

Good Friday

April 18, 2025



The Triduum (Three Holy Days)

Today is the second day of the Liturgy of the Triduum-The Three Days- which extends from Holy Thursday evening to the celebration of the resurrection. As the Church gathers to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus, we focus not only upon the agony of the cross, but especially upon God's victory through the crucified Christ. Even more, we 'lift high the cross' as a sign of God's triumph over sin, death, and the power of the evil.

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Silent Prayer before Worship

Lord Jesus, as I meditate on the final hours of your life, the suffering you endured, and the death you died for me, may my meditation deepen my devotion and love for you and your holy Church. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

(6:30 pm) Anthem *"When You Prayed Beneath the Trees"*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (vv. 1&2)

LSB 451

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

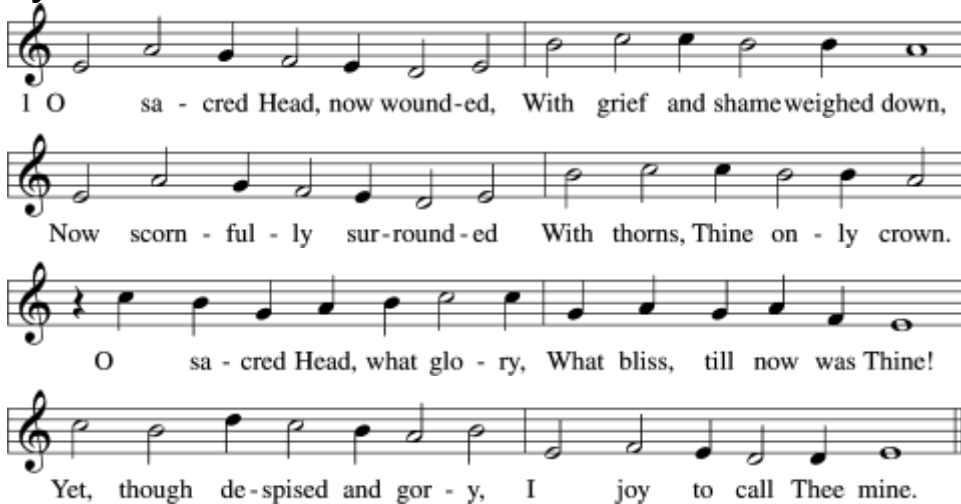
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

Reading: John 18:1-11 (*The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*)

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

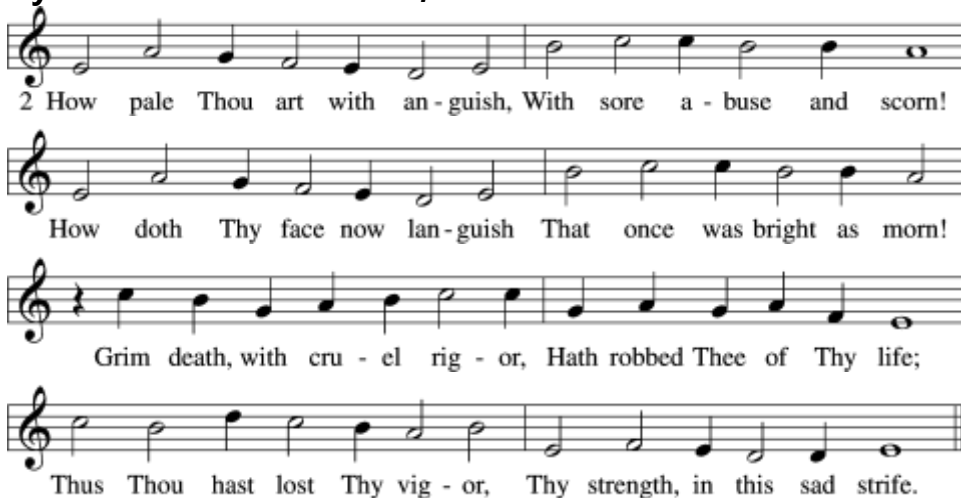
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1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

Reading: John 18:12-27 (*Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter*)

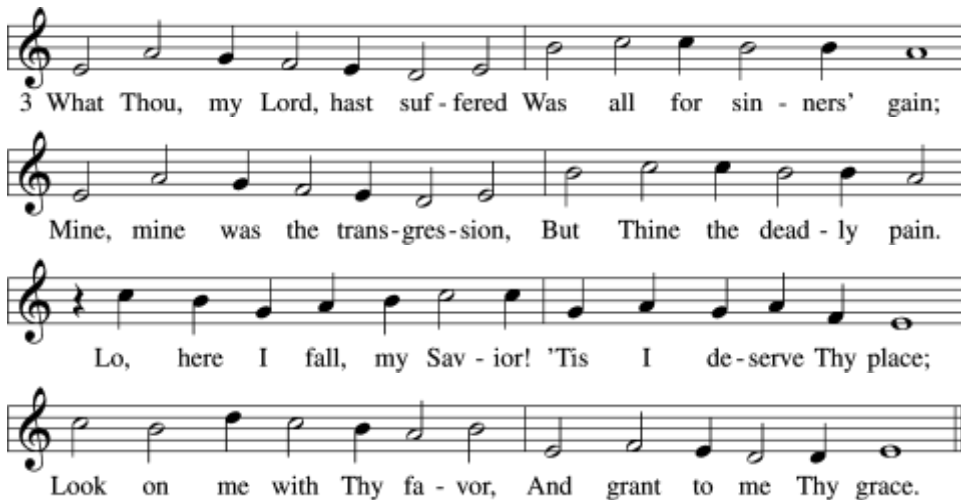
Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now lan-guish That once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

