

Messiah Lutheran Church

GOOD FRIDAY

April 10, 2020

WELCOME

HYMN “O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile”

**1 O come and mourn with me awhile;
O come now to the Savior’s side;
O come, together let us mourn:
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.**

**2 Have we shed no tears to shed for him,
while soldiers scoff and foes deride?
Ah! Look how patiently he hangs:
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.**

**3 Seven times he spake, seven words of love;
and all three hours his silence cried
for mercy on the souls of all;
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.**

**4 O love of God! O sin-filled world!
In this dread act your strength is tried;
and victory remains with love:
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.
¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him
so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals

¹⁵so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For 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,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

PSALM: Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?
²O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.
³Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
**⁴Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
⁶But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
⁸"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
⁹Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
¹⁰I 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 trouble is near, and there is none to help.
**¹²Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**
¹³They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.
**¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**
¹⁵My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.
¹⁷They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
¹⁸Be not far away, O LORD;

you are my strength; hasten to help me.
¹⁹Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.
**²⁰Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**
²¹I will declare your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
²²Praise the LORD, you that fear him;
**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
²³For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.
²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall
praise him: "May your heart live forever!"
**²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD;
he rules over the nations.
²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the LORD's forever.
³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 10:16-25

"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," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let 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. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke

one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL READING: John 18:28 - 19:22

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. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." 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." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 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?" 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." 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." 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. 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?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face.

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." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" 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."

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." Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 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?" 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."

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." 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. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" 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." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." 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. 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.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #351

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

**3 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.**

**4 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.**

SERMON

THE BIDDING PRAYERS

¶ Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility.

Silent prayer.

¶ Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

☩ Amen

¶ Let us pray for our Bishop Erik, for our pastors and other ministers, for all 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 pastors and our leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church, and help each of us 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, that God make them responsive to his love, and give them new life in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

¶ Almighty and eternal God, you continually bless the Church with new members. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for Baptism. Give them a 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 all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one Church all those who know Christ as Lord.

Silent prayer.

¶ Almighty and eternal God, you give your Church its unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. We are all consecrated to you by our Baptism; make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

☩ Amen

¶ Let us pray for those who do not believe in God, that they may find him who is the author and goal of our existence.

Silent prayer.

¶ Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all might long to know you and have peace in you. Grant that, in spite of the hurtful things that stand in their way, they may all recognize in the lives of Christians the tokens of your love and mercy, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God and Father of us all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

☩ Amen

🔊 Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom.

Silent prayer.

🔊 Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere 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 that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

Silent prayer.

🔊 Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. 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

🔊 Finally, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

🔊 **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**

OFFERING

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SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

THE FIRST WORD Luke 23:33, 34

When they came to the place called "The Skull", they nailed Jesus to the cross there, and the two criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said "Forgive them, Father! They do not know what they are doing."

**Jesus, in thy dying woes, even while thy life-blood flows,
craving pardon for thy foes:**

Hear us, holy Jesus

THE SECOND WORD Luke 23:39 43

One of the criminals hanging there threw insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" The other one, however, rebuked him, saying: "Don't you fear God? Here we are all under the same sentence. Ours, however, is only right, for we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!" Jesus said to him, "I tell you this: Today you will be in Paradise with me."

**Jesus, pitying the sighs of the thief, who near thee dies,
promising him paradise:**

hear us, holy Jesus.

THE THIRD WORD John 19:25 27

Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time the disciple took her to live in his home.

**Jesus, loving to the end her whose heart thy sorrows rend,
and thy dearest human friend:**

hear us, holy Jesus.

loving for the love of thee:

hear us, holy Jesus.

THE FOURTH WORD Mark 15:33 34

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

**Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, with our evil left alone,
while no light from heav'n is shown:
hear us, holy Jesus.**

THE FIFTH WORD John 19:28

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the scripture), "I thirst."

**Jesus, in thy thirst and pain, while thy wounds thy lifeblood drain,
thirsting more our love to gain:
hear us, holy Jesus.**

THE SIXTH WORD John 19:29 30

A bowl was there, full of cheap wine mixed with vinegar, so a sponge was soaked in it, put on stalk of hyssop and lifted up to his lips. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

**Jesus, all our ransom paid, all thy Father's will obeyed;
by thy sufferings perfect made:
hear us, holy Jesus.**

THE SEVENTH WORD Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

**19 Jesus, all thy labor vast, all thy woe and conflict past;
yielding up thy soul at last:
hear us, holy Jesus.**

ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS

SOLO "Were You There?"

Leave quietly.