



## **GOOD FRIDAY**

**March 29, 2024**

**Noon & 7pm**

*Stations of the Cross*

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*Gather in silence.*

### **GOOD FRIDAY ANTHEM** *7pm*

*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* J. S. Bach

Lynn Rognsvoog

### **PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

Pastor: Behold the life-giving cross,

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**GATHERING HYMN** 7pm, *hymnal #351*

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How art thou pale 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 that vis - age 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 he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly in thy love.

*Silence for reflection and prayer.*

**PSALM OF REJECTION Psalm 22:1-21** Pew Bible pg. #490 Rev. Wyn Bryant, Lector

Lector: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

**Congregation: <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night,  
but find no rest.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

**C: <sup>5</sup>To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted,  
and were not put to shame.**

L: <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

**C: <sup>8</sup>“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—let him rescue the one  
in whom he delights!”**

L: <sup>9</sup>Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.  
<sup>10</sup>On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me  
you have been my God.

**C: <sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

L: <sup>12</sup>Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

**C: <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast; <sup>15</sup>my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.**

L: <sup>16</sup>For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shriveled; <sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones.

**C: They stare and gloat over me; <sup>18</sup>they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots. <sup>19</sup>But you, O Lord, do not be far away!**

L: O my help, come quickly to my aid! <sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog! <sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!

*Silence for reflection and prayer.*

## **GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION**

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

*Silence for reflection and prayer.*

### **THE PASSION OF CHRIST** *remain seated*

Rev. Wyn Bryant, Lector

**John 18:12-John 19:42** Pew Bible pg. #988

<sup>12</sup>So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

<sup>13</sup>First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in.

<sup>17</sup>The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup>Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup>Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.

<sup>20</sup>Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.

<sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."

<sup>22</sup>When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

<sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup>One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

<sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." <sup>31</sup>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." <sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>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.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." <sup>23</sup>When 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. <sup>24</sup>So 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."* <sup>25</sup>And 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. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup>(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup>These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." <sup>37</sup>And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

<sup>38</sup>After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

*Silence for reflection and prayer.*

### Were You There?

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

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*Refrain*

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

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Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST / STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*The cross rings the congregation. The pastor speaks on God's behalf. Stand and face the cross.*

### I.

Pastor: My people, what wrong have I done to you? What good have I not done for you? Listen to me: I am your Creator, Lord of the Universe. I have entrusted this world to you, but you have created the means to destroy it.

**Congregation: Holy God, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### II.

P: I made you in my image, but you have degraded body and spirit. You have marred the image of your God. You have turned your backs to me.

**C: Holy God, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### III.

P: I filled the earth with all that you need, so that you might serve and care for one another as I have cared for you. But you have cared only to serve your wealth and power.

**C: Holy God, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### IV.

P: I made children of one blood to live in families rejoicing in one another. But you have enmity against the races and have divided the nations.

**C: Holy God, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### V.

P: I commanded you to love your neighbor as yourself, to forgive even your enemies. But you have made vengeance your rule and hate your guide.

**C: Holy God, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### VI.

P: In the fullness of time, I sent my Son, that in him you might know me. That through him, you would find life and peace. But you put him to death on a cross.

**C: Holy God, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### VII.

P: Through the living Christ, I called you into my Church to be servants to the world. But you have grasped at privilege and forgotten my will.

**C: Holy God, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### VIII.

P: I have given you a heavenly gift, a share in the Holy Spirit. I have given you the spiritual energies of the age to come. But you not only turned away and crucified my Son, you have ignored my Spirit.

**C: Holy God, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### IX.

P: I have consecrated you in the truth. I have made you to be one in the unity of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. But you have abandoned my Church and shrouded my truth.

**C: Holy God, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### X.

P: Turn again, my people and listen to me. I offer new life. Rise up out of your life in Christ Jesus. He humbled himself and in obedience accepted death on the cross. I have bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow and every tongue confess Jesus Christ is Lord.

**C: Holy God, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

## PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

**Congregation:** You are worthy, O Christ, for you were slain and by your blood you have saved us. From every race and language, from every people and nation, you have made us a kingdom of priests, able to stand and serve before our God. We adore you, O Jesus, and we praise you. By the cross you have redeemed the world. Unstop our ears, that we may receive the blessings of the cross. Lighten our eyes, that we may see your glory in all things. Penetrate our minds, that your truth may make us whole. Warm our hearts, that we may love God, love others and serve. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE CROSS** 7pm, *hymnal*, #349

### *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended*

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,  
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed,  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

## BLESSING AND LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: By the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has delivered and saved us. In faith, bind yourself to his death on the cross.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as our Savior taught us.

**Congregation: 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.**

## STREPITUS

*A loud sound is heard, symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. The last words of Christ on the cross are remembered on this holy and somber day.*

Pastor: "It is finished..."

*All depart in silence. This worship service resumes on Easter morning!*

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Greeter	7pm: MaryBeth Hallahan
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## EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP March 31, 2024

9AM Traditional • 11:11AM Contemporary