



**Good Friday
April 2, 2021**

As a visual symbol for this worship service you may place a simple cross or crucifix and three nails where it may be seen.

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the Passion according to St. John. The Evangelist proclaims Jesus the triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—The Triumph of the

Cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn on this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient Bidding Prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died. Today's liturgy culminates in the celebration of our Lord's resurrection on Easter day.

Hymn:

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

The Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

.Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and 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.

First Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

In the death of Jesus, forgiveness of sins is accomplished and access to God is established. Hence, when we gather together for worship and when we love others, we experience anew the benefits of Jesus' death.

[After the Holy Spirit says,] ¹⁶"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,"

¹⁷he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let 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. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 19: 13-30

The Holy Gospel according John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³When 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. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They 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." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many 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. ²¹Then 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.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When 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. ²⁴So 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."²⁵And 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. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily Pastor Kurt Strause

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," and the response is "**Hear our prayer.**"

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Meditation on the Cross

Behold the life-giving cross, in which was hung the Savior of the whole world.
Oh, come let us worship him.

OUR LORD'S 7 LAST WORDS

1) **“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”**

(Luke 23:34).

It is apparently spoken while Jesus was prone on the ground. His hands being nailed to the cross piece.

2) **“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

(Luke 23:43) *This was spoken to that one of the two felons, crucified with him, who had said: “Remember me when you come in your kingly power.*

3) **“Women, behold your son!...Behold your mother!”**

(John 19:26-27) *This was spoken to Jesus’ mother and to the disciple whom Jesus loved.*

4) **“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”**

(Matthew 27:46: Mark 15:34) *Jesus quotes from Psalm 22:1. It would naturally be in Jesus’ mind as he was dying.*

5) **“I Thirst.”**

(John 19:28) *In response to the cry, a sponge full of vinegar was held to Jesus’ mouth.*

6) **“It is finished.”** (John 19:30)

7) **“Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.”** (Luke 23:46) *This prayer, based on Psalm 31:5, had long been used by Jews at evening.*

Three nails are hammered into the cross, and then silence is kept in meditation on the mystery of the crucified Savior, the mystery of redemption.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Hymn

“Ah Holy Jesus”

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- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

- 3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.



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When someone is put on the prayer list, we will keep them on for four weeks. After that time, they will be taken off unless you make another request to have them put back on.

TAKE NOTE - Please contact Joyce Stoner 717-336-7077 if you would like to sponsor a candle or flowers. Many coming dates are open.

Holy Week

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

Schedule of Holy Week Worship Services

**Easter Day, The Resurrection of Our Lord: April 4 –
6:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.**

Christ is Risen! Jesus triumphs over the powers of sin and death as he is raised from the dead. The whole church resounds with the glorious "Alleluias" signaling the end of our captivity.

Two essentially identical services are being offered on Easter morning to accommodate extra worshippers.



Please note there will be no Holy Week breakfasts this year, nor will there be an Easter morning breakfast.