

+ Good Friday +

April 2, 2021



“RETURN TO TRUTH”

AS WE GATHER

Peter addressed the people in Solomon’s Portico at the temple in Jerusalem after the time of Pentecost, and said directly, “Men of Israel . . . you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life” (Acts 3:12, 14–15). In the service of Good Friday, we reflect on that truth and remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us. The hymnist describes the event with poignant beauty: “The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander” (*LSB* 439:4). Good Friday is good for us. It is good to be here!

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING PRAYER

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.**

HYMN “What Wondrous Love Is This” (*LSB* 543)

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

- P Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,
C **thus securing an eternal redemption.**
- P Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,
C **so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**
- P He sent redemption to His people;
C **He has commanded His covenant forever.**
- P Confident of His redeeming love, let us confess our sins to our gracious God.
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. As you believe, so let it be. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.
Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be delivered from all evil. Restore us through the Passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, who gave Himself into death—even death on a cross—for us, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

HYMN “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (*LSB* 450)

+ WORD +

FIRST READING *Isaiah 52:13–53:12*

- P A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-second and fifty-third chapters.
- L 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, and 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.
- C **Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?**
- L 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.
- C **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.**
- L 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.
- C **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.**
- L 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.
- C **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.**
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN “Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed” (*LSB* 560)

SECOND READING *Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

P A reading from Hebrews, the fourth and fifth chapters.

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. .

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⁷ In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. ⁸ Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERIES HYMN “Were You There” *LSB 456* (St 1-3)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 19:16b–22*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

^{16b} So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ 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. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (*LSB 425*)

SERMON “*Return to Truth*”: John 19:1-16

APOSTLES' CREED

- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**
- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

- P** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- P** Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole Body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers that we offer before You for all Your servants in Your Holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- P** Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

P Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

P O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, [*name*], our president; the Congress of the United States; [*name*], our governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray to our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

P Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your Holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's Holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

- P Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:
- P O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**
- P Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:
- P O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” (*LSB* 422)

LORD’S PRAYER

- 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.**

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **Amen.**

THE TENEBRAE SEQUENCE

After Sections 1 through 6, a candle will be extinguished on the (candlestand) at the altar. The final candle, symbolizing the light of Christ, will be removed after the speaking of the Lord's Prayer. After it is removed, a loud sound (strepitus) will be heard, symbolizing the completeness of Christ's sacrifice. The light is returned to the altar, and the congregation departs in reverent silence.

HYMN "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" (LSB 439:1-5)

FIRST WORD *Luke 23:34a*

L And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

HYMN "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (LSB 447:1-3)

The first candle is extinguished.

SECOND WORD *Luke 23:43*

L And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

HYMN "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (LSB 447:4-6)

The second candle is extinguished.

THIRD WORD *John 19:26-27*

L When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" The He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

HYMN "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (LSB 447:7-9)

The third candle is extinguished.

FOURTH WORD *Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34*

L And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

HYMN "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (LSB 447:10-12)

The fourth candle is extinguished.

FIFTH WORD *John 19:28*

- L After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”

HYMN “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” (*LSB 447:13–15*)

The fifth candle is extinguished.

SIXTH WORD *John 19:30*

- L When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

HYMN “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” (*LSB 447:16–18*)

The sixth candle is extinguished.

SEVENTH WORD *Luke 23:46*

- L Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit My spirit!” And having said this He breathed His last.

HYMN “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” (*LSB 447:19–21*)

GOOD FRIDAY 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

HYMN “Sicken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (*LSB 451*)

CLOSING COLLECT

- P Let us pray.
Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, You have taken our sins in Your own body on the tree of the cross so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come; in Jesus’ name.
- C **Amen.**

The removal of the final candle, the strepitus (loud sound), and the return and replacement of the candle concludes the service as the congregation leaves in silence with minimal light.

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Easter Celebration Service - April 4, 9:30am

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