Reading: John 18:28-40 (*Jesus before Pilate*)

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

Reading: John 19:1-16a (*Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion*)

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard-ian, own me Thine.
Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.
Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;
Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

Reading: John 19:16b-24 (*The Crucifixion of Jesus*)

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

Reading: John 19:25-30 (*Jesus' Mother and His Death*)

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;
Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!
When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,
But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!

Reading: John 19:31-42 (*Jesus' Side is Pierced*)

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

Sermon

Hymn: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (vv. 3&4)

LSB 451



3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Bidding Prayer

- P** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

Moment of Silent Prayer

- P** Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere and the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

- P** Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

Moment of Silent Prayer

- P** Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

- P** Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

Moment of Silent Prayer

- P** O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of

evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Donald our President; the Congress of the United States; Tony, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

- P** Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

Moment of Silent Prayer

- P** O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

- P** Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

Moment of Silent Prayer

- P** O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

P Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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.**

Response (Sung Twice)

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

LSB 780

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis-ten to me. O

Adoration of the Holy Cross

P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the Savior of the world.

C **O come, let us adore Him.**

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P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **By Your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Good Friday Reproaches: *The Reproaches are the words of the LORD against His people, the Church, to which the Church replies with a plea for mercy.*

P *Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.*

Hymn Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

P *Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed You with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.*

2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.

All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
 Have mer-cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

P *Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.*

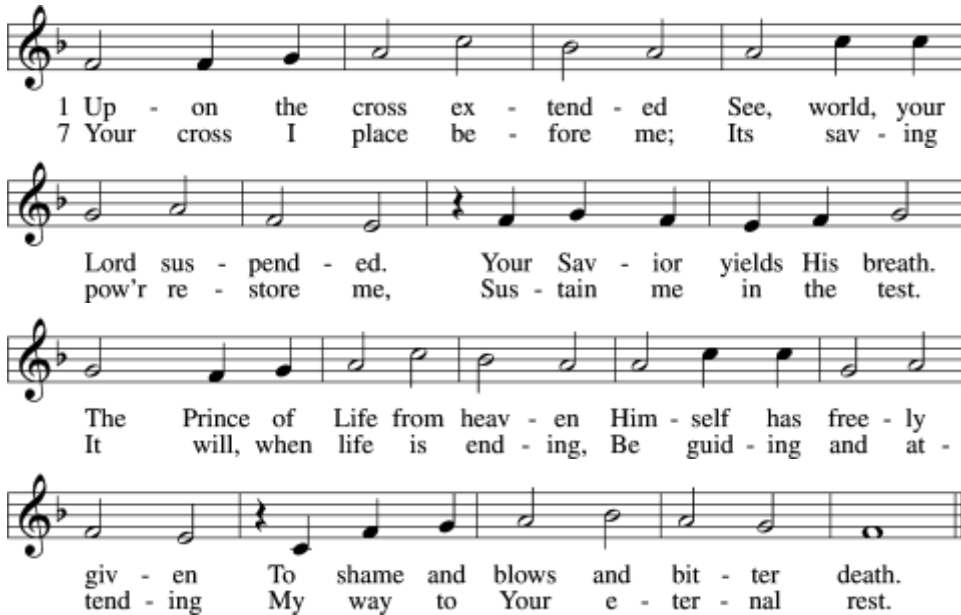
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Adoration of Christ

P We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world. God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us. We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world. **C Amen.**

Hymn: Upon the Cross Extended (vv.1&7)

LSB 453



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed; See, world, your
7 Your cross I place be - fore me; Its sav - ing

Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
pow'r re - store me, Sus - tain me in the test.

The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
It will, when life is end - ing, Be guid - ing and at -

giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
tend - ing My way to Your e - ter - nal rest.

Closing Prayer

P We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Strepitus (Great Noise)

This loud noise has a variety of interpretations including the earthquake at the time of Christ's death, the closing of the tomb, the sounds of the temple cloth tearing, or simply the fulfillment of the Scriptures.

You may remain in the Sanctuary for a time of personal prayer or devotion.

Please depart the Church in Silence

Worship Continues... Easter Morning: Sunday at 6:00, 8:00, & 10:30 A.M.