPTION OF THE CROSS AND THE CHRIST CANDLE

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.  
**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*Time of silence*

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

*Time of silence*

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

ANTHEM

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Theodore Dubois

*Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,  
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.*

*Depart in silence. Please leave your offering in the baskets as you leave.*

## Participants

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