

# Good Friday



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 2, 2021

1:30PM & 7:00 PM

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STAND

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

**HYMN**

***Oh, Perfect Life of Love***

138:1

***Oh, perfect life of love! All, all is finished now,  
All that he left his throne above To do for us below.***

**C: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy,  
and in your faithfulness, come to my relief.  
Do not bring your servant into judgment,  
for no one living is righteous before you.  
Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.  
Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you.  
Show me the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.  
Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.**

**HYMN 138:2**

***No work is left undone Of all the Father willed;  
His toil, his sorrows, one by one, The Scriptures have fulfilled.***

**Almighty God, merciful Father,**

**I, a troubled and repentant sinner,  
confess that I have sinned against you  
in my thoughts, my words, and my actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart.  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I am distressed by the sins that trouble me  
and am deeply sorry for them.**

**HYMN 138:3**

***No pain that we can share But he has felt its smart;  
All forms of human grief and care Have pierced that tender heart.***

*Silence for private confession*

M: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: **Yes, I believe.**

Hymn 138:4

***And on his thorn-crowned head And on his sinless soul  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That he might make us whole.***

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn 138:6

***In ev'ry time of need, Before the judgment throne,  
Your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Your merits, not my own.***

## **PRAYER**

M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your word keep our faith burning brightly, and we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

## PSALM 22 (spoken responsively)

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

*Why are you so far from saving me?*

*I am a worm and not a man,*

*scorned by men and despised by the people.*

*All who see me mock me;*

*they hurl insults, shaking their heads:*

*“He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.*

*Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”*

*My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks*

*to the roof of my mouth;*

*you lay me in the dust of death.*

*A band of evil men has encircled me,*

*they have pierced my hands and my feet.*

*They divide my garments among them*

*and cast lots for my clothing.*

*But you, O LORD, be not far off;*

*O my Strength, come quickly to help me.*

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son***

***and to the Holy Spirit,***

***as it was in the beginning,***

***is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

## PASSION HISTORY John 18-19

<sup>18</sup> After saying these things, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden. He and his disciples went into it.<sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who was betraying him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.<sup>3</sup> So Judas took the company of soldiers and some guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.<sup>4</sup> Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who are you looking for?"<sup>5</sup> "Jesus the Nazarene," they replied. "I am he," Jesus told them. Judas, the betrayer, was standing with them.<sup>6</sup> When Jesus told them, "I am he," they backed away and fell to the ground.<sup>7</sup> Then Jesus asked them again, "Who are you looking for?" "Jesus the Nazarene," they said.<sup>8</sup> "I told you that I am he," Jesus replied. "So if you are looking for me, let these men go."<sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the statement he had spoken: "I did not lose any of those you have given me."<sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.<sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath. Shall I not drink the cup my Father has given me?"<sup>12</sup> Then the company of soldiers, their commander, and the Jewish guards arrested Jesus and bound him.<sup>13</sup> First they led him to Annas, because he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year.<sup>14</sup> Now it was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews, "It is better that one man die for the people."<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter and another disciple kept following Jesus. That disciple was known to the high priest, so he went into the high priest's courtyard with Jesus.<sup>16</sup> But Peter stood outside by the door. So the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, went out and talked to the girl watching the door and brought Peter in.<sup>17</sup> "You are not one of this man's disciples too, are you?" the girl at the door asked Peter. "I am not!" he said.<sup>18</sup> The servants and guards were standing around a fire of coals that they had made because it was cold. While they warmed themselves, Peter was standing with them, warming himself too.<sup>19</sup> The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.<sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in a synagogue or at the temple, where all the Jews gather. I said nothing in secret."<sup>21</sup> Why are you questioning me? Ask those who heard what I told them. Look, they know what I said."<sup>22</sup> When he said this, one of the guards standing there hit Jesus in the face.

