

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, April 15, 2022
7:00 pm

INTRODUCTION

Life and death stand side by side as the service of the Three Days continues. In Luke's passion account, Jesus joins with all who suffer at the hands of unjust power structures. Standing with the women at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world that continues to suffer unnecessarily. We gather in solemn devotion, always trusting that the tree around which we assemble is ultimately a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.

+ Gathering +

INTROIT

Sung by cantor.

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
tell the triumph far and wide;
tell aloud the wondrous story
of the cross, the Crucified;
tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,
vanquished death the day he died.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, your Child was tortured and displayed on a cross for all to see. This act of intimidation, repression, and cruelty by the powerful was intended to silence those who speak out and to snuff out hope for a better world. Instead, you have used this cross to display your solidarity the oppressed, your presence in human suffering, your forgiveness of all, and your promise of new life. Grant that we who have been born out of Christ's wounded side may at all times seek refuge in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

In All Our Grief

ELW 615



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.
 2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,
 3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.
 4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, you know all that we think or do,
 the clen - ch - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.
 He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,
 then let us know that you in truth are near



you know the pain we put each oth - er through.
 Teach us the way in which love best is served.
 but through his cross, re - dem - tion has been won.
 and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

Refrain



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
 Music: FREDERICKTOWN, Charles R. Anders, b. 1929
 Text © 2002 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.
 All rights reserved. Used by permission.
 Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

+ Word +

In each reading, the congregation reads the lines designated, “All.”

FIRST READING: THE BETRAYAL & ARREST OF JESUS Luke 22:39-54a

Narrator: ³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Narrator: ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus: ⁴²Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

Narrator: ⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them,

Jesus: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Narrator: ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

Narrator: ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

All: **Lord, should we strike with the sword?**

Narrator: ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said,

Jesus: No more of this!

Narrator: And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

Narrator: Then they seized him and led him away.

HYMN

Stay with Me

ELW 348

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and".

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass line continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "pray. Watch and pray.".

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

Text and music © 1984 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638.
www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

The first candle is extinguished.

SECOND READING:

TRIAL BEFORE THE RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES

Luke 22:54-71

Narrator: ⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant Girl: This man also was with him.

Narrator: ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying,

Peter: Woman, I do not know him.

Narrator: ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Witness: You also are one of them.

Narrator: But Peter said,

Peter: No, I am not!

Narrator: ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Witness: Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

Narrator: ⁶⁰But Peter said,

Peter: No, I do not know what you are talking about!

Narrator: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

All: **Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?**

Narrator: ⁶⁵They kept heaping many other insults on him.

⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said,

All: **If you are the Messiah, tell us.**

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Narrator: ⁷⁰All of them asked,

All: **Are you, then, the Son of God?**

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: You say that I am.

Narrator: ⁷¹Then they said,

All: **What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!**

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus (verses sung in alternation with the cantor)

ELW 349

Verse 1: Cantor

Verse 2: Congregation

Verse 3: Cantor

Verse 4: Congregation

Verse 5: Cantor



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we 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 have 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 our 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 we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

The second candle is extinguished.

THIRD READING: TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

Luke 23:1-25

Narrator: ¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying,

All: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Narrator: ³Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: You say so.

Narrator: ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Narrator: ⁵But they were insistent and said,

All: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

Narrator: ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them,

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him.

¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator: ¹⁸Then they all shouted out together,

All: Away with him! Release Barabbas for us!

Narrator: ¹⁹This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder. ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting,

All: **Crucify, crucify him!**

Narrator: ²²A third time he said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Narrator: ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

All join in singing the Refrain:

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im - mor - tal,
have mer - cy up - on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have kept others enslaved and refused to offer forgiveness. You have prepared a cross for your Savior. *Sung Refrain*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. All throughout history I have rescued you. I have given you witnesses to accompany you and prophets to guide you, but you have silenced their voices and refused to change your ways. You have prepared a cross for your Savior. *Sung Refrain*

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. You have prepared a cross for your Savior. *Sung Refrain*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I welcomed you, but you spewed hate at your Asian neighbors. I showed you solidarity and gave you a global community, but you clung to nationalism. I gave you abundance, but you hoarded your wealth in fear. I healed you, but you ignored the plight of your sick and vulnerable siblings. You have prepared a cross for your Savior. *Sung Refrain*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you as the least of your siblings. I cried out #blacklivesmatter, and you tear-gassed me. I wept as my child was ripped from my arms, and you detained me. I was murdered, and in your newspapers you deadnamed and misgendered me. I worshipped God by another name, and you profiled me. I prayed to protect our water, and you shot rubber bullets at me. I whispered #metoo, and you blamed me. I fled my war-torn homeland, and you denied me refuge. You have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Sung Refrain

By Elle Dowd, adapted by Pr. A. Bengfort.

