

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

### GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 2, 2021



#### FIRST READING:

##### A reading from Isaiah 52:13-53:12:

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— <sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L) O God, we can never simply stand and watch the events of Good Friday as though they are a story belonging to someone else in years gone by. We know with grief that we are there in your story. We are present, bringing with us all that was there long ago. We too, betray you when things become hard or costly.

*(Silent reflection)*

L) For our every betrayal, forgive us, Jesus Christ.  
C) **Forgive us and restore our life this day.**

L) We, too, turn our faces away from those suffering injustices.

*(Silent reflection)*

L) For our every participation in injustice, forgive us, Jesus Christ.  
C) **Forgive us and restore our life this day.**

L) We, too, absolve ourselves from responsibility for the well-being of others.

*(Silent reflection)*

L) For our every denial of responsibility, forgive us, Jesus Christ.  
C) **Forgive us and restore our life this day.**

L) We, too, are part of the violence and abuse suffered by the innocent.

*(Silent reflection)*

L) For our every silence in the face of violence to others, forgive us Jesus Christ.  
C) **Forgive us and restore our life this day.**

L) Death is dealt in the name of our nations, O God, death in war, death through need and starvation, and death through tyrants of oppression.

*(Silent reflection)*

L) For all death that is done in our name, forgive us, Jesus Christ.  
C) **Forgive us and restore our life this day. For we bow in grief before your goodness and pray that you will not do unto us that which we did to you. Amen**

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

L) Even as he approaches his death, the Christ cries out into the world that we are forgiven. Let us pause in silence to honor this amazing gift.

*(A silence is kept)*

**ALL) THANKS BE TO GOD!**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Readers: Diane Whiffen, Jody Berquist, Annelise Salmela**

## **THE PASSION OF CHRIST (continues)**

### **SECTION 5:**

**1:** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark continues:

**2:** As Jesus was taken from the Garden of Gethsemane, all of the disciples deserted him and fled.

**1:** A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth.

**2:** They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

**3:** They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.

**1:** Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself by the fire.

**2:** Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none.

**1:** For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree.

**3:** Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We have heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

**2:** But even on this point their testimony did not agree.

**1:** Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

**2:** But he was silent and did not answer.

**(long pause)**

**1:** Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

**2:** Jesus said, "I am and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

**3:** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

**1:** All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

### **SONG: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" verse 1 Accompanied by Val Bushnell**

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down

Now scornfully surrounded with thorns thy only crown

O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!

Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

### **SECTION 6:**

**3:** While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by.

**1:** When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

**2:** But Peter denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt.

**3:** Then the cock crowed.

**2:** And the servant girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.”

**3:** But again he denied it.

**1:** Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.”

**2:** But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.”

**1:** At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

**3:** And he broke down and wept.

**Leader:** We weep...

**(Long pause for silent reflection)**

**SONG: “Ah, Holy Jesus” ELW #349 v. 1 and 2 Accompanied by Val Bushnell**

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas my treason, Jesus hath undone thee.  
‘Twas I Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.

**SECTION 7:**

**3:** As soon as it was morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

**2:** Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.”

**3:** Then the chief priests accused him of many things.

**1:** Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.”

**3;** But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

**2:** Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked.

**3:** Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection.

**1:** So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. They he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

**2:** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over.

**3:** But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead.

**1:** Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

**2;** They shouted back, “Crucify him!”

**3:** Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?”

2: But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!”

1: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

**SONG: “Were You There?” v. 1**

**Sung acapella by John Bergum  
(Posted to Facebook by Sara Sorenson)**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

**SECTION 8:**

3: Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace, that is the governor’s headquarters; and they called together the whole cohort.

2: And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him.

1: And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

2: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.

3: After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

2: They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene.

3: Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means place of a skull.

1: And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh: but he did not take it.

2: And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

1: It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.”

2: And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

1: Those who passed derided him, shaking their heads and saying “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!”

3: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.”

2: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

1: When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

2: At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

3: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.”

2: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

1: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*(long pause)*

3: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

1: Now when the centurion, who stood facing Jesus, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

2: Then Joseph brought a linen cloth and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock.

1: He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

3: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**SONG: "Were You There?" v. 4**

**Sung acapella by John Bergum**

**(Posted to Facebook by Sara Sorenson)**

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**SERMON: "The Ultimate Sacrifice" Pastor Jerome Evavold**

#### **COMMISSIONING**

L: Go silently from here, for there are no words that will speak of this moment in the life of God.

#### **BENEDICTION**

L: Go blessed by the company of God, who dies rather than leaves us alone. Go blessed by the faithfulness of Christ, who chooses life in the face of death, and go as those who stay with truth, even as we wait for Easter Day.

**P: Amen**

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