

*ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
GROVE CITY, OHIO*



GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 2, 2021

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Good Friday

April 2, 2021 at noon and 7:00 pm

ORGAN (noon) *O Sacred Head, now wounded*
(7:30) *O Sacred Head, now wounded*

James Biery
Jean Langlais

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Three times:

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: **O come, let us worship Him.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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. **C: Amen.**

SILENT MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

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 to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so 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 the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the nineteenth chapter of John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: John 19:28-30

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit

P: The Gospel of Our Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Seth Jersild

ORGAN

Dietrich Buxtehude

Chorale Prelude on O Sacred Head, now wounded

Service of Tenebrae

FIRST WORD: "Father, Forgive Them..." (Luke 23:13-34)

Silent reflection; a candle is extinguished

Prayer: **Our Lord and King, like the crowds which surrounded Jesus we often praise You with our lips only to reject You with our hearts. Root out of our lives all disloyalty and unfaithfulness, and by the way of His cross, lead us to confession of our sins and commitment to Your purpose; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN "Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes" (see insert)

SECOND WORD: "Today, You Will Be With Me" (Luke 23:35-43)

Silent reflection; a candle is extinguished

Prayer: **Almighty and ever-living God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all Who turn to You. Create in us new and honest hearts, that we may see how we have sinned against You and Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN "There is a Green Hill Far Away" (see insert)

THIRD WORD: "Woman, Here Is Your Son" (John 19:23-27)

Silent reflection; a candle is extinguished

Prayer: **Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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.**

HYMN 351 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (stanzas 1 and 2)

FOURTH WORD: "My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

(Matthew 27:45-49)

Silent reflection; a candle is extinguished

Prayer: Almighty God, Your Son, our Savior, suffered at the hands of men and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of His cross and find in it the way of life and peace;

HYMN 349 "Ah, Holy Jesus" (stanzas 4 and 5)

SEVENTH WORD: "...I Commit My Spirit" (Luke 23:44-56)

Silent reflection; a candle is extinguished

Prayer: Lord Jesus, on this day You carried our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we might live. May we and all who remember this day find new life in You in this world and in the world to come, where You live and reign with the Father in unity with the Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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**

*We leave in silence in remembrance of our Savior's death,
returning on Easter prepared to celebrate His glorious resurrection.*

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Good Friday April 2, 2021

“Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter...” - Isaiah 53:7

God died today. Does it bother you? We killed God, and he let us do it, so that you and I might be spared from sin’s awful consequences. He let us do it, so that we might be found in him, instead of lost to the devil. He let us do it, so that we might be forever redeemed instead of eternally damned. We killed him, and it couldn’t happen any other way.

“Go!” “Suffer!” “Die!”—these are the words we must hear today. Because if he doesn’t go, suffer, and die, he can’t rise, and if he doesn’t rise, you and I are still dead in trespasses and sins. This is what he was born to do. This is why the Word took on flesh. This is why the Father must forsake the Son, and in so doing, forsake himself. He has become our sin.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. This is His Friday. When God created the universe, he called the sixth day “very good.” On that sixth day when God created humans in his image, was he already anticipating the restoration of that image in the death of Christ? Behold the Passover Lamb – without spot or blemish – his blood smeared on the wood of Calvary. For where the blood is, Death passes over.

Behold the Lamb! Jesus died at the same hour when all Passover lambs in Jerusalem were being slaughtered. As their cries rang out from the temple, the cry of God’s Lamb rang out from the cross – “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” A spear marks the exclamation point where blood and water flowed from his body. Water and blood. Baptism and Supper. For you.

He was made our sin, who knew no sin. He became the thief, the murderer, the adulterer, blasphemer, the slanderer. And in him, you became the righteousness of God. It’s been called “the sweet swap,” “the happy exchange”! Jesus gets what we deserve, and we get what he deserves.

We preach Christ crucified, because if he is not crucified, then you’re not baptized into his death, and there is no value in receiving his body and blood on Easter. But he was crucified, and you are baptized, and you will receive the very means of your salvation come Sunday morning. The disciples ran and hid. Don’t do that. Watch. See how ugly your sin is. And be bothered. See how beautiful your Savior’s love is. And be amazed. Amen.



Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes

1. Je - sus, in thy dy - ing woes, E - ven while thy life-blood flows,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in the upper staff, and the bass line is in the lower staff. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

Crav - ing par - don for thy foes: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus. A - men.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp and common time. The melody continues in the upper staff, and the bass line continues in the lower staff. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

2 Saviour, for our pardon sue,
When our sins thy pangs renew,
For we know not what we do:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

3 O may we, who mercy need,
Be like thee in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed:
Hear us, holy Jesus. Amen.

There is a Green Hill Far Away

1. There is a green hill far a - way, With - out a cit - y wall,
2. We may not know, we can - not tell What pains he had to bear,

Where the dear Lord was cru - ci - fied, Who died to save us all.
But we be - lieve it was for us He hung and suf - fered there.

3 He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good;
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious Blood.

4 There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

5 O dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming Blood,
And try his works to do.