

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Good Friday ✠

March 29, 2024

3:00 pm

The traditional passion narrative read for Good Friday is found in St. John's gospel. The evangelist emphasizes Christ's victory over death, and not his agony. St. John also underscores that Jesus carries his cross alone.

God's work for salvation is completed and finished through him.



The Entombment of Christ, Caravaggio, 1602-3

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*Inspired by Christ, living and growing in faith,  
we are a loving and open community of worship, witness,  
and service in God's world.*  
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✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Invocation &
Prayer

Almighty Father, look with loving mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

A Lenten Walk

American Spiritual arranged by Hal H. Hopson

*Jesus walked the lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.
We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.
Jesus bore the cross of sorrow; he had to bear it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could bear it for him, he had to bear it by himself.
We must take our cross and follow; we must follow by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can follow for us, we have to follow by ourselves.*

18:1-19:42

✠ THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN ✠

Narrator

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

I "Whom are you looking for?"

Narrator They answered,

People "**Jesus of Nazareth.**"

Narrator Jesus replied,

I "I am he."

Narrator	Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,
I	“Whom are you looking for?”
Narrator	They answered,
People	“Jesus of Nazareth.”
Narrator	Jesus answered,
I	“I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.”
Narrator	This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.” Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,
I	“Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?”
Narrator	So the soldiers, their officer, and the Temple police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,
II	“You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?”
Narrator	He said,
People	“I am not”
Narrator	Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,
I	“I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.”
Narrator	When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,
II	“Is that how you answer the high priest?”
Narrator	Jesus answered,

I	“If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?”
Narrator	Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,
II	“You are not also one of his disciples, are you?”
Narrator	He denied it and said,
People	“I am not.”
Narrator	One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,
II	“Did I not see you in the garden with him?”
Narrator	Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.
	<p><i>Give Ear, O Lord</i> Psalm 5: 1, 3, 7 George Frideric Handel/Hal. H. Hopson <i>Give ear, O Lord, give ear. To you I call, O heed my prayer. Give ear, I call to you; I watch, I walk in love this day. O lead me, Lord. In you I trust this day. Make straight the way ahead, my foes are ever before me. At morn I call to you. I watch, I trust in you, O Lord.</i></p>
Narrator	Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,
III	“What accusation do you bring against this man?”
Narrator	They answered,
II	“If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.”
Narrator	Pilate said to them,
III	“Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.”
Narrator	The Temple leaders replied,
II	“We are not permitted to put anyone to death.”
Narrator	This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die. Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,
III	“Are you the King of the Jews?”
Narrator	Jesus answered,

I	“Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”
Narrator	Pilate replied,
III	“I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?”
Narrator	Jesus answered,
I	“My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”
Narrator	Pilate asked him,
III	“So you are a king?”
Narrator	Jesus answered,
I	“You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”
Narrator	Pilate asked him,
III	“What is truth?”
Narrator	After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,
III	“I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”
Narrator	They shouted in reply,
People	“Not this man, but Barabbas!”
Narrator	Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,
People	“Hail, King of the Jews!”
Narrator	And striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,
III	“Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.”
Narrator	So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,
III	“Here is the man!”
Narrator	When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,
People	“Crucify him! Crucify him!”

Narrator	Pilate said to them,
III	“Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.”
Narrator	The Jews answered him,
II	“We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”
Narrator	Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,
III	“Where are you from?”
Narrator	But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,
III	“Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?”
Narrator	Jesus answered him,
I	“You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”
Narrator	From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jewish leaders cried out,
II	“If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”
Narrator	When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the crowds,
III	“Here is your King!”
Narrator	They cried out,
People	“Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!”
Narrator	Pilate asked them,
III	“Shall I crucify your King?”
Narrator	The chief priests answered,
II	“We have no king but the emperor.”
Narrator	Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Prayer of the Norwegian Child

Olaf Trojargson & Richard Kountz/ McKenzie

*I lay me down upon the ground and think on my Lord Jesus
Each flow'r and tree tells me of Thee and praises Thee, Lord Jesus
Lord Jesus think on me make my soul like unto thee
I rest my head upon my bed and think on my Lord Jesus
Send angels down to kneel around my bed at night, Lord Jesus
Lord Jesus think on me make my soul like unto thee*

Narrator So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

II "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,'
but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"

Narrator Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

My Song In the Night

Carl F. Schalk, arr.

*O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night,
come to us with thy tender love , my soul's delight.
Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,
my comfort by day and my song in the night.
O why should I wander an alien from thee,
or cry in the desert thy face to see?
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight,
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, the darkness draws near,
with you beside I have nothing to fear.
My love, my life, my only light,
O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.*

Narrator When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

II "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it."

Narrator This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

I "Woman, here is your son."

Narrator	Then he said to the disciple,
I	“Here is your mother.”
Narrator	And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),
I	“I am thirsty.”
Narrator	A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,
I	“It is finished.”
Narrator	Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, the Temple leaders did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

O Sacred Head Surrounded

H.L. Hassler/G.F. Handel/Liebergen,

*O sacred head surrounded by crown of piercing thorn.
O bleeding head, so wounded, reviled and put to scorn.
The pow’r of death comes o’re you, the glow of life decays,
Yet angel hosts adore you, and tremble as they gaze.*

Narrator	After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Temple leaders, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.
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Hymn
 Vs 1, 3 Harmony
 Vs 5 Unison.

Were You There?
 ELW #353

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Refrain

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

✠ Holy Communion ✠

Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, who have restored us to life by the blessed Death and Resurrection of your Christ, preserve in us the work of your mercy, that, partaking of this mystery, we may have a life unceasingly devoted to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Words of Institution



Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Invitation

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you and his blood which was shed for you.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Distribution


Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion.

Lamb of God

O Christ Thou Lamb of God

LBW #103



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - - - men

Distribution Music

When Jesus Wept

William Billings

When Je - sus wept the fall - ing tear
 In mer - cy flowed be - yond all bound;
 When Je - sus groaned, a trem - bling fear
 Seized all the guilt world a - round.

Post-Communion
Prayer

A: May abundant blessing, O Lord, we pray, descend upon your people, who have honored the Death of your Son in the hope of their resurrection: may pardon come, comfort be given, holy faith increase, and everlasting redemption be made secure, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Veneration
of the Cross
Spoken three times.

Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.
Oh, come, let us worship him.

Solemn Reproaches
The Solemn Reproaches is an ancient text of Western Christendom associated with the ending of a Good Friday service. The reproaches follow the pattern of Psalm 78, which rehearses God's continuing acts of faithfulness and Israel's repeated rebellion.

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 God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

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

Holy God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, 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 give me a crown of thorns. I gave you a kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, 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 and truth, but you drew the sword to strike in my name, and to seek high places in my kingdom, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy, God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, 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,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, 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 God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

Anthem

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Thomas Tallis

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast."*

*I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."*

*I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.*

Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:

Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Concluding Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people 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. **Amen.**

The service concludes with no postlude today.

You may leave, as you will, after a time of personal reflection.

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS AFTERNOON

Pastor.....*Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug*
Organist.....*Dr. Kristina Rizzotto*
Hymnus Angelicus*Paul McKenzie, director*
Glenn Flekke, cello
Nanette Goldman, violin
Gayle Thomas, violin
Worship Assistant.....*Kathy Hering*
Communion Assistant.....*Mary Sabatke*
Usher.....*Linda Nelson*
Altar Servers.....*Ellie Holmquist, Ruth Lee & Eivor Lund*
Narrator.....*Mary Sabatke*
Readers.....*David Ackerman, I*
Mary Jubenville, II
Michael Huttner, III
