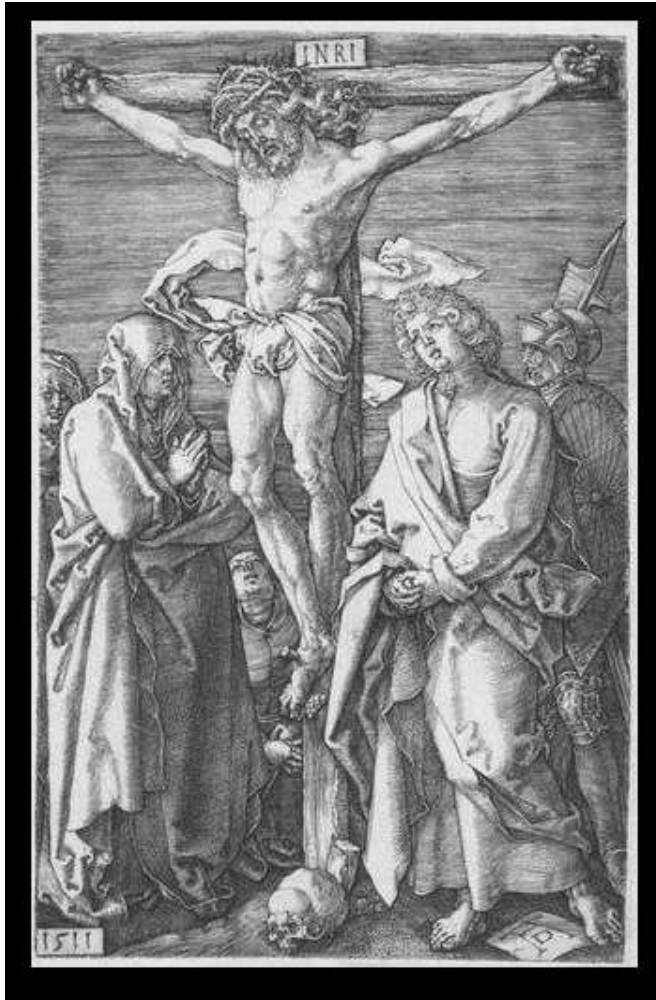


Good Friday Chief Service



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Westminster, Massachusetts

Good Friday

by Christina Rossetti

Am I a stone, and not a sheep,
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;
Not so fallen Peter weeping bitterly;
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,
A horror of great darkness at broad noon –
I, only I.

Yet give not o'er,
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more
And smite a rock.

Service of the Word

for meditation on His love

The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Stand

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13–53:12

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence

Stand

COLLECT

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. Amen.

Sit

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence

Stand

COLLECT

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. Amen.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

TUNE & TEXT: LSB 440, ST. 1

**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.**

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Sit

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

TUNE & TEXT: LSB 453, ST. 1

**Upon the cross extended see, world, your Lord suspended.
Your Savior yields His breath.
The Prince of Life from heaven Himself has freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.**

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Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter: John 18:12–27

TUNE & TEXT: LSB 453, ST. 3

**Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so sore abused You
And caused You all Your woe?
We all must make confession of sin and dire transgression
While You no ways of evil know.**

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Jesus before Pilate: John 18:28–40

TUNE & TEXT: LSB 453, ST. 5

**Your soul in griefs unbounded,
Your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
You healed my wounds and set me free.**

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Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion: John 19:1–16

TUNE & TEXT: LSB 451, ST.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.**

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Stand

The Crucifixion of Jesus: John 19:16–24

TUNE & TEXT: LSB 451, ST.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.**

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

TUNE & TEXT: LSB 451, ST.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.**

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Jesus' Side Is Pierced: John 19:31–42

TUNE & TEXT: LSB 451, ST.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.**

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Silence

Sit

The Sermon

- 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."
- 2 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.

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The Bidding Prayer

*Each prayer ends with the words:
... through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

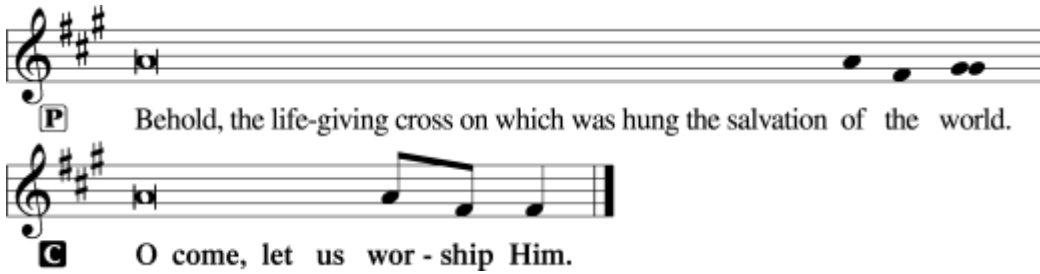
give us this day our daily bread;

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.

The following Sentence and Response is sung three times.



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains a whole rest followed by a quarter rest, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. Below the staff is a square box containing the letter 'P'. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains a whole rest followed by a quarter rest, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. Below the staff is a square box containing the letter 'C'.

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

C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Sit

THE REPROACHES

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.

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.

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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Let us pray. We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

TUNE & TEXT: LSB 452

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| <p>1 O perfect life of love!
All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above
To do for us below.</p> <p>2 No work is left undone
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled.</p> <p>3 No pain that we can share
But He has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care
Have pierced that tender heart.</p> | <p>4 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.</p> <p>5 In perfect love He dies;
For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
I cling by faith to Thee.</p> <p>6 In ev'ry time of need,
Before the judgment throne,
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Thy merits, not mine own.</p> <p>7 Yet work, O Lord, in me
As Thou for me hast wrought;
And let my love the answer be
To grace Thy love has brought.</p> |
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Depart silently and in peace.

Ponder His great love for you

*The meditation on His love continues
with Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers at 7:00 pm,
Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 7:00 pm,
and Divine Service for the Resurrection of Our Lord
on Easter Sunday at 10:00 am.*

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