



## **Good Friday**

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*On Thursday, we dispersed in silence—no sending song, no blessing or dismissal, only the rustle of jackets, the sound of feet, freshly washed and covered again, moving into the night. Now, as if awaiting our return, the silence receives us and invites us more deeply into the empty room, the unfolding story, the widening hour, the mystery of faith.*

*With boldness we approach the throne of grace, the cross upon which Christ is lifted, to pray not only for the church and those preparing for baptism, but also for those of other faiths, those who do not believe in God, and everyone, everywhere, in any kind of need. As he promised, Jesus draws them—all people, named and unnamed, all things, seen and unseen—to himself and to the heart of God. There we rest, like grains of wheat buried in the earth awaiting the joyful harvest.*



## Gathering

*All gather in silence.*

## Prayer of the Day

Grieving God,  
on the cross  
your Son embraced death  
even as he had embraced life:  
faithfully and with good courage.  
Grant that we who have been  
born out of his wounded side  
may hold fast to our faith in him exalted  
and may find mercy in all times of need.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Hymn No. 351 || "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

## First Lesson

### Isaiah 52:13–53:12

*The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The early church saw in the servant's pouring himself out to death and being numbered with the transgressors important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.*

<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.

<sup>53:1</sup>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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 22**

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

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;  
by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued them. **Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

<sup>8</sup>"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so delights in him." **Refrain**

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me. **Refrain**

<sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a slashing and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

<sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my  
mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet. **Refrain**

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones  
while they stare at me and gloat.

<sup>18</sup>They divide my garments among them;  
for my clothing, they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.

- <sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- <sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you. **Refrain**
- <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- <sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD'S face hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!  
May your hearts live forever!
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations. **Refrain**
- <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before  
the LORD.
- <sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!" **Refrain**

## Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:16-25

*In the death of Jesus, forgiveness of sins is worked and access to God is established. Hence, when we gather together for worship and when we love others we experience anew the benefits of Jesus' death.*

<sup>16</sup>"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," <sup>17</sup>he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of



faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

### ***The Passion According to St. John***

*John 18:1-19:42*

*On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion—from his arrest to his burial—is read in its entirety from the Gospel of John.*

### **Homily**

"On our hearts" – Pastor Steven Klemz

### **Bidding Prayer**

*Since the third century, Christians have gathered on Good Friday at the foot of the cross and there prayed the great intercessions. It is as if the cross is in the center of all things, and as we stand with Mary and John at the cross, the bidding prayer opens us up to ever-widening circles of concern. In these intercessions we ask God to look with mercy on every person and thing in the cosmos.*

Each petition concludes, "we ask this through Christ our Lord."

The people prayerfully respond, "**Amen.**"

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Procession and Adoration of the Cross

*As with the foot washing on Maundy Thursday, the procession of the cross on Good Friday, practiced since the fourth century, offers us a ritual that helps express a religious devotion far beyond words. The cross that is carried into our midst brings to mind Christ, whom we worship as Savior of the world. The ritual gives our body something to do as our heart opens to receive Christ. Someone processes down the aisle with a large rough-hewn cross, after which the assembly remains seated for silent prayer; or files past to touch the cross; or comes forward to kneel before it; or stands to join in a profound bow.*

*The cross is carried in and placed in the chancel. The assembly faces the cross as it is brought forward. The following response is said three times:*

*(As the procession begins)*

**Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.  
Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*(halfway to the altar)*

**Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.  
Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*(as the procession ends at the altar)*

**Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.  
Oh, come, let us worship him.**

## Hymn of Triumph

Hymn No. 342 || "There in God's Garden"

## Departure

*The congregation departs in silence as each of us contemplates the meaning of Christ's death for us.*

