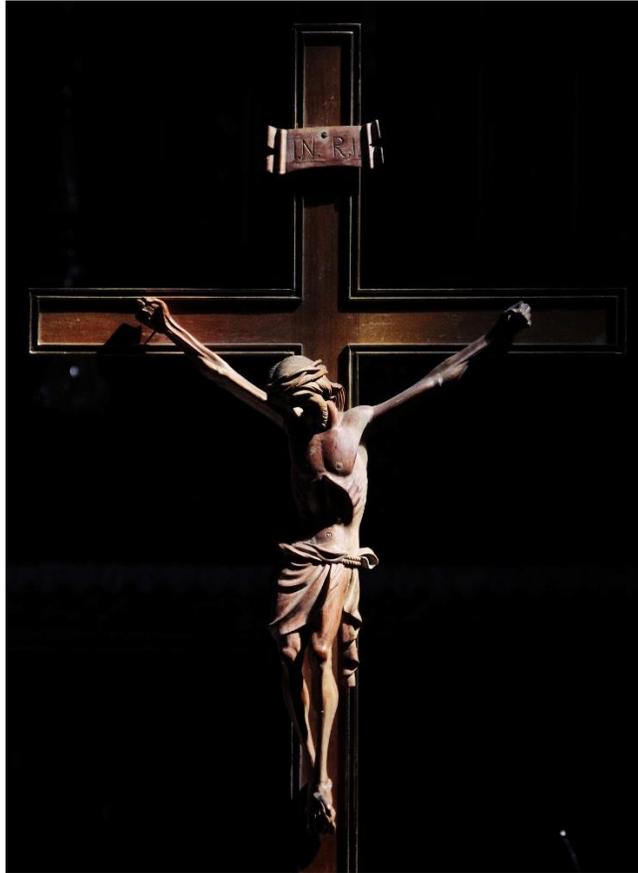


Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Good Friday

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We pray that the time spent here in God's house helps you to appreciate how dearly God loves you! He invested the life blood of his one and only Son into your salvation and offers the blessings of that sacrifice to us through Word and Sacrament! May God bless our worship today!

Musician: Barbara Thomas

THEME FOR TODAY

Good Friday is the day of contradiction. Everything is the opposite of what it should be. Man lives. God dies. Only John and some women stand nearby, and they are of no help at all. Instead, the Sufferer takes care of his friend and his mother. Soldiers, the crowd, and officials of church and state care nothing for the Sufferer. The Sufferer dies for those who caused every bit of his suffering and who on this day made it as shameful and as painful for him as they could. We dare not look. But still, we cannot look away. We are devastated and desolate at the sight of what we have done by our sins. And a wave of relief sweeps over us. Yes, a day of contradiction: we heave a sigh of relief that he whom we love suffers thus, nor would we help him, even if we could! For he suffers instead of us! He suffers for us! He brings it all to a close, our whole salvation, the redemption of sinners, when he declares in agony and in triumph: *It is finished!*

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

The service begins in silence with no pre-service music. At the close of the service, worshipers are asked to dismiss themselves, leaving in silence – not even pausing to greet one another – in order to better ponder the meaning and significance of this day.

Silent Prayer before Worship: Precious Savior, at the moment of my conception I stood guilty before you. I was born a sinner. During my life I have sinned against you with my thoughts, words, and actions. Surely, I deserve your punishment, now and eternally. Yet you went to the cross! In my place! For my benefit! As I review your dying hours, assure me that you did this willingly, for me, that I might live forever with you. Fill me with deep gratitude, a deeper appreciation for what you have done for me, and a greater desire to follow you ever closer through my dying day. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 99

Oh, Come, My Soul

LENT

99

Oh, Come, My Soul



1 Oh, come, my soul, your Sav - ior see Nailed to your
2 'Tis yours, my soul, the sin, the shame, The cross, the
3 Oh, sing, my soul, sing end - less - ly The won - drous



cross on Cal - va - ry. Your pains he bears; Your thorns
nails, the thirst, the pain; In ag - o - ny His blood
love that sets you free; His dy - ing breath Brings life



he wears That yours a crown of life might be.
runs free To write in heav - en's book your name.
from death, Makes heav'n your home e - ter - nal - ly.

