

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Good Friday

April 15, 2022, at noon and 7:00pm

PRELUDE (noon) Meditation at the Cross
(7 pm) Were You There?

Albin Whitworth

Brent Olstad

Rob Cebriak, Alto Saxophone

Christina Cebriak, Piano

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Three times: "Behold the Wood"

Leader

Voice

Be hold, be hold the wood of the cross, on which is

Congregation

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hung our sal - va - tion. O Come, let us a - dore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray: 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. **C: Amen.**

SILENT MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Hebrews 10:16-25

ANTHEM (7pm) CHANCEL CHOIR with Rob Cebriak - Alto Saxophone
"He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word" arr. by Hal H. Hopson

SERMON

Pastor Patti Morlock

Service of Tenebrae

HYMN 349 "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 1 and 2)

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 349 "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 3-5)

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 337 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (vs. 1-2)

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 337 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (vs. 3-5)

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, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN 351 "Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (vs. 1-2)

FIFTH WORD: "I Am Thirsty" (John 19:28-29)

Silent reflection: a candle is extinguished

Prayer: **O God, Your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant His cross in our hearts so that in its power and love, we may come to the final joy and glory, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN 351 "Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (vs. 3-4)

SIXTH WORD: "It Is Finished" (John 19:30-37)

Silent reflection: a candle is extinguished

Prayer: **Almighty God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon Him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN 353 "Were You There?" (vs. 1-3)

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

(see insert)

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