GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025



For the convenience of all worshipers at St. John, we have:

- Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals
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The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your Family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be Betrayed and Delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer Death upon the Cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God,

now and forever.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 52:13—53:12*

ESV 729

¹³Behold, My Servant shall act wisely; He shall be High and Lifted up, and shall be Exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you - His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of mankind— ¹⁵so shall He sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of Him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the Arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as One from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. ⁴Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His Mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His Mouth. 8By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of My people? 9And they made His Grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His Death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His Mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the Will of the LORD to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His Soul makes an offering for sin, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the Will of the LORD shall prosper in His Hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of His Soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous One, My Servant, make the many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His Soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of the many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Silence

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful and Everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the Cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

EPISTLE Hebrews 4:14–16: 5:7–9

ESV 1189

¹⁴Since then we have a Great High Priest Who has passed through the Heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the Throne of Grace, that we may receive mercy and find Grace to help in time of need. . . .

⁷In the Days of His Flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to God Who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His Reverence. ⁸Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹And being made Perfect, He became the Source of Eternal Salvation to all who obey Him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Silence

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and Everlasting God, You Willed that Your Son should Bear for us the Pains of the Cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

HYMN "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" Vs 1

LSB 440

Jesus, I will ponder now, on Your Holy Passion; with Your Spirit me endow, for such meditation. Grant that I in love and faith, may the Image cherish, of Your Suff'ring, Pain, and Death, that I may not perish. Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. / Text: Public domain

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus John 18:1–11

ESV 1074

¹When Jesus had Spoken these Words, He went out with His Disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a Garden, which He and His Disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His Disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the Chief Priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. 6When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go." 9This was to fulfill the Word that He had Spoken: "Of those whom You gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the Cup that the Father has given Me?"

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs. 1

LSB 450

O Sacred Head, now Wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded, with thorns, Thine only Crown.
O Sacred Head, what Glory, what Bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter

John 18:12-27 ESV 1074

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. ¹³First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was High Priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another Disciple. Since that Disciple was known to the High Priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the High Priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other Disciple, who was known to the High Priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this Man's Disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹The High Priest then questioned Jesus about His Disciples and His teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in Synagogues and in the Temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said." ²²When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the High Priest?" ²³Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?" ²⁴Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the High Priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of His Disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the servants of the High Priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs. 2

LSB 450

2 How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How doth Thy face now languish, that once was bright as morn! Grim death, with cruel rigor, hath robbed Thee of Thy life. Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, thy Strength, in this sad strife.

Jesus Before Pílate John 18:28–40

ESV 1075

²⁸Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the Governor's Headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the Governor's Headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" ³⁰They answered him, "If this Man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." ³²This was to fulfill the Word that Jesus had Spoken to show by what kind of Death He was going to Die.

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord,

or did others say it to you about Me?" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own Nation and the Chief Priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not of this World. If My Kingdom were of this World, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My Kingdom is not from the World." ³⁷Then Pilate said to Him, "So You are a King?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a King. For this Purpose I was born and for this Purpose I have come into the World—to bear Witness to the Truth. Everyone who is of the Truth listens to My Voice." ³⁸Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, Pilate went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in Him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰They cried out again, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs. 3

LSB 450

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy Place; look on me with Thy Favor, and grant to me Thy Grace.

Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion John 19:1–16a

ESV 1075

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His Head and arrayed Him in a Purple Robe. ³They came up to Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck Him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no quilt in Him." 5So Jesus came out, wearing the Crown of Thorns and the Purple Robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" 6When the Chief Priests and the Officers saw Him, they cried out, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a Law, and according to that Law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God." 8When Pilate heard this statement. he was even more afraid. 9He entered his Headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10So Pilate said to Him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?" 11 Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from Above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this Man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a King opposes Caesar." ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the Judgment Seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic

Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. Pilate said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The Chief Priests answered, "We have no King but Caesar." ¹⁶So Pilate delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs. 4

LSB 450

4 My Shepherd, now receive me; my Guardian, own me Thine. Great Blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of Gifts Divine. Thy Lips have often fed me, with Words of Truth and Love; Thy Spirit oft hath led me, to Heav'nly Joys Above.

