



TRE ORE

PRAYERS & BLESSINGS

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Welcome

Welcome, friends and visitors, brothers and sisters in Christ from LCMS congregations in the state line area. Blessed Good Friday to you all. We are blessed to worship together with you today.

I am Randall Senn, pastor here at Trinity. I will be leading us through our Tre Ore service today—an opportunity to reflect on the Seven Last Words of our Lord during His great and terrible Passion. In our song and prayer today, hear His promises for you.

Because of the nature of Good Friday, there will be no “Benediction” to end each portion of service. Instead, a simple blessing is given.

We invite you to stay the entire Tre Ore service. But if you should need to leave, please do so quietly during the five-minute periods of silent meditation. Restrooms and nursery are past the Narthex, to your left as you exit the sanctuary.

Let us pray.

I.

"Father, forgive them."

12:00-12:20

FIRST PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your sinlessness You never needed forgiveness and yet You forgave those who sinned against You without cause. Give us grace and courage to forgive those who wrong us, that we may so draw attention to Your forgiving glory on the Cross. Amen

HYMN

843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

(Sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)

1. "Forgive our sins, as we forgive" You taught us Lord to pray.
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
2. How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew.
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

THE PASSION - PART 1

John 18:1–11

P The Passion of our Lord, according to St. John.

¹When 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. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So 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. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas,

who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰Then 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.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN LSB 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes vs 1-3

PROCLAMATION

"Father, forgive them..."

Luke 23:34

Rev. Dan Eddy

Messiah Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI

CHOIR ANTHEM

Once Upon a Tree - Messiah L.C. Choir

SECOND PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, You carried our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember the events of this day, find new life in You and in the world to come, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, not and forever. Amen

BLESSING: *(Jude 24–25)*

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forevermore. T Amen.

MEDITATION

12:20-12:25

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during the five minutes of meditation.*

II.

"Today you will be with Me in paradise."

12:25-12:45

FIRST PRAYER:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who promised the joy of paradise to the repentant, enable us by the Holy Spirit to repent and to receive your grace in this life and in the life to come. Amen

HYMN LSB 543 What Wondrous Love Is This

THE PASSION - PART 2

John 18:12–27

P The Passion of our Lord, according to St. John.

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵Simon 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, ¹⁶but 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. ¹⁷The 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." ¹⁸Now 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.

¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰Jesus 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. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." ²²When 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?" ²³Jesus 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?" ²⁴Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now 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." ²⁶One 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?" ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN **LSB 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes vs 4-6**

PROCLAMATION **"Today... in paradise."**

Luke 23:43

Rev. Ron Rather, ret. St. John Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI

CHOIR ANTHEM **Come, Let Us Fix Our Eyes On Jesus (Hebrews 12:2)**
- Christ E.L.C. Choir

SECOND PRAYER:

O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by every evil, every woe; upon Your cross-forsaken Son our death is laid, and peace is won.

O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. Your arms extend, O Christ, to save from the sting of death and grasp of the grave; Your scars before the Father move His heart to mercy at such love.

O God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us. Come to aid the feeble child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and help us pray; bring joy and comfort; come to stay. Amen

BLESSING: *(Revelation 22:20-21)*

He who testifies to these things says: "Surely I am coming soon." Amen, come Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. T Amen.

MEDITATION **12:45-12:50**

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during the five minutes of meditation.*

III.

"Woman, behold your son."

12:50-1:10

FIRST PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, even in facing Your own death, You bless the lonely and the neglected by placing them in the care of families. Draw many into Your family that we may praise You together with them forever. Amen

HYMN LSB 436 *Go to Dark Gethsemane* vs 1-2

THE PASSION - PART 3

John 18:28–40

P The Passion of our Lord, according to St. John.

²⁸Then 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. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." ³¹Pilate 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." ³²This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus 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." ³⁷Then 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." ³⁸Pilate 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. ³⁹But 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?" ⁴⁰They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *LSB 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes vs 7-9*

PROCLAMATION **"Woman, behold your son..."**

John 19:26-27

Rev. Andrew M. Harris

Christ E.L.C. — Clinton, WI

CHOIR ANTHEM ***Behold, the Lamb of God***

Christ E.L.C. Choir

SECOND PRAYER:

Our Father, by whose name all fatherhood is known
Who dost in love proclaim each family Thine own,
bless Thou all parents, guarding well, with constant love as sentinel,
all the homes in which Thy people dwell.

O Christ, Thyself a child within an earthly home,
with heart still undefiled, Thou didst to manhood come;
our children bless in every place that they may all behold Thy face,
and knowing Thee may grow in grace.

