



Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

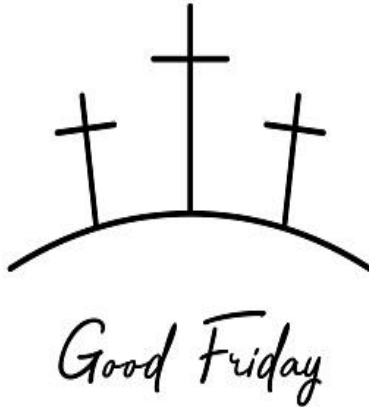
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A NALC Congregation



Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Good Friday Liturgy

April 7, 2023

We Enter and Take Our Places in Silence

***The Pastor begins with Prayer:**

Almighty God, we ask you to look with 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: Isaiah 52: 13- 53:12 (ESV)

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. **53** Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He 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. ⁶We 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. ⁷He 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. ⁸By 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. ⁹He 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. ¹⁰Yet 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. ¹¹After 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. ¹²Therefore 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.

Silence for Prayer & Meditation

Hymn: “*My Song Is Love*” **LBW 94**
 Vs 1-4

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of
my groaning?

**² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.**

³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**⁴ In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

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

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

⁷ All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

**⁸ "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"**

⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

**¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.**

¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

**¹² Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

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

**my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;**

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

¹⁶ **For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—**

¹⁷ I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸ **they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰ **Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!**

²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²² **I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ **For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.**

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶ **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸ **For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰ **Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people
yet unborn, that he has done it.

Silence for Prayer & Meditation

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5: 7-9 (ESV)

¹⁴Therefore, 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. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶Let 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. ⁷During 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. ⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Silence for Prayer & Meditation

Hymn: *“Jesus, In Thy Dying Woes”*

LBW 113

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus: St. John 18:1 – 19:42

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Congregation remains seated, rising at Verse 19:16a.

Silence for Prayer & Meditation follows.

Hymn: “Ah, Holy Jesus” LBW 123

Vs 1-4

***The Bidding Prayer**

Time is allowed after each petition for Silent Prayer... then the Pastor gives a concluding petition followed by “Amen.” This Pattern is repeated throughout.

Following the Final Petition the Pastor says:

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

**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: “Were You There” LBW 92

Vs 1-3

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HOLY WEEK
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SCHEDULE

Sunday April 9 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 AM

Sunday April 9 Easter Morning Breakfast 7:30 AM

Sunday April 9 Easter Holy Communion **9:00 AM****

**** (NOTE TIME CHANGE) ****