

Good Friday

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 | 7:30 PM

Almighty Father, Everlasting God, Who didst permit Thy Son to suffer the anguish of the Cross for us, so that Thou mightest drive the power of the enemy from us: Grant us that we may so commemorate and give thanks for His Passion that we may thereby obtain forgiveness of sin and redemption from eternal death; through the same Thy Son. Amen.

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

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ANTHEM Lamb of God *from The Seven Last Words* | Knut Nystedt
The text may be found at hymn #357

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful Father: uplifted on the cross, your Son draws all people to himself. Grant that all who are born of his wounded side may find mercy in him, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please sit.

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:13–53:12

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#351 HYMN O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:16–25

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#349 HYMN Ah, Holy Jesus

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN (*Setting by Roger T. Petrich*)

Please stand.

#353 HYMN OF THE DAY Were You There

Please sit.

BIDDING PRAYER

Each petition concludes:

... We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

Please stand.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

The congregation faces 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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SOLEMN REPROACHES *(setting by Tomás Luis de Victoria; adapted Geoffrey Cox)*

Worshippers may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Acts of reverence include pausing, bowing or kneeling before the cross in prayer.

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Savior to the cross.

Hagios o Theós. Holy God!

Hagios Ischyros. Holy and mighty!

Hagios Athánatos, eléison hymás. Holy immortal One, have mercy on us!

For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty; but you led your Savior to the cross.

What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness: when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Savior with a lance.

I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me.

I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.

I raised you up to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross.

After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.

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

By your holy cross you have re- | deemed the world.

#356 HYMN Sing, My Tongue

There is no benediction. The congregation leaves quietly following personal meditation. All are welcome to reverence the cross before departing.