The Crucifixion of Jesus John 19:16b–24

ESV 1076

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and He went out, bearing His own Cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the Cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was Crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the Chief Priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This Man said, I am King of the Jews." ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written. I have written."

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided My Garments among them, and for My Clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things.

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs. :

LSB 450

What language shall I borrow, to thank Thee, dearest Friend, for this Thy Dying Sorrow, Thy pity without end?
 O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for Thee.

Jesus' Mother and His Death John 19:25–30

ESV 1076

²⁵Standing by the Cross of Jesus were His Mother and His Mother's Sister, Mary the Wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw His Mother and the Disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His Mother, "Woman, behold, your Son!" ²⁷Then He said to the Disciple, "Behold, your Mother!" And from that hour the Disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I *Thirst.*" ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His Mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It Is *Finished*", and He bowed His Head and gave up His Spirit.

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs. 6

LSB 450

6 My Savior, be Thou near me, when death is at my door; then let Thy presence cheer me, forsake me nevermore! When soul and body languish, O leave me not alone, but take away mine anguish, by virtue of Thine own!

Jesus' Síde is Pierced John 19:31–42

ESV 1076

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the Cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already Dead, they did not break His Legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced His Side with a spear, and at once there came out Blood and Water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the Truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of His Bones will be broken." ³⁷And again another Scripture says, "They will look on Him Whom they have pierced."

³⁸After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a Disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the Body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away His Body. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the Body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where He was Crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs. 7

LSB 450

7 Be Thou my consolation, My Shield, when I must die; remind me of Thy Passion, when my last hour draws nigh. Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, upon Thy Cross shall dwell, my heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well. Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; German version, Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. / Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005561

Silence

SERMON

HYMN "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

LSB 438

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, the guilt of sinners 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, He bears the Stripes, the Wounds, the lies, the mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."
- This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend,
 The Lamb of God, our Savior,
 Whom 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."
- 3 "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 lay the One into the grave, Who built the Earth's Foundation.
- 4 Lord, when Your Glory I shall see, and taste Your Kingdom's pleasure, Your Blood my royal robe shall be, my Joy beyond all measure! When I appear before Your Throne, Your Righteousness shall be my Crown; with these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought, as Your own bride shall we be brought, to stand in joy beside You. Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005561

BIDDING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend Her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the True Foundation, Jesus Christ:

Almighty and Everlasting God, since You have revealed Your Glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His Truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your Mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen. (after each petition)

Pastor: Let us pray for the Fruits of the Earth, that God would send down His Blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His Own Good Will:

O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You Created and You continue to Bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your Grace be made ready to receive Your Blessing on all the Fruits of the Earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

Pastor: Behold, the Life-Giving Cross on which was hung the Salvation of the world.

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LSB 451

- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him Dying on the Tree!
 'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord; proofs I see sufficient of it: 'tis the True and Faithful Word.
- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, was there ever grief like His? Friends through fear His cause disowning, foes insulting His distress; many hands were raised to wound Him, none would intervene to save; but the deepest stroke that pierced Him, was the stroke that justice gave.
- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great, here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate. Mark the Sacrifice appointed, see Who bears the awful load; 'tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
- 4 Here we have a firm Foundation, here the Refuge of the lost: Christ, the Rock of our Salvation, is the Name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded, who on Him their hope have built. Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt. / Text: Public domain

The Christ Candle is removed is removed to symbolize His Death and days in the Tomb.

Silent Reflection.

The Christ Candle is returned signifying the hope of Resurrection.

The Pastor and Congregation leave in silence.

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Good Friday, Chief Service from Lutheran Service Book

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Worship Service at 3:00pm

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