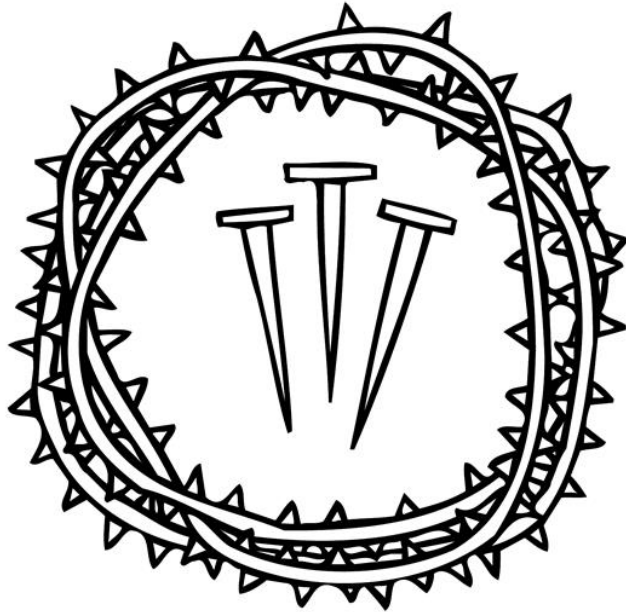


Good Friday
The Passion According to John
The Stations and Adoration of the Cross
April 18th, 2025
7:00 pm



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1610 Carlisle Road
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God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

** - The assembly stands as able.*

All gather in silence.

MUSICAL OFFERING

All in the April Evening *Hugh Robertson; arr. Ben Galle*
The Galle Trio

Please stand as you are able.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. 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; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

***OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY**

“The Suffering Servant”

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

*Spoken by **All** where indicated.*

Lector 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 shall he 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.

**All 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.**

Lector 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.

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

*Pulpit side 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 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.**

Lector 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.

*Lectern side 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.*

*Pulpit side And yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with
pain;
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.*

Lector Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

**All 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.**

***HYMN** *Were You There?* ELW#353, **Stanza 1**

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

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

The assembly may be seated.

FIRST STATION: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Reader: Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass

from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. (Matthew 26:36-41)

Minister: Lord, grant us your strength and wisdom, that we may seek to follow your will in all things

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

SECOND STATION: Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, is Arrested

Reader: Then, while [Jesus] was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "the man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. (Mark 14: 43-46)

Minister: Lord, grant us the courage of our convictions that our lives may faithfully reflect the good news you bring.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

THIRD STATION: Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin

Reader: When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us," but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth." (Luke 22: 66-71)

Minister: Lord, grant us your sense of righteousness that we may never cease to work to bring about the justice of the kingdom that you promised.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The first candle is extinguished.

HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This?* ELW#666, **Stanza 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?**

A moment of silence.

FOURTH STATION: Jesus is Denied by Peter

Reader: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly. (Matthew 26: 69-75)

Minister: Lord, grant us the gift of honesty that we may not fear to speak the truth even when difficult.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The second candle is extinguished.

HYMN *Ah, Holy Jesus*

ELW#349, **Stanza 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.**

A moment of silence.

FIFTH STATION: Jesus is Judged by Pilate

Reader: The chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.... Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barrabas... [and] handed [Jesus] over to be crucified.(Mark 15: 1-5, 15)

Minister: Lord, grant us discernment that we may see as you see, not as the world sees.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The third candle is extinguished.

HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This?*

ELW#666, **Stanza 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.**

A moment of silence.

SIXTH STATION: Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

Reader: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. (John 19: 1-3)

Minister: Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

HYMN *Ah, Holy Jesus*

ELW#349, **Stanza 1**

**Ah, holy Jesus, how has thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

A moment of silence.

SEVENTH STATION: Jesus Bears the Cross

Reader: When the chief priests and the guards saw [Jesus] they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." ... They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. (John 19: 6, 15-17)

Minister: Lord, grant us strength of purpose that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

EIGHTH STATION: Jesus is Helped by Simon the Cyrenian to Carry the Cross

Reader: They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

(Mark 15: 21)

Minister: Lord, grant us willing spirits that we may be your instruments on earth.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

NINTH STATION: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Reader: A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time, people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" (Luke 23: 27-31)

Minister: Lord, grant us gentle spirits that we may comfort those who mourn.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

TENTH STATION: Jesus is Crucified

Reader: When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."] (Luke 23: 33-34)

Minister: Lord, grant us merciful hearts that we may bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

ELEVENTH STATION: Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief

Reader: Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

(Luke 23: 39-43)

Minister: Lord, grant us perseverance that we may never stop seeking you.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

TWELFTH STATION: Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciple

Reader: Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. (John 19: 25-27)

Minister: Lord, grant us constancy that we may be willing to stand by those in need.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

HYMN *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* ELW#351, **Stanza 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 sinner' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.**

A moment of silence.

THIRTEENTH STATION: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Reader: It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. (Luke 23: 44-46)

Minister: Lord, grant us trust in you that when our time on earth is ended our spirits may come to you without delay.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

L. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Please stand in silence.

***HYMN** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* ELW#351, **Stanza 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 for Thee.**

A moment of silence.

***FOURTEENTH STATION: Jesus is Placed in the Tomb**

Reader: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed.

Minister: Lord, grant us your compassion that we may always provide for those in need.

C. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

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

*The sixth candle is extinguished.
Please be seated.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Broken for You

Kathleen Wissinger

Bell Choir

*The bell tolls 33 times.
The Christ Candle is carried back into the worship space.*

***PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

Please stand and face the cross as it is brought forward.

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

Oh, come, let us worship him.

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***THE SOLEMN REPROACHES**

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.

May God be merciful and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

Let your way be known upon earth,
Your saving health among all nations.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.

May God give us blessing,
And may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
And we praise your holy resurrection,
For by your cross joy has come into the world.

After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

***HYMN**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

ELW#347

LEAVING OUR SINS AT THE CROSS

*You are encouraged to remain in the church for prayer,
meditation and adoration of Christ, the crucified.*

As you entered the Sanctuary you were handed a stone.

We encourage you to hold your stone during worship.

Stones are used as worry stones.

Stones are used as weights.

*Stones are used as symbols of altars built where people have an
encounter with God.*

*And stones are used in modern Judaism to leave at a grave site
as a way to honor the memory of the deceased.*

*Today, we employ all these symbols,
and whatever new ones you bring.*

*Together, we bring them; all of them, to the foot of the cross,
for this is where the weight of our sin
and the gravity of grace come face to face.*

*During the hymn, you are invited to place your stone at the foot
of the cross in remembrance of Jesus' days in the tomb.*

*The service continues tomorrow evening at 5:00 pm
with the Easter Vigil.*

All depart in silence.

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Chad Butz
Lector	Karen Galle
Crucifer	Karen Brown-Pautz
Assisting Minister	Jared Weber
Acolyte	Kinsey Hall
Director of Music	Kristopher Hartman
Organist	Carolyn Houck

Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;

your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each corresponding to a line of the vocal melody. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

Our Story

Matthew 25:35-40: *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God’s love and our faith

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