

Good Friday  
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*(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)*

*(All enter in silence)*

*(Stand)*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

*Pastor: 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;*

**People: 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)*

*Vicar: The Old Testament Reading for Good Friday is from Isaiah, chapters 52 and 53.*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

Behold, My servant shall act wisely;

He shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

As many were astonished at You—

His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—

so 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.

Who has believed what they heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

For 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.  
He 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.  
Surely He has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed Him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But 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.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on Him  
the iniquity of us all.  
He 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.  
By 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?  
And 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.  
Yet 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.  
Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied;  
by His knowledge shall the righteous one, My servant,

make many to be accounted righteous,  
and He shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore 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 many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

*Vicar: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: 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.*

**People: Amen.**

*Vicar: The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapters four and five.*

**EPISTLE READING:** *Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For 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 sin. Let 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. . . .

In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

*Vicar: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: 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.*

**People:**     **Amen.**

## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**HYMN:**    *"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" (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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*Pastor:     Please rise for the reading of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

*(Stand)*

### **The Crucifixion of Jesus**

*John 19:16–24*

So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many 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. So 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.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

When 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, so 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,

#### 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*st. 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' Mother and His Death

*John 19:25–30*

but standing by 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 nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A 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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

#### 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*st. 3*

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.

(Silence)

(Sit)

**SERMON:** “What’s *good* about Good Friday?” (*Isaiah 52:13-53:12*)

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” (LSB, #438)

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.”

“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.

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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## **BIDDING PRAYER**

*Vicar: 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:*

*Pastor: 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.*

**People: Amen.**

*Vicar: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:*

*Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**People: Amen.**

*Vicar: Let us pray for those going through Confirmation, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:*

*Pastor: Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our confirmands that, rejoicing in*

*their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**People:** **Amen.**

*Vicar: Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:*

*Pastor: O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Joe Biden, our President; Kamala Harris, our Vice President, the Congress of the United States; Greg Abbott, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**People:** **Amen.**

*Vicar: Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:*

*Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**People:** **Amen.**

*Vicar: Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:*

*Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**People:** **Amen.**

*Vicar: Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:*

*Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are*



*ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**People:** **Amen.**

*Vicar: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:*

*Pastor: O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**People:** **Amen.**

*Vicar: 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:*

*Pastor: 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.*

**People:** **Amen.**

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

**People: 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.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (LSB, #425)

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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**ADORATION OF THE CHRIST:**

*Pastor:* We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

**People:** Because by Your cross You have redeemed the whole world.

*(Depart in silence.)*

**DISMISSAL:**

Please be seated  
and kindly wait for an usher to dismiss your row.

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

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