



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
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ERIC LESHER AND KIM KYLLO, PASTORS  
GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2024**

**PRELUDE:** *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* .....arr. Johannes Brahms

\* Please stand Where Indicated

**GREETING**

**OFFERING: "*Meditation #1*"** .....Doug Dennison  
Cindy Johannessen, Flute

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**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Fear and fascination drew observers to the first Holy Friday. These emotions have attracted people ever since.

**C:** **We cannot flee from the pain and suffering which Jesus experienced on our behalf.**

**L:** We wonder why one so faithful and loving had to face the agony of rejection and death.

**C:** **Jesus was wounded for our transgressions and was bruised for our iniquities.**

**L:** In this time of worship we join Christ at Calvary, aware of our involvement in the cruelty there.

**C:** **Our faithfulness is tested at the cross and our lives are judges by our response.**

**\* HYMN:** *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* .....ELW 351

**\* PRAYER**

**C:** **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw all the world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in his death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\* SCRIPTURE:** ..... Matthew 26:36-50, 56b

**Meditation #2** *"When Jesus Wept"* ..... William Billings

Flute Trio

*From the New England Psalm Singer*

Text: When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

**PRAYER**

**C:** "Not my will, but thine be done..." Those are hard words, Lord. So often we have slept like the disciples rather than face your will for our lives. Help us to brave the agony of leaving behind our own will, and doing yours. Not my will, Lord, but thine be done. Amen.

**PSALM** ..... Psalm 22:1-18

**L:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

**C:** O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

**L:** Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**C:** In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

**L:** To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

**C:** But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

**L:** All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

**C:** "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver — let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

**L:** Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

**C:** On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

**L:** Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

**C:** Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

**L:** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

**C:** my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

L: For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones.  
C: **They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.**

#### RESPONSE

L: Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

C: **Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.**

L: Therefore, God raise him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

C: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

\* HYMN: "*Were You There*" ..... ELW 353

SCRIPTURE: ..... Matthew 26:69-75

#### RESPONSE

L: Are you not a follower of Jesus the Galilean?

C: **I do not know what you mean.**

L: You know, Jesus, Jesus of Nazareth.

C: **I do not know him.**

L: Surely you are one of his followers

C: **No! I tell you I do not know him!**

#### PRAYER (reader)

HYMN: "*Ah, Holy Jesus*" ..... ELW 349 vs. 1-2

SCRIPTURE: ..... Matthew 27:11-25

#### PRAYER

C: **Jesus, our brother; we stand in silence as you are condemned by Pilate. Standing in silence is not new to us. We have stood in silence as you were condemned to segregation, to poverty, and to the terrors of war. We have stood in silence as old people die without dignity and young people live without hope. We always stand in silence for we are afraid, as Pilate was. Grant us the courage to break out of silence and to protest the evil which destroys our brother and sisters, and condemns you all over again. Amen.**

## WASHING OF HANDS

*(Those who received a blue water drop please come  
forward to the altar to wash your hands)*

**HYMN:** "Ah, Holy Jesus" .....ELW 349 vs. 3-5

**\* SCRIPTURE:** .....Matthew 27:27-31

**\* PRAYER** (reader)

**Meditation #3:** "In All Our Grief and Fear, We Turn to You" .....arr. Tom Keesecker  
Text. Sylvia G. Dunstan

Chancel Choir

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| Text:   | You did not even spare your only Son.                       |
| In all our grief and fear we turn to you,                   | (O sacred head now wounded,)                                |
| O God, you know all that we think or do,                    | He loved our griefs and bore all evil done,                 |
| You know the pain we put each other through.                | (With grief and shame weighed down,)                        |
| Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, grant us peace. | But through his cross, redemption has been won.             |
|   | Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, grant us peace. |
| Help us to put aside the angry word,                        | God, when we suffer all that we can bear,                   |
| The clenching fist, the wish and will to hurt.              | then let us know that you in truth are near                 |
| Teach us the way in which love best is served.              | and will not leave us lost in all our fear.                 |
| Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, grant us peace. | Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, grant us peace. |

**SCRIPTURE:**.....John 19:17; Mark 15: 21-24

**PRAYER** (reader)

## THE CROSS IS CARRIED IN

*(Those receiving a cross please go to the back of the  
church to help carry in the cross)*

**HYMN:** "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" ..... ELW 335

**SCRIPTURE:**..... John 19:17-22

**PRAYER** (reader)

## HAMMERING NAILS INTO THE CROSS

*(Those receiving a nail please come forward  
to the altar to help with nailing)*

**HYMN:** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* .....ELW 338

**SCRIPTURE:** .....Luke 23:32-34; 39-46

**\* HYMN:** *"Lamb of God"* .....ELW 336

**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

**L:** Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you?

**C:** I am here.

**L:** Peter, slave of fear, where are you?

**C:** I am here.

**L:** Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you?

**C:** I am here.

**L:** Men and women of Jerusalem, enslaved to mob rule, where are you?

**C:** I am here.

**L:** Pilate, slave expediency, where are you?

**C:** I am here.

**L:** The story of Christ's passion and death mirrors for us much of our weakness and sin. We all come here as men and women who have missed the mark and who are alienated from God and our neighbor near and far. Let us join together in this prayer of confession.

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**C:** Yes, dear God, it is true. We are not worthy of your love. We promise to be faithful, but we fall away; we forsake you; we flee from you; we betray you; we deny you; we watch from afar; we don't tell others that your reign is at hand; we are afraid. Change us, forgive us, and heal us, we pray. Amen.

**\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**L:** God's love is not destroyed at Golgotha, nor diminished by our unclear reflection of its saving power. God reaches out to heal and revive us, and to reveal again the love that will not let us go. You are invited to know and accept the gifts of God's grace and mercy in Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**C:** In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Amen!

**HYMN** *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* .....ELW 666

**SCRIPTURE:**..... Mark 15:45-46

**PRAYER** (reader)

**DEPART IN SILENCE WITH THIS BLESSING**

Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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