



+ Good Friday Night +
March 29, 2024



Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping the Lord with us today!

Good Friday Night Divine Worship

Friday of the Passion

March 29, 2024

The Battle of Good and Evil

FROM THE LAY ELDER-DEACONS: Welcome to Messiah. We want to make sure your worship experience goes well. So just as a reminder, ***please turn cellphones ringers off during worship. Please remove hats, no earbuds, no gaming, no texting, and no social media. If you need to use your phone or have a conversation with someone, please excuse yourself from the sanctuary. Thank you.***

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Live audio of the worship service is available in the room that is just off the Narthex in the back of the sanctuary. This room has a bathroom and is a safe place for anxious children (or adults) to go and still be a part of the worship service. Also, audio is available in our Fellowship Hall.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Good Friday Tenebrae: Three of the six hours Jesus hung on the cross were spent in total and complete darkness. *Tenebrae* is Latin for "darkness." Tonight the service starts in the light and ends in darkness to show God's judgment on humankind for their sins. Another way to describe this holy day is "Black Friday." But from the darkness of the day comes something very good. Yet we worship with a sense of somberness and humility.

Worship Theme: Tonight, we look at the narratives from the Gospel of Mark to frame this Good Friday as a battle of good and evil, light and dark, Jesus and Satan. We already know the outcome so why review the battle? The power of God's Word helps us better understand the depths, widths, and heights of what Jesus suffered and died to give us. God humbly bless you tonight, so this Easter Sunday has special meaning to your celebration of eternal life with Jesus.

THE ENTRANCE PRAYER – Please read silently

O blessed Jesus, my sins alone put You on the cross. It is the evil I did that You died to take away. Tonight, show me why it is important that the Evil One had to be defeated to deliver us from him. Show us the power of Your good so when You said, "It is finished," You declared the battle won. In Your awesome Name I pray. Amen.

PRELUDE - Tiffany Koenitzer

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE LITANY *(Modified for Good Friday)*

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: Hear us.

P: Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who foretold Your Passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Who destroyed Death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light.

C: Have mercy on us.

P: We poor sinners implore You,

C: To hear us, Lord Jesus.

P: That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,

C: Grant us, good Lord.

P: That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,

C: Grant us, good Lord.

P: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: Grant us Your peace.

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy. Amen.

P: Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family,

C: 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;

P: And Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF REFLECTION: "Alas! And did my Savior Bleed" LSB 437



1	A - las!	And	did	my	Sav - ior	bleed,	And
2	Was	it	for	crimes	that	I	had
3	Well	might	the	sun	in	dark - ness	hide
4	Thus	might	I	hide	my	blush - ing	face
5	But	drops	of	grief	can	ne'er	re - pay



did	my	sov - 'reign	die?	Would	He	de - vote	that
groaned	up - on	the	tree?	A - maz - ing	pit - y,		
shut	his	glo - ries	in	When	God,	the	might - y
His	dear	cross	ap - pears,	Dis - solve	my	heart	in
debt	of	love	I	owe;	Here,	Lord,	I



sa - cred	head	For	such	a	worm	as	I?
grace	un - known,	And	love	be - yond	de - gree!		
mak - er,	died	For	His	own	crea - tures'	sin.	
thank - ful - ness,	And	melt	mine	eyes	to	tears.	
self	a - way:	'Tis	all	that	I	can	do.

PASSION NARRATIVE READING #1.....Mark 15:1-5 ESV

Jesus stands trial before Pilate.

¹ And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over

to Pilate. ² And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ³ And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵ But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

P: This is the Passion of our Lord.

C: God gives us comfort as we mourn.

THE FIRST ALTAR CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

P: God spared not his own Son

C: But delivered Him up for us all.

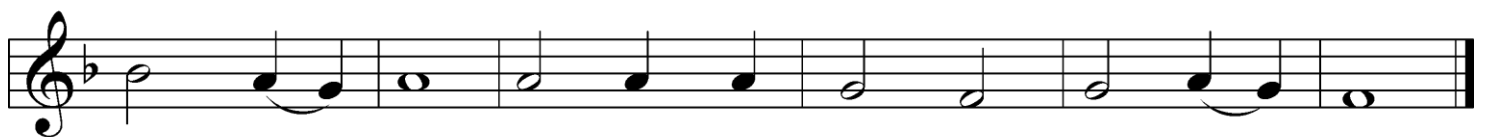
HYMN OF REFLECTION: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

PASSION NARRATIVE READING #2.....Mark 15:6-15 ESV

The releasing of criminal Barabbas for Jesus.

⁶ Now at the feast he (Pilate) used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷ And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man

called Barabbas. ⁸ And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹ And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹² And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³ And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴ And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

P: This is the Passion of our Lord.

C: God gives us comfort as we mourn.

THE SECOND ALTAR CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

P: God spared not his own Son

C: But delivered Him up for us all.

HYMN OF REFLECTION: "Throned Upon the Awe-full Tree" RED 174 (for the notes)

1. Throned upon the awe-full tree,
King of grief, I watch with Thee.
Darkness veils Thine anguished face;
None its lines of woe can trace,
None can tell what pangs unknown
Hold Thee silent and alone.
2. Silent thro' those three dread hours,
Wrestling with the evil pow'rs,
Left alone with human sin,
Gloom around Thee and within,
Till th'appointed time is nigh,
Till the Lamb of God may die.
3. Hark that cry that peals aloud
Upward through the whelming cloud!
Thou, the Father's only Son,
Thou, His own Anointed One.
Thou dost ask Him, Can it be?
"Why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

4. Lord, should fear and anguish roll
Darkly o'er my sinful soul,
Thou, who once wast thus bereft
That Thine own might ne'er be left,
Teach me by that bitter cry
In the gloom to know Thee nigh.

