

Grace Lutheran Church
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March 29, 2024
Noon & 7:00 P.M.
Good Friday



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING MUSIC

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" setting, Michael Burkhardt (One License)

GREETING

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER

Open our hearts, O God, even to the point of breaking. If they break, let them be broken open to receive the love and awe waiting at the foot of the cross. Open them to our neighbors, here at home and around the world. Open them to the courage to accept what shadows can reveal. Open them to joy that waits beyond the pain.

Amen.

WORD

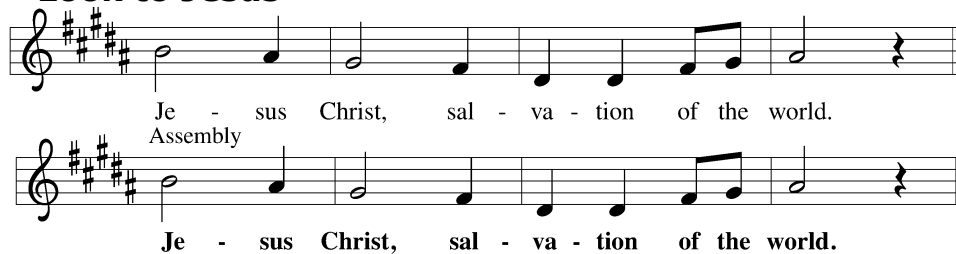
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Look to Jesus"

Ike Sturm



Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Jesus Christ, salvation of the world.

♪ **Jesus Christ, salvation of the world.**

And has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus Christ, salvation of the world.

♪ **Jesus Christ, salvation of the world.**

Please be seated.

PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK

On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion—from his arrest to his burial—is read in its entirety from the Gospel of Mark. (Pew Bible, N.T. page 51)

MARY OF BETHANY ANOINTS JESUS

READING: Mark 14:1-9, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 51*

REFLECTION

PRAYER

HYMN "Holy Woman, Graceful Giver: Mark 14" ACS 1001, vs 1 & 2 (One License)

1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,
2 Like the ves - sel, we are bro - ken; like the

ser - vant, and be - liev - er, wom - an with the oint - ment
oint - ment, we are to - ken of God's lov - ing un - to

jar, rose up near the time ap - point - ed, broke the
death; like the wom - an, we are serv - ing; like the

seal, Christ's head a - noint - ed for the com - ing fa - tal
scold - ers, ill - de - serv - ing such a rich, for - giv - ing

hour, for the com - ing fa - tal hour.
faith, such a rich, for - giv - ing faith.

The first candle is extinguished.

THE PASSOVER MEAL

READING: Mark 14:10-26, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 51*

REFLECTION

PRAYER

HYMN "Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed" ELW 463, vs 1 & 2 (Public Domain)

1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your
 2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our
 church might be for - ev - er one: help us at
 sad di - vi - sions soon to cease: draw us all
 ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and
 clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to
 soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one
 you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.

The second candle is extinguished.

PRAYER AND BETRAYAL

READING: Mark 14:32-46, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 52*

REFLECTION

PRAYER

HYMN

"Stay with Me"

ELW 348, repeated (One License)

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
pray. Watch and pray.

The musical notation is for the hymn "Stay with Me" (ELW 348). It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "pray. Watch and pray." The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is simple and suitable for congregational singing.

The third candle is extinguished.

PETER DENIES JESUS

READING: Mark 14:53-54, 66-72, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 52*

