

GOOD FRIDAY

April 15, 2022



The **Way**
of the **CROSS**

Haven Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A Tenebrae and “Way of the Cross” Service

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INTRODUCTION

Our service today invites us to remember and give thanks for Christ’s pain and suffering for the sake of the world on Good Friday. We will combine two Good Friday traditions:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS was a devotional service developed in the Middle Ages by the Franciscans for the faithful who could not travel to the Holy Land to walk where Jesus walked on the day of his passion. By the 17th century many churches had stations, or stops, arranged at intervals along their walls, each with a cross and representation of an event in the passion narrative. Today for our Good Friday remembrance we will use the eight of the fourteen stations that were taken directly from scripture.

To encourage a meditative and prayerful tone, we will remain seated for the entire service. Each “station” or scene of Christ’s passion includes a responsive prayer printed in your bulletin, a read narrative description and then a brief meditation that is told from the viewpoint of the Centurion who commanded the guard the day Jesus was crucified. The meditation on each Station will then be followed by prayer and the extinguishing of a candle, as the congregation responds in prayer and song as printed in the bulletin.

The gradual extinguishing of candles as the passion progresses is part of the traditional TENEBRAE (“Service of Darkness.”) As the powers of sin and death conspire to take the life of Jesus, the Light of the Word, darkness grows and seems to be winning. The lone white candle, representing Christ, remains lit but will be taken from our midst as we chant the “Agnes Dei” (“Lamb of God”) imploring God’s mercy. The “strepitus” (a loud banging sound) is heard to indicate the closing of the tomb. Afterwards, the Christ Candle will be returned to the altar, foreshadowing the Resurrection to come, as the congregation whispers the Lord’s Prayer.

At the conclusion of the service, the ministers leave the church without proclaiming a Benediction or Dismissal, in anticipation of the “rest of the story” revealed on Easter morning. All may stay to meditate or pray, sitting in pews or kneeling at the altar, as long as you wish. Participants are asked to leave the church in silence to provide a solemn quiet for those remaining to pray. For this same reason, the pastor will not greet the congregation at the door following worship.

It is our hope that as we walk “the Way of the Cross” and “Service of Darkness” you will be able to enter into the experience of Christ’s passion, linger in its meaning, and marvel at the love it reveals.

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

“O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross”

Bach

PRAYER

P: O Lord, we are gathered together.....your Word spoken afresh in our hearts.

C: Speak, for your servants are listening

(brief silence after meditation and prayer)

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(brief silence after meditation and prayer)

A: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

(first candle extinguished)

HYMN: “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (vs. 2)

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1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
“It is fin - ished!” hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

JESUS ACCEPTS HIS CROSS

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(brief silence after meditation and prayer)

A: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

(second candle extinguished)

HYMN: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (vs. 1)

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1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
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;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
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!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
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.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

SIMON CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY THE CROSS

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(brief silence after meditation and prayer)

A: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

(third candle extinguished)

HYMN: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (vs. 2)

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1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



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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.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WEEPING WOMEN

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(brief silence after meditation and prayer)

A: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

(fourth candle extinguished)

HYMN: "What Wondrous Love Is This" (vs. 1)

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1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(brief silence after meditation and prayer)

A: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

(fifth candle extinguished)

HYMN: "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 1)

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1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(brief silence after meditation and prayer)

A: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

(sixth candle extinguished)

HYMN: "Were You There?" (vs. 2)

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1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 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 when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 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?

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 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?

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

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

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

(brief silence after meditation and prayer)

A: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: **have mercy and hear us.**

(seventh candle extinguished)

HYMN: "Were You There" (vs. 4)

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JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(brief silence after meditation and prayer)

A: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

HYMN: "Were You There"

Were you there when they took him from the cross?

Were you there when they took him from the cross?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Where you there when they took him from the cross.

(as the Christ candle is carried out the AGNES DEI ["Lamb of God"] is softly spoken.)

L: Lamb of God

C: you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

(A LOUD sound symbolizing the closing of the tomb.)

(As the Christ Candle is returned, the Lord's Prayer is whispered)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(whispered)*

C: 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.

SENDING

The ministers leave the church without proclaiming a Benediction or Dismissal and will not greet worshippers at the door. All may stay to meditate or pray, sitting in pews or kneeling at the altar, as long as you wish.

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You may place your OFFERING in the basket in the back of the church as you leave.

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Serving God's People today: Good Friday, April 15, 2022

Worship Leaders: Pastor Linda M Alessandri
Pastor David Kaplan

Organist: Stephen Pastena

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 ~ HOLY SATURDAY

Trinity Lutheran Church and Haven Lutheran Church to sponsor
AN EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 16 8:00 PM
at Trinity Lutheran Church (Hagerstown)



Trinity and Haven Lutheran will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday beginning at 8pm. We gather outside the doors of Trinity church. There we kindle a "new fire" and with it, light the Pascal Candle which then represents the presence of Jesus amongst us. The congregation moves into the church for baptisms, readings and prayers. The Vigil ends in silence, waiting to receive the first Eucharist of Easter on Sunday morning. It's a solemn but inspiring service. Please come. It will add to your Easter joy.

APRIL 17 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Easter Refreshments and Fellowship

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt (Babies to Grade 5)



Haven Mission Statement:

"To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ."