

✠ Good Friday ✠

April 3, 2026

5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

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Silent Prayer Before Worship

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son, Jesus Christ into death on the cross for us. Give us grace to know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Strengthen the ministry of Your Church to bring Jesus' love to all those for whom He died. For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ Order of Service ✠

Tolling of the Bell

The pastors enter in silence, kneel before the altar, then all stand.

✠ The Liturgy of the Cross ✠

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.

C Amen.

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, 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

Choir

“O Große Lieb” *J.S. Bach*

O große Lieb,
o Lieb ohn alle Maße,
die dich gebracht
auf diese Marterstraße!
Ich lebte mit der Welt
in Lust und Freuden,
und du mußt leiden.

*O great love,
O love beyond all measure
That brought You on this
road of torment!
I lived in the world in
delight and joy,
And You must suffer.*

Johann Heermann

✠ The Passion According to St. John ✠

A = Assisting Minister

P = Jesus (Pastor)

C = Congregation

Holy Gospel

John 18:1–27

- A** When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.
Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.
Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them,
- P** **“Whom do you seek?”**
- A** They answered Him,
- C** **“Jesus of Nazareth.”**
- A** Jesus said to them,
- P** **“I am He.”**
- A** Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them,
- P** **“I am He,”**
- A** they drew back and fell to the ground. So He asked them again,
- P** **“Whom do you seek?”**
- A** And they said,
- C** **“Jesus of Nazareth.”**
- A** Jesus answered,
- P** **“I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go.”**
- A** This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken:
- P** **“Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one.”**

A Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter,

P **“Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?”**

A So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter,

C **“You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?”**

A He said,

C **“I am not.”**

A Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. Jesus answered him,

P **“I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said.”**

A When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying,

C **“Is that how you answer the high priest?”**

A Jesus answered him,

P **“If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?”**

A Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him,

C **“You also are not one of His disciples, are you?”**

A He denied it and said,

C **“I am not.”**

- A** One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,
- C** “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?”
- A** Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *LSB 450, sts. 1 and 2*



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weigh-ed down,
 2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
 How doth Thy face now lan-guish That once was bright as morn!



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
 Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
 Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

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Holy Gospel

John 18:28-19:16a

- A** Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said,
- C** “What accusation do you bring against this man?”
- A** They answered him,
- C** “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you.”
- A** Pilate said to them,
- C** “Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law.”
- A** The Jews said to him,
- C** “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.”

- A** This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die.
- So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him,
- C** **“Are You the King of the Jews?”**
- A** Jesus answered,
- P** **“Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?”**
- A** Pilate answered,
- C** **“Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?”**
- A** Jesus answered,
- P** **“My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.”**
- A** Then Pilate said to Him,
- C** **“So You are a king?”**
- A** Jesus answered,
- P** **“You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.”**
- A** Pilate said to Him,
- C** **“What is truth?”**
- A** After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,
- C** **“I find no guilt in Him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”**
- A** They cried out again,
- C** **“Not this man, but Barabbas!”**
- A** Now Barabbas was a robber.
- Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. They came up to Him, saying,
- C** **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**
- A** and struck Him with their hands.
- Pilate went out again and said to them,
- C** **“See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.”**
- A** So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,
- C** **“Behold the man!”**

- A** When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out,
- C** **“Crucify Him, crucify Him!”**
- A** Pilate said to them,
- C** **“Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.”**
- A** The Jews answered Him,
- C** **“We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God.”**
- A** When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus,
- C** **“Where are you from?”**
- A** But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to Him,
- C** **“You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?”**
- A** Jesus answered him,
- P** **“You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin.”**
- A** From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out,
- C** **“If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”**
- A** So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha.
- Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,
- C** **“Behold your King!”**
- A** They cried out,
- C** **“Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!”**
- A** Pilate said to them,
- C** **“Shall I crucify your King?”**
- A** The chief priests answered,
- C** **“We have no king but Caesar.”**
- A** So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *LSB 450, sts. 3 and 4*

Stanza 3 sung by choir



3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - ered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.



Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.



Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;



Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

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Holy Gospel

John 19:16b-30

- A** So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read,
- C** “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”
- A** Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,
- C** “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’”
- A** Pilate answered,
- C** “What I have written I have written.”
- A** When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another,
- C** “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.”
- A** This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

P “They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.”

A So the soldiers did these things,

but standing by 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 nearby, He said to His mother,

P “Woman, behold, your son!”

A Then He said to the disciple,

P “Behold, your mother!”

A And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),

P “I thirst.”

A A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said,

P “It is finished,”

A and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *LSB 450, sts. 5 and 6*

Stanza 5 sung by choir



5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;



For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!



O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,



Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.
But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!

Holy Gospel

John 19:31-42

A Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled:

C “Not one of His bones will be broken.”

A And again another Scripture says,

C “They will look on Him whom they have pierced.”

A After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away His body.

Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *LSB 450, st.7*

7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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Choir

In meines Herzens Grunde,
dein Nam und Kreuz allein
funkelt all Zeit und Stunde,
drauf kann ich fröhlich sein.
Erschein mir in dem Bilde
zu Trost in meiner Not,
wie du, Herr Christ, so milde
dich hast geblut' zu Tod.

“In meines Herzens Grunde” *J.S. Bach*

*In the bottom of my heart
Your name and cross alone
Shine forth in every age and hour,
For which I can be joyful.
Appear to me in the image
As comfort in my distress
How You, Lord Christ,
So abundantly bled to death.*

Valerius Herberger

Sermon

“It Is Finished...But Not Over”

Hymn

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” *LSB 454*

Stanzas 1-4

Prayers

- P** O Savior of the world, by Your cross and precious blood You redeemed the world.
- C** **Save us and help us, we humbly implore You, O Lord.**
- P** We adore You, Lord Jesus, in Your cross and Passion, through which You have brought life and joy into the world.
- C** **Be gracious to us according to Your mercy and bless us and lift up the light of Your countenance upon us and give us Your peace.**
- P** Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

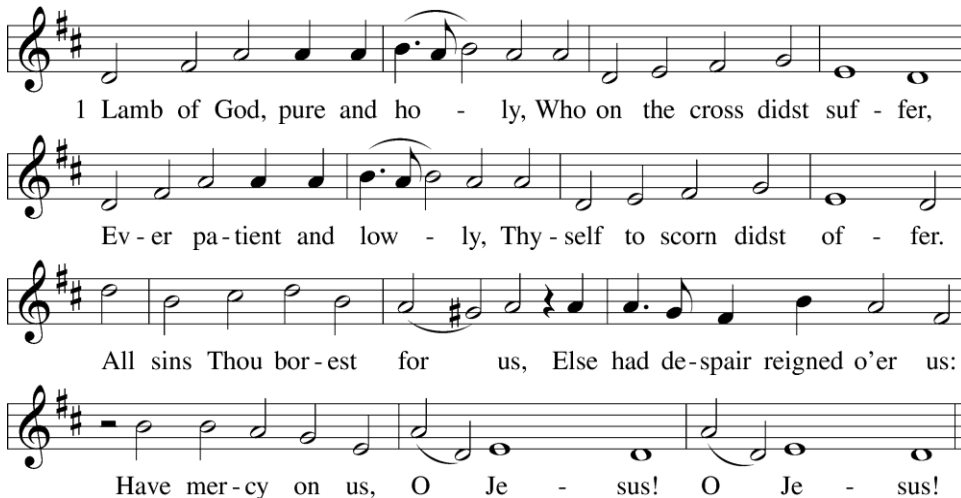
Reproaches

- A** 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.