HYMN

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

Lord Christ, when first you came to earth,
upon a cross they bound you,
and mocked your saving kingship's worth
by thorns with which they crowned you.
And still our wrongs may fashion now
new thorns to pierce that steady brow,
and robe of sorrow round you.

O awesome Love, which finds no room
in life where sin denies you,
and, doomed to death, shall bring to doom
the pow'r that crucifies you,
till not a stone is left on stone,
and then the nations' pride, o'erthrown,
will nevermore defy you!

New advent of the love of Christ,
will we again refuse you,
till in the night of hate and war
we perish as we lose you?
From ancient doubts our minds release
to seek the kingdom of your peace,
by which alone we choose you.

O wounded hands of Jesus, build
in us your new creation;
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled;
we wait your revelation.
O Love that triumphs over loss,
we bring our hearts before your cross;
come, finish your salvation.

The third candle is extinguished. The congregation may be seated.

Narrator: ²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Narrator: ³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

All: **He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!**

Narrator: ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying,

Witness: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Narrator: ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

First Criminal: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Narrator: ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying,

Second Criminal: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Narrator: ⁴²Then he said,

Second Criminal: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Narrator: ⁴³He replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

HYMN

Jesus, Remember Me

ELW 616

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
 Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
 Text and music © 1981 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent, 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638.
 www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

PSALM

Psalm 22:1-7, 12-20

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- ²My 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.
- ⁴Our 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.
- ⁶But 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.
- ¹²Many young bulls encircle me;
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- ¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
 like a slashing and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴I 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.
- ¹⁶Packs 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.
¹⁸They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.
¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.
²⁰Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

FIFTH READING: THE DEATH OF JESUS

Luke 23:44-49

Narrator: ⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence.

Narrator: ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Narrator: ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

SOLO

“Into Thy Hands, O Lord”
by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Except the Lord keep the house the watchman waketh but in vain. The Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep peace: the whole earth is at rest and quiet.

BIDDING PRAYER

I invite you to assume a posture of prayer. You may sit, stand, or kneel; fold your hands or turn them upward; close your eyes or lift them to the altar.

Let us pray, dear siblings, for the church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

All-loving and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. By your Holy Spirit, guide us to persevere in hope, proclaim your name, and bring good news to the poor and freedom to the captives. Strengthen and uphold Yehiel and Elizabeth, our bishops, Allison, our pastor, Derek, our student pastor, and all other ministers of the church, including deacons, musicians, and lay leaders. Keep all members of the Body of Christ in health and safety, and empower each of us in our

various vocations to faithfully pursue the work to which we have been called. 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.

All-loving and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Protect the people you called and elected as your own and fulfill your covenant promise. We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Let us pray for followers of other sacred traditions.

Silent prayer.

All-loving and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you using different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Beloved Child. We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not participate in a sacred tradition.

Silent prayer.

All-loving and eternal God, you created a humanity that longs for the holy and yearns to find peace. Grant that all may experience signs of love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians. We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

All-loving 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.

All-loving 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 the sick and those in need.

Silent prayer.

All-loving 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 fifth candle is extinguished. The congregation may be seated.

SIXTH READING: THE BURIAL OF JESUS

Luke 23:50-56

Narrator: ⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

ORGAN REFLECTION

“When Jesus Stood Beside the Cross”
by J.F. Doppelbauer

The sixth candle is extinguished.

LORD’S PRAYER

**God our Mother, God our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

SOLO

“Were You There”

The central candle is removed, signifying the death and burial of Christ.

STREPITUS

The strepitus (loud noise) symbolizes the agony of creation at the death of Christ.

The congregation departs in silence. The service of the Three Days continues tomorrow at 5:00 pm.