

Good Friday

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Friday, April 7, 2023



SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we gather in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the present of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Merciful God,

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and free us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GREETING

From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

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, forever and forever.
Amen.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN 18:1-28

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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THE BIDDING PRAYER

P Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.
Amen.

Silent prayer.

P 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.

Left Let us pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Shelley, for Pastor Joe, for our staff Alison, Katie, Nathan, Suzanne, and David, for the Call Committee, and for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

Right 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.

P Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

Left 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.

Right Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Left Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all of 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.

Right Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

Left 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.

P Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Right Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. 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.

Left Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer.

Right 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.

Left Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

Right 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.

P Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

Left 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.

P Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

Right 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.

P Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN *Were You There* vss. 1-4 #353

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN 18:29 –19:42

Special Music *Beethoven Piano Sonata Op. 10 No. 3 “Largo e mesto”* Suzanne Bowen

The service will close with the Gospel of John reading. You are welcome to stay and meditate and leave when you like. The service ends in silence.