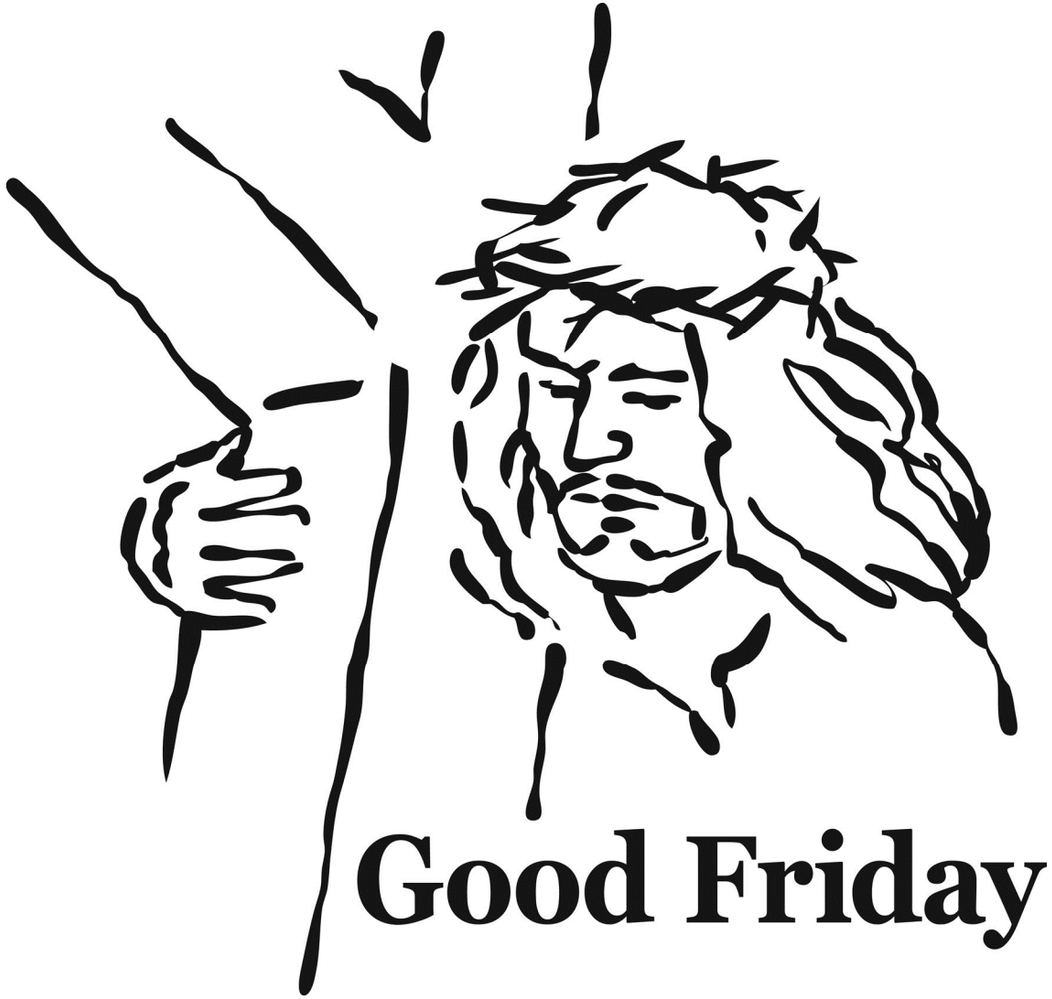

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Good Friday
April 14, 2017
1:00pm

Bell Toll

Welcome and Invocation Pastor/**Congregation**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.
"Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "Peace to this house."
Peace to all of you who are in Christ.
The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

Soloist "My Song Is Love Unknown"

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne Salvation to bestow,
But such disdain! So few The longed-for Christ would know!
But oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!

Responsive Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. **Just as there were many who were appalled at him – his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness –** so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. **Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?** He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no

beauty or majesty to attract us to him, **nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.** He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. **Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.** Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, **yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; **the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; **and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, **and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.** By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? **For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.** He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, **though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.** Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, **he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.** After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. **Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong**, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. **For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

Hymn CW 127, "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See him dying on the tree!
'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.

Tell me, as you 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.

If you think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great,
Here you see 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;
Christ's the rock of our salvation, His 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.

Gospel John 19:17-30

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others – one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did. Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hymn CW 99, "Oh, Come, My Soul"

Oh, come, my soul, your Savior see
Nailed to your cross on Calvary.
Your pains he bears; Your thorns he wears
That yours a crown of life might be.

'Tis yours, my soul, the sin, the shame,
The cross, the nails, the thirst, the pain;
In agony His blood runs free
To write in heaven's book your name.

Oh, sing, my soul, sing endlessly
The wondrous love that sets you free;
His dying breath Brings life from death,
Makes heav'n your home eternally.

Sermon John 19:30

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Repent: Turn to Jesus

He Alone Finished Your Salvation

Pastor Matthew Guse

Offering

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

C: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.
Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

P: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Because of the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God (+) and an heir of eternal life.

Words of Institution

Distribution

Adult Choir "Take and Eat"

The Congregation is asked to join in singing the refrain:
Take and eat, take and eat, this is my body given up for you.
Take and drink, take and drink, this is my blood given up for you.

Hymns CW 117, "O Dearest Jesus"
CW 120, "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Closing Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
(spoken) **Amen.**

Blessing

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will. May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.
(spoken) **Amen.**

Adult Choir Anthem "Via Dolorosa"
By Tom Fettke

Down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day, the soldiers tried to clear the narrow street; but the crowd pressed in to see the man condemned to die on Calvary.

He was bleeding from a beating, there were stripes upon His back, and He wore a crown of thorns upon His head; and He bore with every step the scorn of those who cried out for His death.

Refrain: Down the Via Dolorosa, called "The Way of Suffering," like a lamb, came the Messiah, Christ the King; and He chose to walk that road out of His love for you and me, down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary.

The blood that would cleanse the souls of all men made its way through the heart of Jerusalem! *Refrain*

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The Burial of Our Lord **John 19:31-42**

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced." Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Dismissal

Please leave in silence without greetings as we reflect on the death and burial of our Lord, who in greatest love redeemed us from our sins.

These special Good Friday bulletins are given by Marilyn Gruber in memory of her parents William and Gladys Gruber.