"Is that how you answer the high priest?" he demanded. <sup>23</sup> "If I said something wrong," Jesus answered, "testify about what was wrong. But if I was right, why did you hit me?" <sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. <sup>25</sup> Simon Peter continued to stand there warming himself. So they said to him, "You are not one of his disciples too, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not!" <sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" <sup>27</sup> Peter denied it again, and just then a rooster crowed. <sup>28</sup> Early in the morning, the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. They did not enter the Praetorium themselves, so that they would not become ceremonially unclean. (They wanted to be able to eat the Passover meal.) <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup> They answered him, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." <sup>31</sup> Pilate told them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews said, "It's not legal for us to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup> This happened so that the statement Jesus had spoken indicating what kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled. <sup>33</sup> Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> "You are a king then?" Pilate asked. Jesus answered, "I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> "What is truth?" Pilate said to him. After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, "I find no basis for a charge against him. <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release the King of the Jews for you?" <sup>40</sup> Then they shouted back, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" (Now Barabbas was a rebel.) <sup>19</sup> Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup> The soldiers also twisted together a crown of thorns and placed it on his head. Then they threw a purple robe around him. <sup>3</sup> They kept coming to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they kept hitting him in the face. <sup>4</sup> Pilate went outside again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge

against him.”<sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”<sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and guards saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!” Pilate told them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him.”<sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”<sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.<sup>9</sup> He went back inside the palace again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.<sup>10</sup> So Pilate asked him, “Are you not talking to me? Don’t you know that I have the authority to release you or to crucify you?”<sup>11</sup> Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over me at all if it had not been given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.”<sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate tried to release Jesus. But the Jews shouted, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar! Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar!”<sup>13</sup> When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside. He sat down on the judge’s seat at a place called the Stone Pavement, or Gabbatha in Aramaic.<sup>14</sup> It was about the sixth hour on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jews, “Here is your king!”<sup>15</sup> They shouted, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Should I crucify your king?” “We have no king but Caesar!” the chief priests answered.<sup>16</sup> So then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus away.<sup>17</sup> Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.<sup>18</sup> There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle.<sup>19</sup> Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”<sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.<sup>21</sup> So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, “I am the King of the Jews.””<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.<sup>24</sup> So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. So the soldiers did these things.<sup>25</sup> Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife

of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.<sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, 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 time this disciple took her into his own home.<sup>28</sup> After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, "I thirst."<sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.<sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished!" Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.<sup>31</sup> Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day). They asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies taken away.<sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.<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. Immediately blood and water came out.<sup>35</sup> The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.<sup>36</sup> Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken."<sup>37</sup> Again another Scripture says, "They will look at the one they pierced."<sup>38</sup> After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him remove Jesus' body. When Pilate gave him permission, he came and took Jesus' body away.<sup>39</sup> Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-two pounds.<sup>40</sup> They took Jesus' body and bound it with linen strips along with the spices, in accord with Jewish burial customs.<sup>41</sup> There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified. And in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid.<sup>42</sup> So they laid Jesus there, because it was the Jewish Preparation Day, and the tomb was near.



## A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what  
 4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,  
 God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send  
 you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;  
 Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you



None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,  
 To gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"  
 I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,  
 Shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,  
 the Fa - ther said, "And free my chil - dren from their dread  
 what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,  
 shall ev - er be A cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,



That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes  
 Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes  
 De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong  
 Your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I'll trea - sure in



and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,  
 are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share  
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave  
 my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."  
 The fruit of your sal - va - tion."  
 Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 Your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

**SERMON** John 19:28-30

**THERE IS PEACE THROUGH THE CROSS!**

**I. The promises are finished**

**II. The payment is finished**

**OFFERING**

STAND

**THE SACRAMENT**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is good and right, so to do.**

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution**

“The Burial”

## Prayer of the Church

M: Dear Lord and Christ, on this night you willingly suffered in our place. Hear our prayers as we remember your great Sacrifice for our sin.

