



The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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Good Friday

7:00 pm

+ GATHERING +

All gather in silence

<We stand.>

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 ever. Amen.

<We sit>

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

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L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

²**My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.**

³Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴**Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.**

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;

they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.
⁶**But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,
scorned by all and despised | by the people.**
⁷All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.
⁸**“Trust in the Lord; let the | Lord deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.”**
⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,
and kept me safe on my | mother’s breast.
¹⁰**I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my | mother’s womb.**
¹¹Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,
and there is no | one to help.
¹²**Many young bulls en- | circle me;
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.**
¹³They open wide their | jaws at me,
like a slashing and | roaring lion.
¹⁴**I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**
¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.
¹⁶**Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;
they pierce my hands | and my feet.**
¹⁷I can count | all my bones
while they stare at | me and gloat.
¹⁸**They divide my gar- | ments among them;
for my clothing, | they cast lots.**
¹⁹But you, O Lord, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.
²⁰**Deliver me | from the sword,
my life from the power | of the dog.**
²¹Save me from the | lion’s mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
²²**I will declare your name | to my people;
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**
²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob’s | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off- | spring of Israel.
²⁴**For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is
the Lord’s face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

**²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

**³⁰Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

**³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

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L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 18:1--19:42

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P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

SERMON

Dramatic Reading - Ragman

Pastor Matt

written by Walt Wangerin, Jr.

Silence for reflection follows.

<We stand>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Were You There

ELW Hymn 353

<We kneel.>

BIDDING PRAYER

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

Silent prayer.

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.**

Let us pray for Elizabeth, our presiding bishop, Herman, our own bishop, and all pastors and servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

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.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

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.**

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

Silent prayer.

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. **Amen.**

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

Silent prayer.

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.**

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

Silent prayer.

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.**

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

Silent prayer.

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.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

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.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

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.**

Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

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.**

The prayers conclude:

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

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

<We stand.>

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.

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Behold the life-giving cross,
on which was hung the Savior of | the whole world.
Oh, come, let us | worship him. (sung three times)

During this time, or at the end of the service, worshipers may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.

<We sit>

SOLEMN REPROACHES

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

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 hall 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.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

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.**

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.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I came to you in the least of your 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 and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

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We adore you, O Christ, | and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have re- | deemed the world.

<We stand>

HYMN

THERE IN GOD'S GARDEN

ELW Hymn 342

All depart in silence.

If they have not done so earlier, worshipers may reverence the cross before they depart.

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