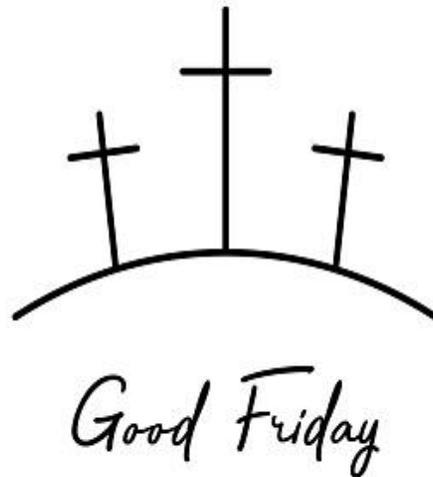


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ ? glory †*

*Good Friday Liturgy  
April 15, 2022*

## 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)**

<sup>13</sup> See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.  
<sup>14</sup> 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—<sup>15</sup> 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? <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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.

*Silence for Prayer & Meditation*

**Hymn: "Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved" LBW 96**

**PSALM 22**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

<sup>2</sup> **My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.

<sup>4</sup> **In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.**

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

<sup>6</sup> **But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.**

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

<sup>8</sup> **"He trusts in the LORD," they say, "let the LORD rescue him.**

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

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

<sup>10</sup> **From birth I was cast on you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.**

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

<sup>12</sup> **Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.**

<sup>13</sup> Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me.

<sup>14</sup> **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.**

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> **Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.**

<sup>17</sup> All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.

<sup>18</sup> **They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.**

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

<sup>20</sup> **Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.**

<sup>21</sup> Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

<sup>22</sup> **I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> **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.**

<sup>25</sup> From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him—may your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup> 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,

<sup>28</sup> **for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

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

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

*Silence for Prayer & Meditation*

**Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LBW 117**

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

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

*Silence for Prayer & Meditation follows.*

**Hymn:           *“Ah, Holy Jesus”*    (Verses 1-4)                   **LBW 123****

**\*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:           *“My Song is Love Unknown”*                   **LBW 94**  
                    (Verses 1-2, 6-7)**

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