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[M]: In the name of the Father and of the Son (✝) and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen

STAND

CONFESSION OF SINS

[C]: 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.

Silence for meditation

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.

[M]: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

It's not as though Jesus did not know what he was in for when he came down from heaven. He knew it all. He came, not in spite of it all, but precisely because he knew what he was in for. That's how much he and his Father wanted the results of this most horrible and most holy day—Good Friday.

- ¹³ See, my servant will act wisely;
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.
¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him—
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being
and his form marred beyond human likeness—
¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations,
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.
For what they were not told, they will see,
and what they have not heard, they will understand.

¹Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²He grew up before him like a tender shoot,

and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

On this day, Christ does not seek our pity. Instead, he assures us by his suffering that he understands our suffering. He has known our temptations and he has suffered fully the consequences of our every yielding to temptation. Now we may indeed have every confidence in him as he pleads for us in heaven on the basis of his sacrifice and suffering for us on earth on this holy day. He won mercy for us and grace. He will not fail as the source of eternal salvation. He finished his work.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

STAND

GOSPEL

John 19:17-30

Jesus brings it all to a close—our whole salvation, the redemption of sinners—when he declares in agony and in triumph: It is finished!

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

²⁴ "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

"They divided my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment."

So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY 140

God Was There on Calvary

GOOD FRIDAY

140

God Was There on Calvary



1 God was there on Cal - va - ry, God the
 2 All the world on Cal - va - ry, Cru - ci -
 3 Sin was there on Cal - va - ry, All the
 4 Love was there on Cal - va - ry, Stream - ing
 5 Life was there on Cal - va - ry, Flow - ing



Fa - ther's on - ly Son, Dy - ing that the
 fied the Prince of life, Pierced the hands of
 sins of ev - 'ry - one, Laid up - on God's
 from the heart of God, Reach - ing out for
 from his wound - ed side, Spent that death it -



world might live, There on Cal - va - ry.
 God's own Son, There on Cal - va - ry.
 sin - less Lamb There on Cal - va - ry.
 ev - 'ry - one There on Cal - va - ry.
 self might die There on Cal - va - ry.

6 We were there on Calvary;
 We were pardoned, saved, set free,
 Saved to live eternally—
 Blessed Calvary!

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SERMON

John 19:17-30

The Day of Contradiction

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Hymn 608 vs. 1

I Fall Asleep in Jesus' Wounds

DEATH AND BURIAL

608 I Fall Asleep in Jesus' Wounds

1 I fall a - sleep in Je - sus' wounds; There par - don for my
2 In peace and joy I now de - part; God's child I am with
sin a - bounds. Yea, Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness
all my heart. I thank you, death, for lead - ing me
My beau - ty are, my glo - rious dress. In these be - fore
To that true life, where I would be. So cleansed by Christ,
my God I'll stand When I shall reach the heav'n - ly land.
I fear not death. Lord Je - sus, strength - en now my faith.

Text: attr. Paul Eber, 1511–69; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

Psalm 22

Psalm 22 is the appointed Psalm for Good Friday. The first half of the Psalm portrays the humiliation and suffering of the Messiah. The second half describes the Messiah's exaltation. As we close our Good Friday worship, we do not take our Savior's suffering lightly, yet at the same time, even on this solemn day, we recognize what great good news our Savior's death is! It is finished! We are saved from our sins and look forward to eternal glory.

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?
² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

by night, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.

⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

⁸ "He trusts in the LORD," they say,
"let the LORD rescue him.

Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him."

⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.

¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you;
from my mother's womb you have been my God.

¹¹ Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

¹² Many bulls surround me;
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey
open their mouths wide against me.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted within me.

¹⁵ My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷ All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.

¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.

¹⁹ But you, LORD, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

²⁰ Deliver me from the sword,

- my precious life from the power of the dogs.
- ²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.
- ²² I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.
- ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
- ²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.
- ²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.
- ²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,
- ²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- ³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.
- ³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

The congregation leaves in silence.

We contemplate the Savior's death and the great price he paid as the ransom for our souls: "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mt 20:28)

SUNDAY	8:00 AM EASTER WORSHIP (INSIDE) 9:15 AM – 9:45 AM BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM EASTER WORSHIP (OUTSIDE)
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