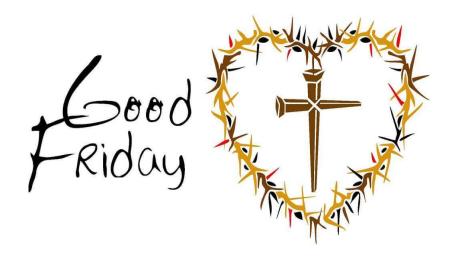
GOOD FRIDAY "John, the Gospel Writer" March 29, 2024



For the convenience of all worshipers at St. John, we have:

- Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals
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AS WE GATHER

Our journey to follow Christ through witnesses to Christ arrives now at the Cross. Tonight, we view Christ on the Cross through the author's eyes—John, Apostle and Evangelist, the beloved Disciple, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of James. By John's witness, we view Jesus beaten and bloodied. We hear His Words of forgiveness and fulfillment. We see Him shedding His Blood for the life of the world. As we sing and pray and sit in silence this evening, we ponder Christ's love for us. We marvel at His Gifts of Forgiveness and Salvation, for we have been clothed with the Blood of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" HYMN

LSB 451

- Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree! 1 'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord; proofs I see sufficient of it: 'tis the True and Faithful Word.
- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, was there ever grief like His? Friends through fear His cause disowning, foes insulting His distress; many hands were raised to wound Him, none would intervene to save; but the deepest stroke that pierced Him, was the stroke that justice gave.
- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great, here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate. Mark the Sacrifice appointed, see Who bears the awful load; 'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
- Here we have a firm Foundation, here the Refuge of the lost: 4 Christ, the Rock of our Salvation, is the Name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded, who on Him their hope have built. Text: Public domain

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Our Lenten journey with Jesus arrives at the Cross.

All: We have followed Jesus from the Upper Room to Gethsemane.

Pastor: We have followed as Jesus stood trial before the chief priests and

Pontius Pilate,

All: and we follow Him now to the Cross.

Pastor: On the Cross, Jesus bore our griefs and carried our sorrows.

All: On the Cross, Jesus was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities.

Pastor: On the Cross, Jesus shed His Blood for us and for our Salvation.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Good Friday is a day where we see our sin most clearly. We see our sin heaped upon Jesus as He Suffers and Dies on the Cross. We confess our sins to our Heavenly Father.

All: Dear Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and our neighbors in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned against You and our neighbors in the things we have done and the things we have left undone. O Lord, have mercy on us.

Pastor: God invites us to see our forgiveness clearly in Jesus. Out of His abundant Mercy and Grace, God gave His Son to Die and Rise for us. Because Jesus shed His Blood, we are forgiven. Because Jesus endured the Cross, we are saved. As a Called and Ordained servant of our Crucified Lord, and by His Authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen. We are forgiven by the Blood of Jesus.



+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the Cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen

PSALM 31

Pastor: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your Righteousness deliver me!

All: Incline Your Ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a Rock of Refuge for me, a strong Fortress to save me!

Pastor: For You are my Rock and my Fortress; and for Your Name's sake You lead me and guide me;

All: You take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for You are my Refuge.

Pastor: Into Your Hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

All: I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.

Pastor: I will rejoice and be glad in Your Steadfast Love, because You have seen my affliction; You have known the distress of my soul,

All: and You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a broad place.

Pastor: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

All: For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

Pastor: Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

All: I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

Pastor: For I hear the whispering of many, terror on every side, as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

All: But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

Pastor: My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

All: Make Your Face shine on Your servant; save me in Your Steadfast Love!

Pastor: O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon You; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.

All: Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.

Pastor: Oh, how abundant is Your Goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!

All: In the cover of Your Presence You hide them from the plots of men; You store them in Your Shelter from the strife of tongues.

Pastor: Blessèd be the LORD, for He has wondrously shown His Steadfast Love

to me when I was in a besieged city.

All: I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from Your Sight." But You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to You for help.

Pastor: Love the LORD, all you His Saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but

abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

All: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the

LORD!

PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Pastor: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

READING John 18:1–11 Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His Disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His Disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His Disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: "Of those whom You gave me I have lost not one." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?"

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs 1 LSB 450

O Sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded, with thorns, Thine only crown.
 O Sacred Head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine!
 Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

READING *John* 18:12–27

Jesus Before the High Priest

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

Peter Denies Jesus

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another Disciple. Since that Disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other Disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this Man's Disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

The High Priest Questions Jesus

The high priest then questioned Jesus about His Disciples and His teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said." When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how You answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?" Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter Denies Jesus Again

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of His Disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

2 How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How doth Thy Face now languish, that once was bright as morn! Grim death, with cruel rigor, hath robbed Thee of Thy Life; thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

READING *John 18:28–40*

Jesus Before Pilate

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" They answered him, "If this Man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

My Kingdom Is Not of This World

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to Me. What have You done?" Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not of this world. If My Kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My Kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to Him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the Truth. Everyone who is of the Truth listens to My Voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in Him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place; look on me with Thy Favor, and grant to me Thy Grace.

READING John 19:1–16a Jesus Delivered to Be Crucified

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His Head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. They came up to Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck Him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to Him. "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from Above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin."