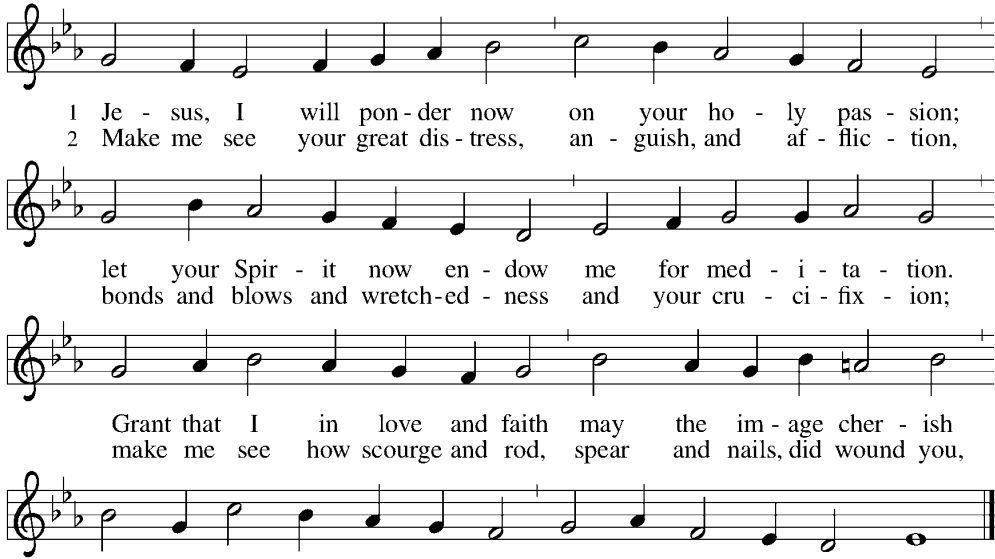
REFLECTION

PRAYER

Noon:

HYMN

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" ELW 345, vs 1 & 2 (Public Domain)



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.

7:00 p.m.:

ANTHEM

"At the Cross"

Mary McDonald (One License)

The fourth candle is extinguished.

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

READING: Mark 15:16-40, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 53*

REFLECTION

PRAYER

HYMN **"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"** ELW 803, vs 1 & 4 (Public Domain)



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

JESUS IS BURIED

READING: Mark 15:42-47, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 54*

REFLECTION

PRAYER

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ELW 351, vs 1 & 4 (Public Domain)



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;
now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.
O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;
Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

HEARTS BROKEN OPEN

INVITATION TO SILENT REFLECTION

BIDDING PRAYER

At the foot of the cross,
our hearts are broken open.
We pray together for God's whole creation.

For the church

We pray for our church community,
the churches near us,
our denomination,
and Christians throughout the world.

Long pause for silent prayer

Holy God, as we remember the Passion story at the core of our faith, we pray for our Christian siblings. Encourage people and families preparing for baptism. Correct us when we make a weapon of your love. Send us your spirit of connection when our differences threaten to divide us. Make us into Jesus' body: wounded, crucified, yet whole. **Amen.**

For our Jewish neighbors

We pray for our Jewish neighbors
and for Jews around the world,
recalling the harms they have suffered
at the hands of Christians throughout history.

Long pause for silent prayer

Holy God, as we recall Jesus' own Jewish origin, we pray for our Jewish neighbors near and far. Remind us that they, too, are your beloved people. Protect them from the violence of antisemitism. Lead us closer to real understanding, mutual respect, and healing justice. **Amen.**

For people of other faiths and none

We pray for our local and global neighbors
of other faiths
and of no faith.

Long pause for silent prayer

Holy God, as Jesus cared for Samaritans and Gentiles, we pray for Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Baha'is, and other people of faith. Protect them as they practice their religions and work through them to make the world a more just and loving place. Send your peace wherever there is interreligious conflict, discrimination, or oppression. We also pray for people of no faith. Sustain them, give them lives full of meaning, and help us be their partners for a world where all are free. **Amen.**

For places experiencing violence and conflict

We pray for every place and situation
where people suffer violence, conflict,
disaster, pain, or loss,
from personal relationships
to our cities and towns
to international wars.

Long pause for silent prayer

Holy God, as we remember Jesus' torture and death, we pray for everyone in physical or psychological danger. Aid people at risk in abusive relationships. Protect schools and communities from gun violence. Shelter refugees fleeing from conflicts and those who are left behind. Guard people who willingly endanger themselves for others. Melt warheads into wheelbarrows. Turn anger into passion for peace.

Amen.

For justice

We pray for justice
in all the places
where Jesus is crucified daily.

