



# **Good Friday**

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

1:00PM

# Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Good Friday Worship

On Good Friday the church remembers the crucifixion of Jesus. The worship service on this day, while solemn, is not one of gloom, but a service of adoring the Son of God who offered his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. Good Friday worship is not a funeral service for Jesus, but a solemn service of reflection, intercession, adoration of the Lamb of God, and quiet contemplation of all that he did to gain salvation for us.

He was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,  
and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

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At the conclusion of our Good Friday worship, you may take time for personal meditation. Then please leave quietly contemplating the cross of Christ.

You may place your offering in the offering boxes in the entryway as you leave.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Pastor Aaron Winkelman  
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# SERVICE OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST

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## Prayer for Good Friday

Let us pray. God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## Lesson

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

See, my servant will act wisely;  
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.  
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—  
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.  
Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
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.  
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.  
Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.  
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.  
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

## Hymn

*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* | 422

A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, Our guilt and evil bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing.  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer, Bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,  
Anguish and mockery and says, "Willing all this I suffer."

This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior;  
Him God the Father chose to send To gain for us his favor.  
"Go forth, my Son," the Father said, "And free my children from their dread  
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by your passion they will share The fruit of your salvation."

"Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what you command me.  
My will conforms to your decree; I'll do what you have asked me."  
O wondrous Love, what have you done! The Father offers up his Son,  
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong you are to save!  
You make his bed within the grave Who built the earth's foundation.

From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you, Christ, my treasure.  
To sacrifice myself for you Shall be my aim and pleasure.  
My stream of life shall ever be A current flowing ceaselessly,  
Your constant praise outpouring. I'll treasure in my memory,  
O Lord, all you have done for me, Your gracious love adoring.

## Gospel

### Psalm 22 – A Litany

My God, my God why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

*(Sung)* **O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns your only crown,  
O sacred head, no glory Now from your face does shine;  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.**

All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: “He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.” Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

**Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your countenance,  
Though mighty worlds shall fear you And flee before your glance.  
How pale you are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!  
Your eyes with pain now languish That once were bright as morn!**

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

**Now from your cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair;  
From your red lips is banished The splendor that was there.  
Grim death with cruel rigor Has robbed you of your life;  
Thus you have lost your vigor, Your strength, in this sad strife.**

Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

**My burden in your passion, Lord, you have borne for me,  
For it was my transgression, My shame, on Calvary.  
I cast me down before you; Wrath is my rightful lot.  
Have mercy, I implore you; Redeemer, spurn me not!**

But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me. For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

**Lord, be my consolation, My shield when I must die;  
Remind me of your passion When my last hour draws nigh.  
My eyes will then behold you, Upon your cross will dwell;  
My heart will then enfold you—Who dies in faith dies well!**

## **Message**

### **The Nails and the Cross**

*At this time we ask everyone to come forward at the direction of the ushers. In pew sections from left (north) to right (south), you will be dismissed to place a nail in the cross. In quiet reflection we realize that it was our sins that nailed Jesus to the cross. Yet it also reminds us all the more that our sins were placed on the cross and paid for in full by the blood of our loving Savior. “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29) After placing the nail in the cross, please walk to the far right (south) window aisle, walk to the back of the church and then return to your pew in silence.*

# O Darkest Woe

CW 427



1 O dark - est woe! O tears, forth flow! Has  
2 O sor - row dread! Our God is dead, up -  
3 O child of woe: Who struck the blow that  
4 All stained with blood the Lamb of God, the



earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's  
on the cross ex - tend - ed. There his love en -  
killed our gra - cious Mas - ter? "It was I," your  
Bride - groom, lies be - fore you, pour - ing out his



on - ly Son now is bur - ied yon - der.  
liv - ened us as his life was end - ed.  
con - science cries, "I have wrought dis - as - ter!"  
life that he may to life re - store you.

- 5 O Virgin's Son,  
what you have won  
is far beyond all telling:  
how our God, detested, died,  
hell and devil felling.
- 6 O Jesus blest,  
my help and rest,  
regard my prayerful weeping:  
usher me through death and grave  
safe into your keeping.

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*Please stand*

## **Bidding Prayer**

A: *Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord.*

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity, we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

A: *Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.*

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

A: *Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.*

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

A: *Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.*

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

- A: *Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.*
- M: Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.**
- A: *Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one, true God and Jesus Christ, whom he has sent.*
- M: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.**
- A: *Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.*
- M: Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.**
- A: *Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.*
- M: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our grief and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.**
- A: *Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us.*

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Hymn

*Oh, Perfect Life of Love | 138(1-6)*

Oh, perfect life of love! All, all is finished now,  
All that he left his throne above To do for us below.

No work is left undone Of all the Father willed;  
His toil, his sorrows, one by one, The Scriptures have fulfilled.

No pain that we can share But he has felt its smart;  
All forms of human grief and care Have pierced that tender heart.

And on his thorn-crowned head And on his sinless soul  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That he might make us whole.

In perfect love he dies; For me he dies, for me!  
O all-atoning Sacrifice, You died to make me free!

In ev'ry time of need, Before the judgment throne,  
Your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Your merits, not my own.

# THE REPROACHES

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The Improperia are a series of antiphons and responses, in which the Lord calls his people to repentance and they, in turn, plead for His mercy. Also known as the Reproaches, they are included in the liturgy as part of the observance of the Passion, usually on the afternoon of Good Friday.

## First Reproach

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!

**Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.**

## Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

CW 947 st. 1



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,



ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.



All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:



have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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## Second Reproach

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!

**Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**

### Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

CW 947 st. 2

2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,  
ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.  
All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:  
have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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## Third Reproach

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!

**Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.**

## Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

CW 947 st. 3

3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,  
ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.  
All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:  
your peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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*Silence for meditation*

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

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*The congregation is asked to leave quietly after a moment of meditation.*

*You are invited to place your offering in the offering plates in the entryway as you leave.*



*Please join us for our Tenebrae Service at 6:30pm this evening.  
Easter Worship will be 7:00, 8:30 and 10:00am on Sunday.*

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