O Holy Spirit, who dost bind our hearts in unity,
Who teaches us to find the love from self set free,
in all our hearts such love increase that every home by this release may be the
dwelling place of peace. Amen

BLESSING: *(Romans 15:5-6)*

The God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony
with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one
voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

T Amen.

MEDITATION **1:10-1:15**

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during the five minutes of meditation.*

IV.

"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

1:15-1:35

FIRST PRAYER:

Holy God, You have opened our ears to hear Your Word from the Cross. Open our eyes this hour to see in the Cross the revelation of Your love. Let us rightly see by faith Your Son Jesus Christ crucified for us, forsaken in our place, for our sin and for our salvation, that we may believe in Him, who shall never leave us nor forsake us. Amen

HYMN LSB 431 Not All the Blood of Beasts

THE PASSION - PART 4

John 19:1–16

P The Passion of our Lord, according to St. John.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate 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." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶When 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." ⁷The 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." ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So 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?" ¹¹Jesus 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."

¹²From 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." ¹³So 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. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵They 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." ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus,

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN LSB 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes vs 10-12

PROCLAMATION *"My God, My God..." Matt. 27:46 & Mk. 15:34*
Rev. Don Stein, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Rockton, IL

CHOIR ANTHEM *Forsaken - St. Andrew's Choir*

SECOND PRAYER:

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

BLESSING: *(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

The Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. T Amen.

MEDITATION **1:35-1:40**

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V.
"I thirst."
1:40-2:00

FIRST PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Jews and King of the nations, You have promised that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness would be satisfied. Give us faith to trust that your thirst on the Cross supplies all that we need. Amen

HYMN *LSB 437 Alas Did My Savior Bleed*

THE PASSION - PART 5

John 19:16–24

P The Passion of our Lord, according to St. John.

¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus,
¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many 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. ²¹So 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.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³When 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, ²⁴so 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,

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN LSB 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes vs 13-15

PROCLAMATION **"I thirst."** *John 19:28*
Rev. Jonah Burakowski, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church w/ School, Delevan, WI

HYMN LSB 542 When I Behold Jesus Christ

SECOND PRAYER:

O Blessed Savior, whose lips were dry and whose throat was parched, grant us the river of the water of life, that we who thirst after righteousness may find it quenched by Your love and mercy, leading us to bring this same relief to others. Amen

BLESSING: *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

The grace of the Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

MEDITATION 1:40-1:45

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VI.
"It is finished."
2:05-2:25

FIRST PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, You could have found the pain to be too much. You could have come down from the Cross. But You remained until all was finished. Give us confidence to follow You completely through our trials and crosses because You are the author and finisher of our faith. Amen

HYMN *LSB 420 Christ the Life of All the Living vs 1-4*

THE PASSION - PART 6

John 19:25–30

P The Passion of our Lord, according to St. John.

²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A 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. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *LSB 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes vs 16-18*

PROCLAMATION

"It is finished."

John 19:30

Rev. Gene Dassow, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church – Roscoe, IL

HYMN *LSB 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

SECOND PRAYER:

O Lord Jesus Christ, You finished the work that you were sent to do; enable us by Your Holy Spirit to be faithful to our call. Grant us strength to bear our crosses and endure our sufferings, even unto death. Enable us to live and love so faithfully that we also become good news to the world, joining Your witness, O Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

BLESSING: *(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)*

The God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. T Amen.

MEDITATION**2:25-2:30**

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during the five minutes of meditation.*

VII.

"Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit."

2:30-2:55

FIRST PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, when You had finished all, You handed Your spirit over to Your Father, that He would then give His spirit back to You. Keep us in the one true faith, that on the Last Day, Your Spirit may be given back to our mortal bodies and we may rise to serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. This we pray for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen

HYMN *LSB 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane VS 3-4*

THE PASSION - PART 7

John 19:31–42

P The Passion of our Lord, according to St. John.

³¹Since 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. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

³⁸After 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. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now 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. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN LSB 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes vs 19-21

PROCLAMATION “Father, into Your hands...”

Luke 23:46

Rev. Dr. Tim Prince

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – East Troy, WI.

HYMN LSB 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

SECOND PRAYER:

Father, into whose hands Your Son, Jesus Christ, commended His Spirit, grant that we too, following His example, may in all of life and at the moment of our death entrust our spirit into Your faithful hands of love. In the name of Jesus, who gave His life for us all. Amen

BLESSING: *(Romans 16:25–27)*

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will— working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. T Amen.

MEDITATION 2:55-3:00

All leave in silence.