Long pause for silent prayer

Holy God, as Jesus died a victim of hatred and imperial power, we pray for justice wherever God's people suffer. Protect climate refugees and indigenous cultures. Shield victims of racism, white supremacy, homophobia, transphobia, and religious intolerance. Disarm governments that persecute their citizens. Inspire leaders to work for justice that repairs harm, even after many generations. **Amen.**

For all creation

We pray for all creation
crying out to God.

Long pause for silent prayer

Holy God, the midday sun went dark when Jesus died. Hear the wordless prayers of your whole creation: mountains and marshes; oceans and rivers; plants and animals; fungi and bacteria; parasites and symbiotes; galaxies and grains of sand. Where we have caused harm, bring healing. Where we have oppressed, bring freedom. Where we have failed to value it, treasure your creation as priceless. Reconnect us to the universe, one species among many, infinitesimal and essential. **Amen.**

For everything else for which God calls us to pray

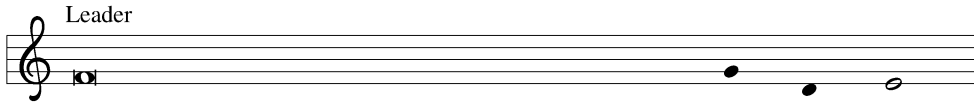
In the aftermath of the noise
and in the wake of the silence,
we pray in simple words, saying:

The seventh candle is extinguished.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

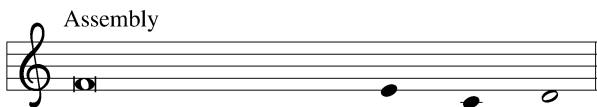
Please stand as you are able and face the cross as it is brought forward. The following dialogue is sung three times as indicated:

Leader



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

Assembly

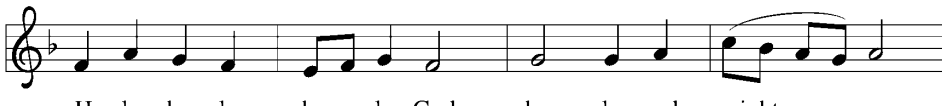


Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.


When the worship leaders arrive at the front of the sanctuary, we begin the Solemn Reproaches. This is Christ's lament and we pray for God's mercy.

During the Solemn Reproaches all are invited to come forward and pray around the cross. You may stand, kneel, be seated, or touch the cross as you pray.

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,



ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. 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, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

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

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

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. 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, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

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

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

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. 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, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. 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, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

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

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

The reproaches conclude and silence is kept.

SENDING WORDS

Christ has died. Go out into the world, holding the grief of this night for Jesus and for all with whom he suffers. Go out into the world, perceiving more than the suffering. Go out into the world, hearts broken open to receive the gifts of God.
Amen.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Worshipers may depart in silence or remain for prayer and meditation.

Worship Team

A/V Team: Bill Nattress

Acolytes:

Noon: Logan Hanlin

7 p.m.: Easton Klesch

Greeters:

Noon: Doug Noe, Mary Noe

7 p.m.: Laura Boal, Terry Figard

Ushers:

Noon: Carrie Jarnecke, Mark Miller

7 p.m.: Bill Kreznor, Nancy Kreznor, Bob Teuber

Readers:

Noon: Sally Sheahan, Judi Mason, Deb Story, Beth Miller, Mary Noe,
Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

7 p.m.: Janice Laird, Karen Reinhard, Mike Liedtke, Kevin Kleinjan,
Bill Nattress, Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

Musicians:

Noon: Jan Burns, Carrie Filetti

7 p.m.: Jan Burns, Carrie Filetti, Chancel Choir, Laudate

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom



Bulletin Sponsor:

To the glory of God; given by Don & Marylee Steinwehe.

In memory of my husband, Charles Sinkoske; given by Sharon Sinkoske.

Thank you for sharing time to hear God's word and pray together. A video recording of worship will be posted to Grace's website later in the day.



You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church's Facebook group for news & ministry opportunities. Peace be with you as you go forth to share God's grace.

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Easter Sunday Services, March 31

8:00 a.m. (Sanctuary & Livestream)

10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary & Livestream)