

# Worship Leader Edition

## Good Friday

March 29, 2024

11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

L = Leader    C = Congregation    ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (*red hymnal*)

### GATHERING

*All gather in silence as a continuation of the silent close of Maundy Thursday worship.*

#### PROCESSION OF THE CROSS (5:45 PM)

*As a congregation, we carry the cross in front of the church building, along Old Shakopee Road. As we carry the cross for Jesus as did Simon of Cyrene (Matthew 27:32) we hear Jesus' 7-last words.*

#### INVOCATION {Front Center} (Rob)

L: We continue our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY {Front Center} (Bette /David)

L: Grieved God, your only son Jesus fell to the earthly desires of humanity. Forgive us for our sin and restore us to your grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### NARRATIVE

#### READING - THE SUFFERING SERVANT {Lectern} (Beth/Angela)

Isaiah 53:3-9

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### READING – THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS (Rob)

Mark 14:43-15:39

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” All of them deserted him and fled.

RESPONSE

“What Wondrous Love”  
Verse 1

ELW #666

#### READING – JESUS BEFORE THE COUNCIL {Lectern} (Beth/Angela)

Mark 14:53-65

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But he was silent and did

not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” Jesus said, “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’” Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.

CHORAL

“Ah, Holy Jesus”  
*St. Luke’s Choir*

*John Ferguson*

READING – **PETER DENIES JESUS** (Rob)

Mark 14:66-72

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

RESPONSE

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

**ELW #339**

READING – **JESUS BEFORE PILATE** {*Lectern*} (Beth/Angela)

Mark 15:1-15

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”  
10 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back, “Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified

RESPONSE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  
Verses 1 & 2

**ELW #351**

READING – **THE SOLDIERS MOCK JESUS** (Rob)

Mark 15:16-20

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

RESPONSE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  
Verses 3 & 4

**ELW #351**

READING – **THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS** {*Lectern*} (Beth/Angela)

Mark 15:21-39

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, (*pause for pounding of nails*) and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

CHORAL

"Behold My Savior's Grief"  
*St. Luke's Choir*

*Robert A. Roesch*

CLOSING PRAYER

L: Lord Jesus Christ, your death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven; through your blood you have reconciled us to you. May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES (Cantors & congregation)

*Music from Music Sourcebook for Lent and the Three Days- #S462*

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

*(Cantor)*

L: O my people, O my church, what I have done for you? How have I offended you? Answer me.

1. I led you out of slavery into freedom,  
 And delivered you through the waters of rebirth,
2. Forty years I led you through the desert,  
 Feeding you with manna on the way;  
 I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
3. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire.  
 But you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;  
 I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit  
 But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*(Cantor)*

L: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

4. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit;  
 I made you branches of the vine and never left your side,
5. I poured out saving water from the rock,  
 But you gave me vinegar to drink;  
 I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood.
6. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;  
 I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life.  
 But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*(Cantor)*

L: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?? Answer me.

7. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed;  
 I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name,
8. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land,  
 But you opened my side with a spear;  
 I washed your feet as a sign of my love,

9. I lifted you up to the heights,  
 But you lifted me high on the cross;  
 I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life,  
 But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*(Cantor)*

L: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

10. I grafted you into my people Israel,  
 But you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,  
 11. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters,  
 But I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
 Thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
 A stranger and you did not welcome me,  
 Naked and you did not clothe me,  
 Sick and in prison and you did not visit me,  
 And you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*{Camera on Cross} {readers will be seated in front pews}*

## REVERENCE OF THE CROSS

ANTHEM

“By the Babylonian Rivers”  
*St. Luke’s Choir*

*Setting by Richard Erickson*

DIALOGUE *{Front Center} {Front Center}* (Bette /David)

L: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**C: Oh, come, let us worship him.**

HYMN

“Stay with Me”

**ELW #348/Screen**

*Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray.  
 Watch and pray*

DIALOGUE *{Front Center} {Front Center}* (Bette /David)

L: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**C: Oh, come, let us worship him.**

HYMN

“Stay with Me”

**ELW #348 Screen**

*Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray.  
 Watch and pray.*

DIALOGUE *{Front Center}* (Rob)

L: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**C: Oh, come, let us worship him.**

HYMN

“Jesus, Remember Me”

**ELW #616 Screen**

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
 Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

*All are invited to place prayers and offerings in the basket at the foot of the cross. You may reverence the cross by pausing before it, bowing, kneeling before it in prayer, or touching it. You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for prayer and meditation after worship. Please depart in silence.*