*Silent Prayer*

**HYMN RESPONSE:**

*Jesus in Your Dying Woes*

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***Jesus, in your dying woes, Even while your lifeblood flows  
Craving pardon for your foes: Hear us, holy Jesus!***

M: Dear Lord and Christ, help us to rejoice in your love. As we see you on the cross, we confess our many sins that robbed you of the love you deserve from us. Instead of love, we've offered hate. Instead of service, we've been selfish. We certainly do not deserve your amazing love for us. Open our hearts to joyfully hear your words of love to unlovable sinners:

**C: "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."**

*Silent Prayer*

**HYMN RESPONSE:   Jesus, pitying the sighs   Of the thief who near you dies,  
                                  Promising him paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus!**

M: Dear Lord and Christ, you were beaten, mocked and tortured by so many. You gladly offered your back to carry our sin. Help us to rejoice that it was for each of us personally that you went to that cross. Give us the same comfort that you gave the thief who was dying beside you:

**C: "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise"**

*Silent Prayer*

**HYMN RESPONSE: Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart your sorrows rend,  
And your dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus!**

M: Dear Lord and Christ, we are so often distracted by selfish desires and goals. We become so focused on our careers, our sports, our leisure that we can even forget those closest to us. You never forgot those close to you. In fact, it was for the sins of your creation, those closest to your heart, that you suffered and died. Thank you for demonstrating your deepest love when you said,

**C: “Dear woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple he said, “Here is your mother.”**

*Silent Prayer*

**HYMN RESPONSE: Jesus, plunged in depths unknown With our evil foe alone,  
While no light from heav’n is shown: Hear us, holy Jesus!**

M: Dear Lord and Christ, you displayed your love for the people who put you on the cross. You displayed your love for the dying thief beside you. You displayed your love to your mother and disciple. Your death also displayed your love for us. And yet, we realize that while on that cross you were not loved. Our loveless acts put you on that cross. It was our sin that made it necessary for you to take our place. Our just and holy God saw us when he looked at you. Dear Lord, we shudder at what our sins did. We tremble at what we deserve. With fear, trembling and awe, we hear you cry out:

**C: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

*Silent Prayer*

**HYMN RESPONSE: Jesus, in your thirst and pain, While your wounds the lifeblood drain,  
Thus fulfilling Scripture’s plan: Hear us, holy Jesus!**

M: Dear Lord and Christ, you do all things well. You made sure that every aspect of our plan of salvation was perfect and complete. We praise you for covering our sin with your holy life. We honor you for removing our debt of hell with your perfect suffering and death. We praise you for reminding us that you were willing to fulfill everything, and declare fulfilled everything the Scriptures said about you when you said:

C: **“I am thirsty.”**

*Silent Prayer*

**HYMN RESPONSE: Jesus, all our ransom paid, All your Father’s will obeyed  
By your suff’rings perfect made: Hear us, holy Jesus!**

M: Dear Lord and Christ, you made this Friday “good!” You defeated Satan! You shattered sin! You emptied death of its power! We lift our voices in unending praise for paying our debt in full. We owe nothing! Our sin is no longer credited to us! Thank you for telling us that every sin is now removed by your completed work. How beautiful are these words:

C: **“It is finished!”**

*Silent Prayer*

**HYMN RESPONSE: Jesus, all your labor vast, All your woe and conflict past,  
Yielding up your soul at last: Hear us, holy Jesus!**

M: Dear Lord and Christ, we prepare to leave this hour of worship in silence. We remember how you had to suffer and die. We rejoice that you were willing to suffer in our place, and die our death. When we face our death, remind us that you already faced death for us. When our death comes, you give us the ability to say the same thing you did when you died:

C: **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”**

*Silent Prayer*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**M/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.**

*Feel Free to remain in the darkened sanctuary as long as you'd like to ponder Jesus' amazing love for you. When ready, please leave the sanctuary in silence, knowing you have peace through the cross!*

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***JOIN US FOR EASTER WORSHIP: April 4***

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Easter Worship

7:30/9:30AM