PASSION NARRATIVE READING #3.....Mark 15:16-20 ESV

Jesus is mocked, spat upon, and assaulted.

¹⁶ And the soldiers led him (Jesus) away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹ And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

P: This is the Passion of our Lord.

C: God gives us comfort as we mourn.

THE THIRD ALTAR CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

P: God spared not His own Son

C: But delivered Him up for us all.

HYMN OF REFLECTION: "We sing the Praise of Him Who Died" RED 178 Verses 1-3

(for the notes)

1. We sing the praise of Him who died,
Of Him who died upon the cross;
The sinner's Hope let all deride,
For this we count the world but loss.
2. Inscribed upon that cross we see
In shining letters, "God is Love."
He bears our sins upon the tree,
He brings us mercy from above.
3. The cross!--it takes our guilt away,
It holds the fainting spirit up,

It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

PASSION NARRATIVE READING #4.....Mark 15:21-32 ESV

Jesus is so weak He can not carry his own cross weighting somewhere between 30-100 pounds. He is nailed to the cross around 9am.

²¹ And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²² And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵ And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

P: This is the Passion of our Lord.

C: God gives us comfort as we mourn.

THE FOURTH ALTAR CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

P: God spared not his own Son:

C: But delivered Him up for us all.

HYMN OF REFLECTION: "We sing the Praise of Him Who Died" RED 178 Verses 4-5

(for the notes

4. It makes the coward spirit brave
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes all terror from the grave
And gilds the bed of death with light.

5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinners' refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.

PASSION NARRATIVE READING #5.....Mark 15:33-41 ESV

At Noon, darkness covered the Earth as judgment from God for the sins of humanity.

³³ And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

P: This is the Passion of our Lord.

C: God gives us comfort as we mourn.

THE FIFTH ALTAR CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

P: God spared not his own Son

C: But delivered Him up for us all.

HYMN OF REFLECTION: O Dearest Jesus What Law Hast Thou Broken" RED 143 verses 1-3 (for the notes)

1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession--
What dark transgression?
2. They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.

3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
 This I do merit.

PASSION NARRATIVE READING #6.....Mark 15:42-47 ESV

Jesus' grave is prepared by one of the few Sanhedrin who did not vote to have Jesus crucified.

⁴² And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵ And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶ And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

P: This is the Passion of our Lord.

C: God gives us comfort as we mourn.

THE SIXTH ALTAR CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

P: God spared not his own Son:

C: But delivered Him up for us all.

HYMN OF REFLECTION..... "Were You There"LSB 456



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you
 4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...
 there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

SERMON: “Delivered from the Evil One” Text: Mark 15

SOLO HYMN OF REFLECTION.....“Glory be to Jesus”Jim Waters

THE DARKNESS

The only remaining candle is removed, signifying the death and burial. The Pastor then speaks the promise from 2 Corinthians 5:15 NIV. ***And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*** The candle is restored. As this solitary light returns, we accept it as a sign of the hope of Easter.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 And the love of God the Father,
 And the Communion of the Holy Spirit
 Be with you all.

C: Amen.

We leave the sanctuary in silence out of reverence for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and reflecting on the Passion of our Lord.

Easter Lily and Spring Flower donations are encouraged to beautify our Sanctuary for THIS Easter Sunday’s Resurrection of our Lord Celebration

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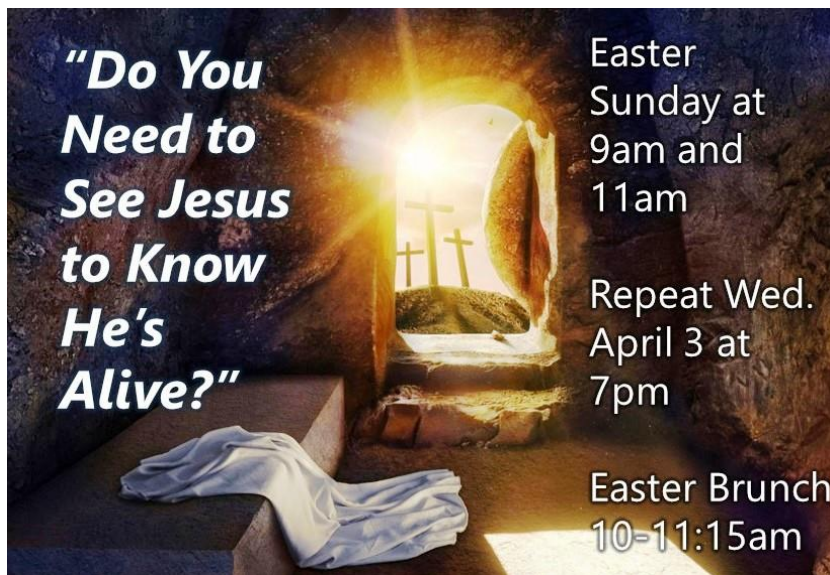
ESV: English Standard Version

LSB: Lutheran Service Book

RED: The Lutheran Hymnal

Merger Consideration Committee Meeting Notes: February 18th minutes approved by the committee are in the Narthex for your review and were emailed to members.

The LBSC (Ladies Bible Study Class) continues to study James, chapter 1. A discussion centered on how we can find and maintain our joy in today's society. Cindy Zimmerman sponsored our meal. Thanks, Cindy! Ladies, Thursday, April 18, at 5:30pm, is the next session and you are invited to join us in rightly dividing the Word of Truth.



Saturday	9am	Senior Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Sunday	9am	Easter Sunday Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	10-11:15am	Easter Brunch hosted by Fellowship and Youth
	11am	Easter Sunday Divine Worship with Holy Communion

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