

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Buffalo, New York**

**Good Friday, March 30, 2018**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**INTRODUCTION**

*At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. 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.*

*We gather in silence*

*Please rise as the cross approaches*

**THE PROCESSION OF CLERGY AND CHOIR AND THE  
READING OF PSALM 22**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

**<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**<sup>4</sup>In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

**<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the people.**

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

**<sup>8</sup>"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver —  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"**

<sup>9</sup>Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

**<sup>10</sup>On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

<sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

**<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encircle me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

**<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**

<sup>15</sup>my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

**<sup>16</sup>For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.**

**My hands and feet have shriveled;**

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;

**<sup>18</sup>they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid!

**<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

**<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**<sup>24</sup>For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.

**<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the  
nations.**

<sup>29</sup>To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

**<sup>30</sup>Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the LORD,**

<sup>31</sup>and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

## **THE OPENING HYMN**

*Abide with Me* “Eventide”

ELW 629

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

**Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Merciful God,

**your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself.  
Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at  
all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**MOTET***My Soul Is Exceeding Sorrowful*Eleanor Daley  
(b. 1955)

My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death. Tarry ye here and watch with me. Now shall ye see the multitude come upon me; ye shall flee, and I go to be sacrificed for you. Behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Ye shall flee, and I go to be sacrificed for you.

**THE FIRST READING – JESUS IS ARRESTED**

John 18:1-12

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" <sup>5</sup>They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

<sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup>Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?" <sup>12</sup>So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

## **THE HYMN STANZA:**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

ELW 351 (vs. 1)

“Herzlich tut mich verlangen”

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.

Surely he has borne our griefs:

**And carried our sorrows.**

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

*(The first candle is extinguished)*

## **THE SECOND READING – PETER DENIES JESUS**

John 18:13-27

<sup>13</sup>First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. <sup>15</sup>Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter was standing outside at the gate.

So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

<sup>18</sup>Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. <sup>19</sup>Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. <sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup>One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

### **THE HYMN STANZA:**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

ELW 351 (vs. 2)

“Herzlich tut mich verlangen”

**How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.**

The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:

**For the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

*(The second candle is extinguished)*

### **THE THIRD READING – JESUS BEFORE PILATE**

John 18:28-40

<sup>28</sup>Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

<sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death."

<sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) <sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>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?" <sup>36</sup>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." <sup>37</sup>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." <sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup>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?" <sup>40</sup>They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

## THE MOTET

*Matthäuspassion* (St. Matthew Passion)

BWV 244: Part II, No. 50a-e, *sung in English*

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685 - 1750)

Roger VanDette, *tenor*, as Evangelist

Timothy Flynn, *baritone*, as Pontius Pilate

Shannon Levine, *cello continuo*

Recitative, Evangelist: But they cried out yet the more and shouted:

Chorus: *Laß ihn kreuzigen!* Let Him be crucified!

Recitative:

Evangelist: When Pilate had seen that he could not prevail, but that rather there might be a riot, he took water, and washed his hands before them all, and said:

Pilate: I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man; see ye to it.

Evangelist: Then did all the people answer him, and said:

Chorus: *Sein Blut komme über uns und unsre der.* His blood be on us and on our children!

Recitative:

Evangelist: Then released he Barrabas to them, but Jesus did he scourge, and then he delivered Him, that they might crucify Him.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man:

**Scorned by all and despised by the people.**

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

*(The third candle is extinguished)*

## **THE FOURTH READING – JESUS IS SENTENCED TO DEATH**

John 19:1-16a

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face.

<sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

<sup>6</sup>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." <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever.

<sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." <sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup>From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

<sup>13</sup>When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

### **THE HYMN STANZA:**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

ELW 351 (vs. 3)

“Herzlich tut mich verlangen”

**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.**

God did not spare his own Son;  
**But delivered him up for us all.**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

*(The fourth candle is extinguished)*

### **THE FIFTH READING – JESUS IS CRUCIFIED**

John 19:16b-22

<sup>16b</sup> So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

<sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

<sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"

<sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

### **THE HYMN STANZA:**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

ELW 351 (vs. 4)

“Herzlich tut mich verlangen”

**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.**

They pierce my hands and my feet:

**They stare and gloat over me.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you: for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

*(The fifth candle is extinguished)*

### **THE SIXTH READING – IT IS FINISHED**

John 19:23-30

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.

<sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." <sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. <sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## **THE MOTET**

*Tenebrae Factae Sunt*

Marc Antonio Ingegneri  
(1535 – 1592)

Darkness had fallen there the sixth hour when they had crucified Jesus: and then, about the ninth hour Jesus in a loud voice cried out, saying: o my Father, why hast thou forsaken me now? And having cried out, bowed his head and yielded up the ghost. Then Jesus cried out in a loud voice, saying: Father into thy keeping henceforth I yield up my spirit.

Christ for us became obedient unto death:

**Even death on a cross.**

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

*(The sixth candle is extinguished)*

## **THE SEVENTH READING – THE BURIAL**

John 19:31-42

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.

<sup>35</sup>(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup>These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." <sup>37</sup>And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

<sup>38</sup>After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

# THE MOTET

## *Were You There*

Bob Chilcott

(b. 1955)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there, were you there, were you there?

O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

*(The seventh candle is extinguished)*

*The paschal candle is removed from the chancel as the tolling bell is rung, each toll representing one year of our Lord's life among us. The candle is returned to the altar in the darkness, a sign of the promise that the Light of the World cannot be extinguished*

*When the lights return, the congregation is asked to leave the church in silence.  
Offerings and tithes may be left in the offering plate located at each exit.*



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## **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

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8:30 am Festival Service of Holy Communion with Chapel Choir

9:00 am Easter Breakfast

9:45 a.m. Preservice music with Choir and instruments

10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion  
with Choir and instruments

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