

In the order of service, the words that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

For music, the words will be sung by the cantor and musicians **while the congregation hums.**

Instructions for in-person worship.

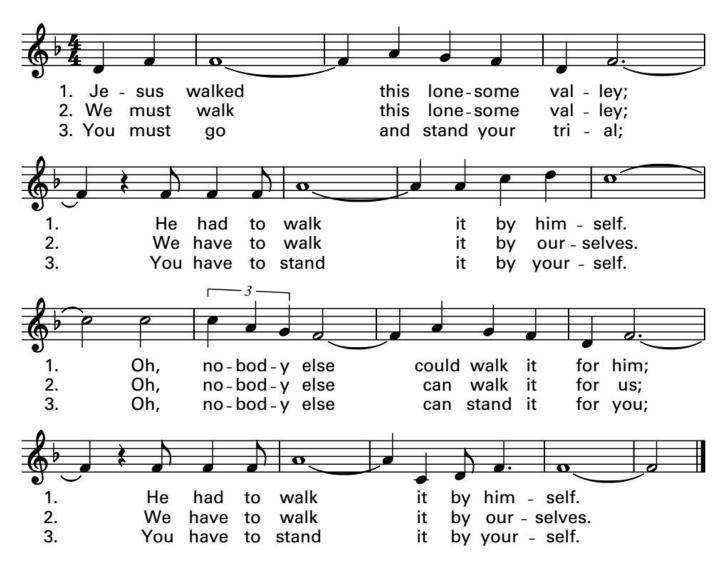
-) Keep your mask on at all times.
-) Hum but do not sing the hymns.
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GOOD FRIDAY Friday, April 2, 2021 • 7:00 p.m.

The congregation gathers in silence.

Piano Meditation *"Jesus Paid It All"* • *Mark Hayes* **Opening Hymn** • "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

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Prayer of the Evening

Almighty God, 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; the same Lord who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. 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— 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.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 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. 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.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

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. 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22

"Meditation on Psalm 22" • David Cherwien Ellen Leapaldt

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 10:16-25

[After the Holy Spirit says,] "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," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

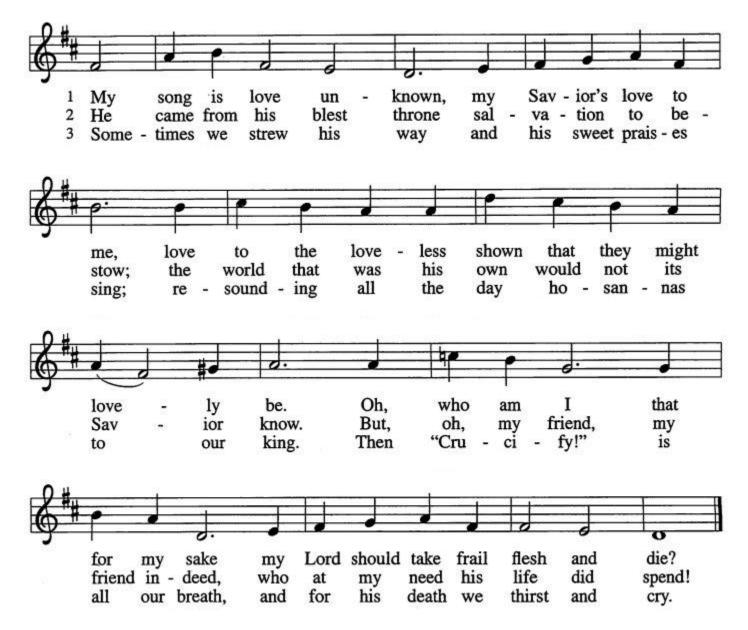
Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn • "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 343



John 18:1-12

The Good News according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?" So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Litany

Simon Peter follows, waiting outside while Jesus is questioned.

Guard "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"

Simon Peter (congregation) "I am not."

Guard "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

Simon Peter (congregation) "No. I am not one of his disciples."

