



Good Friday Service—March 29, 2024 ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service LIVE—7:00 p.m.

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*Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind,
and spirit of all.*

SERVING TODAY

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Good Friday: Guided to Sacrifice

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Hebrews 10:12

Opening Hymn

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

ELW 599

1 Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from selfish passions set me free
and make me pure within.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point out your chosen way.

Invocation and Call to Worship

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Jesus' ancestor, David the psalmist, foretold by divine inspiration the suffering and sacrifice of his descendant Jesus, the Lamb of God. Nailed to the cross, Jesus prayed using words from the prophetic psalm: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?...All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

C **'He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!'**...

P For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;

C **They have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—**

P They stare and gloat over me;

C **They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots...**

P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

C **And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**

P For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations."

C **"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"**

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We seek to satisfy our own selfish desires. We listen to the temptations of the world around us instead of following your Word and ways. We do not love others as we should. Have mercy on us, and forgive us.**

P God, in his grace and mercy, sent his Son into the world as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. "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" (Isaiah 53:6). I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C **With his wounds we are healed.**

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, you bore our sins in your body on the cross. In our place, you suffered the penalty of death that we deserve. By God's grace through faith in your name, our sins are forgiven, and we stand before God clothed in your holiness, your righteousness. Lead us by the Holy Spirit to follow in your steps and be willing to make sacrifices for the sake of serving others. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, hear our prayer and accept our praise. **Amen.**

Hymn

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain. *Refrain*

4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. *Refrain*

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Old Testament Reading ... Isaiah 53:6-9

Epistle Reading ... Hebrews 10:12-14

Gospel Reading ... John 19:31-35

Sermon

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| <p>1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?</p> <p>3 Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut its glories in
when God, the mighty maker, died
for his own creatures' sin.</p> <p>5 But tears of grief cannot repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away:
'tis all that I can do.</p> | <p>2 Was it for sins that I had done
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
and love beyond degree!</p> <p>4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt my eyes to tears.</p> |
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Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Apostles' Creed

- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

- P** Lord Jesus, when John the Baptist saw you, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." You came to be the perfect sacrifice, to bear our sins in your body on the cross, to give up your life to save us. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord Jesus, we give thanks for those who each day sacrifice so much for us: family members, those in the armed forces, first responders and so many more. Watch over them, and keep them in your care. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are suffering through illness, pain or grief. Strengthen those who sacrifice their time to care for others. Give those who suffer and those who care for them the hope and comfort found in the promises of your Word. Open our eyes to see opportunities to serve and care for those in need. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, lead us to sacrifice our time, talents and treasures in service to you through our service to others. Help us to bear the cross and follow your path of sacrifice. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, as we remember today your sacrifice on the cross, we look forward to Easter morning, when we will rejoice in your triumphant resurrection. Through your sacrificial death we are forgiven. In your resurrection, we have life, now and forever. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Hymn

O Lamb of God (p. 208)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

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 Blessing

P Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

C **Amen.**

The Removal of the Christ Candle

The Strepitus (*a loud sound that symbolizes the stone being rolled into place to seal Jesus' tomb*)

Leave in silence.