

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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GOOD FRIDAY ADORATION of the CROSS



At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died. Today's liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

A cross is placed in front of the altar.

(stand)

- P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.
- C** **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**
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(sit)

MEDITATION 1 - SOLEMN REPROACHES:

- P** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
- C** **By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**
- P** May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.
- C** **Let your ways be known upon the earth, your saving health among all nations.**
- P** Let all the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you.
- C** **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Silence is kept for reflection.

MEDIATION 2 - SOLEMN REPROACHES:

- P** O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P** Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P** I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you with the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

☐ I planted you as my fairest vine, but you have brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

☑ **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

☐ O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

☑ **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

MEDITATION 3 - SOLEMN REPROACHES:

☐ O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

☑ **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

☐ I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

☑ **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

☐ I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

☑ **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

☐ O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

☑ **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

☐ I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

☑ **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

(silence is kept)

ADORATION OF THE CRUCIFIED CHRIST

Silence is kept for meditation on the mystery of the crucified Savior, the mystery of our redemption.

Worshippers are invited to come forward and place a nail in the cross. Nails are available in baskets on the stand.

SOLO

“Behold, the Wood”

by Daniel Schutte
Barbara Carlsen, *soloist*

THE OFFICE OF PASSION READINGS

(stand)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God,

G look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

(sit)

THE PROLOGUE

READING

John 3:14-21

SUNG MEDITATION

What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW 666 vs 1-2

1 What wondrous love is this,
 O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, **O my soul!**
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

*The first candle is extinguished.
Silence for prayer and reflection.*

THE SHADOW OF CONSPIRACY

READING

Matthew 26:1-16

SUNG MEDITATION

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW 351

1 O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

2 How pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish,
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.

3 What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

4 Lord, be my consolation;
shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion
when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing
die safely in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

The second candle is extinguished.

Silence for prayer and reflection.

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

READING

Matthew 26:20-25

SUNG MEDITATION

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349 vs 1-2

1 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.

2 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.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

The third candle is extinguished.

Silence for prayer and reflection.

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

READING

Matthew 26:30-35, 47-50, 55-56

SUNG MEDITATION

My Song Is Love Unknown

ELW 343 vs 1-3

- 1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and
die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own
would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes we strew his way
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Silence for prayer and reflection.

THE SHADOW OF DISSENSION

READING

Luke 22:24-27

SUNG MEDITATION

Go to Dark Gethsemane

ELW 347 vs 1-2

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Silence for prayer and reflection.

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

READING

Luke 22:54-62

SUNG MEDITATION

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 803

- 1 **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.**
- 2 **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.**
- 3 **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?**
- 4 **Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Silence for prayer and reflection.

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

READING

Matthew 27:45-50

SUNG MEDITATION

Jesus, Remember Me

ELW 616

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

The seventh candle is extinguished.

Silence for prayer and reflection.

THE SHADOW OF THE REDEEMED

READING

Matthew 27:51-54

SUNG MEDITATION

Jesus, Remember Me

ELW 616

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Silence for prayer and reflection.

(stand)

The Christ Candle is removed, symbolizing the death of Jesus, our Lord. The world sits in darkness awaiting the return of the "Light of the World" at the Easter Vigil on Saturday at 10:00 PM.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(sit)

BIDDING PRAYER

P Let us pray, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God,
you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.
By your Holy Spirit guide the church
and gather it throughout the world.
Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

P Let us pray for our bishop, Brian, and our presiding bishop, Elizabeth; for Stephen, Shari, and Ashley, our pastors; for Katie, Adam, Justin and Giselle, our seminarians; for all servants of the church; and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God,
your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.
Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, deacons,
seminarians, and lay leaders.
Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church,
and help each of us in our various vocations
to do faithfully the work to which you have called us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

P Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church.
Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism.
Give them new birth as your children,
and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

P Let us pray for those who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

- P** Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity.
Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son.
Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith,
and keep us united in the fellowship of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

- P** Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

- P** Almighty and eternal God,
long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses.
Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own
may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

- P** Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

- P** Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace
all those who call out to you under different names.
Bring an end to inter-religious strife,
and make us more faithful witnesses
of the love made known to us in your Son.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

- P** Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer.

- P** Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity
so that all may long to know you and find peace in you.
Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace
in the world and in the lives of Christians,
and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

- P** Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God,
you are the creator of a magnificent universe.
Hold the cosmos in the arms of your care
and bring all things to fulfillment in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

P Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God,
you are the champion of the poor and oppressed.
In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority,
so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom,
and a share in the goodness of your creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

P Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God,
you give strength to the weary
and new courage to those who have lost heart.
Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers,
free those unjustly deprived of liberty,
and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease.
Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble,
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

P Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

G 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.

*Pastors and worship leaders depart through the north door.
Worshippers may leave in silence or remain for silent meditation.
This service continues with the Vigil of Easter on Saturday at 10:00 PM.*



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Alleluia!

Holy Saturday, April 16

10 PM Easter Vigil (Fire, Word, Water, Eucharist)
(There will be no 5 PM Saturday service)

Easter Sunday, April 17

7:30 AM Festival of the Resurrection in the Link
8 - 10:45 AM Easter Breakfast
9 & 11 AM Festival of the Resurrection
10:10 AMish Easter Egg Hunt in the Green Space after the 9:00 AM service