From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this Man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs 4

LSB 450

4 My Shepherd, now receive me; my Guardian, own me Thine. Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of Gifts divine. Thy Lips have often fed me, with Words of Truth and Love; Thy Spirit oft hath led me, to heav'nly joys above.

READING John 19:16b-24

The Crucifixion

So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own Cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews." Pilate answered. "What I have written I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things,

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs 5

LSB 450

What language shall I borrow, to thank Thee, dearest Friend, for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
 O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for Thee.

READING *John 19:25–30*

but standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the Disciple whom He loved standing nearby, 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 to his own home.

The Death of Jesus

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His Mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His Head and gave up His Spirit.

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs 6

LSB 450

6 My Savior, be Thou near me, when death is at my door; then let Thy Presence cheer me, forsake me nevermore! When soul and body languish, O leave me not alone, but take away mine anguish, by virtue of Thine own!

READING *John* 19:31–42

Jesus' Side Is Pierced

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So 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. But one of the soldiers pierced His Side with a spear, and at once there came out Blood and Water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of His Bones will be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They will look on Him Whom they have pierced."

Jesus Is Buried

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a Disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the Body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away His Body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the Body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where He was Crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs 7

LSB 450

7 Be Thou my Consolation, my Shield, when I must die; remind me of Thy passion, when my last hour draws nigh.

Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, upon Thy Cross shall dwell, my heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

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SERMON

HYMN "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

LSB 438

- A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, the guilt of sinners bearing, and, laden with the sins of Earth, none else the burden sharing; goes patient on, grows weak and faint, to slaughter led without complaint, that Spotless Life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies, the mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend, the Lamb of God, our Savior, Whom God the Father chose to send, to gain for us His Favor. "Go forth, My Son," the Father said, "and free My children from their dread, of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear, but by Your Passion they will share, the fruit of Your Salvation."
- "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly, I'll bear what You Command Me. My Will conforms to Your Decree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O wondrous Love, what have You done! The Father offers up His Son, desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong You are to save! You lay the One into the grave, Who built the Earth's Foundation.
- 4 Lord, when Your Glory I shall see, and taste Your Kingdom's pleasure, Your Blood my royal robe shall be, My Joy beyond all measure!
 When I appear before Your Throne, Your Righteousness shall be my crown; with these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought, As Your own Bride shall we be brought, to stand in joy beside You.

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OFFERING (brought to the Altar)

APOSTLES CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He Rose again from the dead. He Ascended into Heaven and sits at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, defend Your Church throughout the world from the assaults of Satan, so that we be kept firm in the one true faith. What language shall we borrow

All: to thank Thee, dearest Friend? (after each petition)

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true Vine; we are the branches. Feed us with Your Word and Sacraments that we might bear fruit in keeping with repentance, so that the world might praise You. What language shall we borrow

All: to thank Thee, dearest Friend? O make me Thine forever! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

- Jesus, I will ponder now, on Your Holy Passion; with Your Spirit me endow, for such meditation. Grant that I in love and faith, may the image cherish, of Your suff'ring, pain, and death, that I may not perish.
- 2 Make me see Your great distress, anguish, and affliction, bonds and stripes and wretchedness, and Your Crucifixion. Make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound You, how for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone, make me see Your Passion, but its cause to me make known, and its termination. Ah! I also and my sin, wrought Your deep affliction; this indeed the cause has been, of Your Crucifixion.
- 4 Grant that I Your Passion view, with repentant grieving. Let me not bring shame to You, by unholy living. How could I refuse to shun, ev'ry sinful pleasure, since for me God's only Son, suffered without measure?
- If my sins give me alarm, and my conscience grieve me, let Your Cross my fear disarm; peace of conscience give me. Help me see forgiveness won, by Your Holy Passion. If for me He slavs His Son, God must have compassion!
- 6 Graciously my faith renew; help me bear my crosses, learning humbleness from You, peace mid pain and losses. May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior, that I may in Heav'n above, Sing Your praise forever. Text: Public domain



CONCLUDING COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we have followed Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to the Cross. Strengthen us as we face our own mortality, knowing that just as we have been united with Jesus in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

HYMN "Glory Be To Jesus"

LSB 433

- 1 Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains, poured for me the Lifeblood, from His sacred Veins!
- 2 Grace and Life Eternal, in that Blood I find; blest be His Compassion, infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages, be the precious stream, which from endless torment, did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance, pleaded to the skies; but the Blood of Jesus, for our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as Earth exulting, wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing, make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices, swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder, praise the precious Blood! Text: Public domain

After the hymn, the congregation leaves in silence.

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Elder on Duty: Organist: Altar Guild:

Craig Hanke Kristi DeVries

UPCOMING EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES

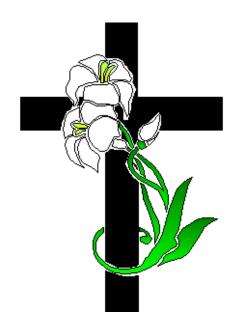
March 30: Easter Saturday - Easter Vigil

Scripture and Prayer Communion Service

Worship Service at 6:30pm

March 31: Easter Sunday - Alleluia!! He Is Risen!!

- Easter Breakfast 8:00am (Registration for breakfast is appreciated)
- Easter Worship Service at 10:00am



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