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

Hymn

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” LSB 434, st.1



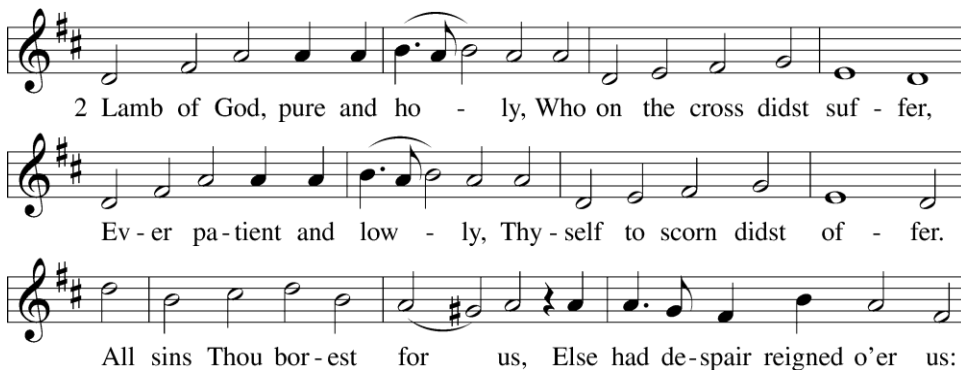
1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

A 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.

Choir: *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.*

Hymn

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” LSB 434, st.2



2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



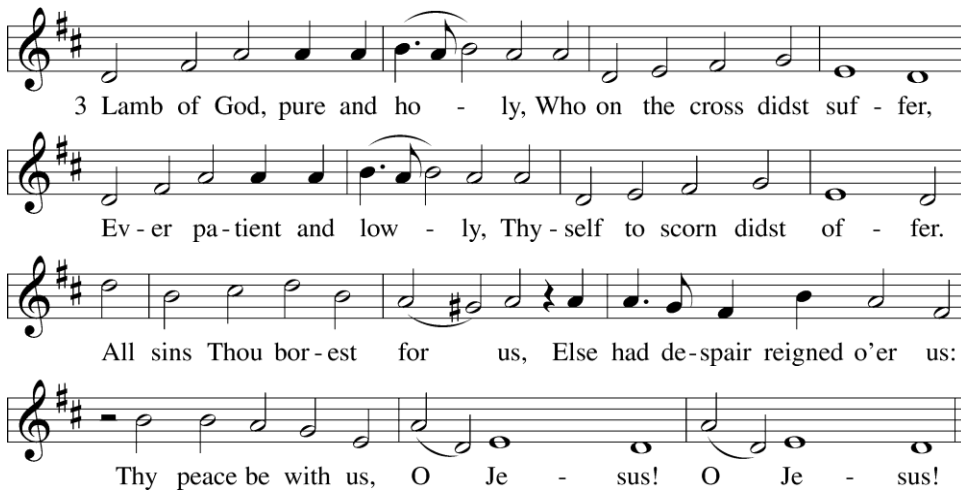
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A Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is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

Choir: *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” *LSB 434, st.3*



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Choral Response

“O Bone Jesu”

Marco Antonio Ingegneri

O bone Jesu! Miserere nobis: quia tu creasti nos, tu redemisti nos sanguine tuo pretiosissimo.

O good Jesus! Have mercy on us: You created us, You redeemed us by Your most precious blood.

Holy Week Responsory

(5:00)

*You are invited to remain for private meditation and prayer.
When you leave, please do so in silence.*

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(7:00)

✠ The Service of Tenebrae ✠

Closing Actions

Exit of the Christ Candle

The **Christ Candle** is not extinguished but is carried out of sight to symbolize our hope in the Resurrection.

Loud Noise

The **Loud Noise** represents the impact of God's judgment fulfilled and reminds us of the rending of the Temple curtain, the earthquake, and the opening of the graves of the faithful departed on that first Good Friday.

Return of the Christ Candle

The **Christ Candle** is returned as the only light in our sanctuary to remind us again that the death of Christ is not the end of His ministry to us.

Response

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. By Your cross You have redeemed the world.

C Amen.

*You are invited to remain for private meditation and prayer.
When you leave, please do so in silence.*

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Kantor Gerhardt**

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Special Services

The following services will be offered during Holy Week and Easter:

April 4 (No Saturday service)

Easter* (**April 5**) – 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am (sanctuary); 9:30am (Living Stone)

There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class on Easter Sunday.

*The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at all Easter services.