



First Lutheran Good Friday Worship

March 29, 2024 8:00 p.m.

Prelude: Partita on “Ah, Holy Jesus” ... Arr. Brahms, Binder, Bach

Welcome

Stand

Opening Hymn: *ELW* #351

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



- 1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
- 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
- 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
- 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Opening Prayer:

Pastor: Let us Pray. 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.

All: Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25 *NRSV*

P: ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," ¹⁷he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

P: The Word of the Lord.

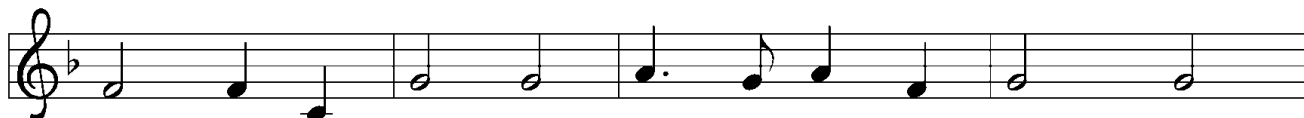
All: Thanks be to God.

Adult Choir Anthem: "From the Depths" (Psalm 130) ... Mozart

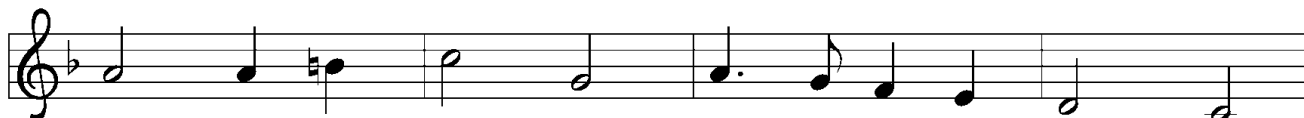
P: Please remain seated for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel: John 19:13-30 *NRSV*

P: [Pilate] brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?"



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor."

¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many 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. ²¹Then 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.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When 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. ²⁴So 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." ²⁵And 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. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A 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. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

P: You may be seated.

Sermon: “It is Finished” ... Pastor Steve Knudson

Stand

Hymn of the Day: *ELW* #342 (st. 1,3,4,5,6)

“There in God’s Garden”

Sit

The Bidding Prayers

P: Let us pray, siblings in Christ, for the holy church throughout the world.

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.

All: Amen.

P: Let us pray for Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop Amy

Current of the South East Iowa synod, for our pastor, and staff,

all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

P: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

P: Let us pray for our siblings who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity.

Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son.

Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith,

and keep us united in the fellowship of love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

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P: Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

P: Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

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

**All: 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.**

Procession of the Cross:

The cross is carried into the worship space

P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung
the Savior of the whole world.

All: Oh, come, let us worship him.

The cross is carried to the center of the worship space.

P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung
the Savior of the whole world.

All: Oh, come, let us worship him.

The cross is carried to the communion rail.

P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung
the Savior of the whole world.

All: Oh, come, let us worship him.

The cross is laid on the steps.

We Glory in your Cross

P: We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world. May God be merciful
and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.
Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world. Let the peoples praise you,
O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.

Anthem: "Adoramus te, Christe" ... Mozart

Adult Choir

Translation: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

For by your holy cross and passion you have redeemed the world.

Postlude: Voluntary on "There In God's Garden" – Arr. K. Lee Scott

Worshippers may come forward to reverence the cross, or leave in silence.