Choir Meditation

"When Jesus Wept" • William Billings MVLC Women's Choir

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;

when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

John 18:28-38

The Good News according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Litany

Pilate went out to the crowd of the Jews.

Pilate "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

Crowd/Congregation **"We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."**

Pilate

"I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover."

Crowd/Congregation "Not this man, but Barabbas!"

Choir Meditation

"O Thou, Before the World Began" • Charles Wesley and Richard Shepherd MVLC Choir

O Thou, before the world began, Ordained a sacrifice for man, And by the eternal Spirit made An Offering for the sinner's stead; Our everlasting Priest art Thou, Pleading Thy death for sinners now.

Thy offering still continues new Before the righteous Father's view; Thyself the Lamb forever slain, Thy priesthood doth unchanged remain; Thy years, O God, can never fail, Nor Thy blest work within the veil.

O that our faith may never move, But stand unshaken as Thy love! Sure evidence of things unseen, Now let is pass the years between, And view Thee bleeding on the tree, My Lord, my God, Who dies for me.

John 19:9-22

The Good News according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Pilate] entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor."

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Litany

Pastor At the foot of the cross they stood watch.

Congregation The women and the beloved disciple.

Pastor Jesus saw them there and said, "Woman, here is your son."

Congregation And to his companion, "Here is your mother."

John 19:28-42

The Good News according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Evening • "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 351



Bidding Prayers

The assembly kneels or sits. The pastor leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid. The pastor leads the prayers that conclude the silence.

Let us pray...

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God... We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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.

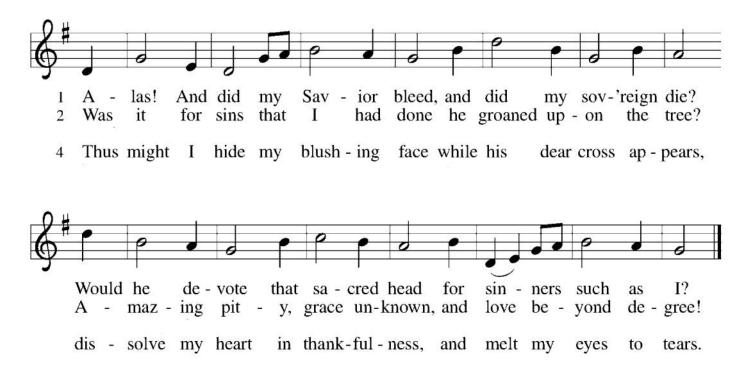
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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.

Hymn • "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 337



Choir Meditation

"Were You There?" • arr. Hal Hapson Ken Edmonds and Ellen Leapaldt, duet

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?Were you there when they crucified my Lord?Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there? Were you there? Were you there?

Adoration of the Cross

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

Oh, come, let us worship him.

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

Oh, come, let us worship him.

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

Oh, come, let us worship him.

We adore you Christ, and we bless you.

By your cross you have redeemed the world.

Departure

After the pastor leaves the Sanctuary, the ushers will dismiss the members of the congregation.

You are invited to depart in silence, reflecting upon Good Friday and preparing for the Easter resurrection promise.

Worship Notes

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EASTER VIGIL • 4/3

7:00 a.m. • Rock Ministry family-friendly Easter Vigil Hike

7:00 p.m. • in-person + livestream **Easter Vigil worship service** *Bring a bell with you to worship. We will ring them during the Easter Proclamation.*

Rock Ministry Easter Vigil Bedtime Ritual sheet https://mtviewlutheran.org/rockministry-eastervigil.pdf

EASTER SUNDAY • 4/4

8:15 a.m. • in-person Easter Sunday worship service

10:45 a.m. • in-person and livestream Easter Sunday worship service

Flowering Cross in the Chapel/Sanctuary lawn Bring cut flowers with you to worship. Add them to the Flowering Cross before you enter the Sanctuary.

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