

Good Friday
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
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SILENCE FOR MEDITATION

BELL TOLL

HYMN

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”
Hymn 106

RESPONSES

Pastor/**Congregation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The word is near you; **it is in your mouth and in your heart.**

It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, **and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.**

O Holy Spirit, come to us with your comforting Word, which alone can drive away our doubts. Direct us to our Savior, Jesus, so that we may trust in him with our whole heart. **Amen.**

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.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

(spoken) Amen.

ADULT CHOIR

“Is This the King?”

by Joseph M. Martin

A crown of thorns adorns His brow. No songs of praise ring from the crowd. No trumpet blast, no joyful sound; is this the King of glory?

A wooden cross to be His throne, in deepest grief He dies alone. No greater love could e'er be shown. O could this be the King, the King of glory?

Is this the King who was foretold? Where is His power, His crown of gold? Even His robe lies tattered and torn, soldiers cast lots and laugh Him to scorn.

On a hill of death between two thieves, and when He dies, creation grieves; no mercy shown and no reprieve. Is this the King of glory?

Upon that lonely rugged hill, God's perfect grace would be revealed. In love, His arms are out-stretched still. O Jesus is the King, the King of glory.
Christ is the King of glory.

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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

"Oh, Darkest Woe"

Hymn 137

SERMON

Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Jesus Our Great High Priest is Better Than Any Other High Priest

Pastor Michael J. Zuberbier

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, you are a just God who accepts nothing less than perfection. All too often we fail to realize how much our sins offend you. We forget that the wages of sin truly is death. We forget that there actually is a hell. Lead us to recognize the seriousness of our sinfulness. Lead us also to admit our inability to make things right with you. **Teach us to look to you as the only one who can make us just and right.** Today we are reminded not only of your justice but also of your love. You did not spare your own Son but gave him as a ransom for each one of us. Comfort us with

the knowledge of this great love. Give us the peace that the forgiveness of sins brings. **When we feel our guilt, point us to the cross, where our guilt was washed away in Jesus' blood.** Lord Jesus, we thank you for paying the debt that we could not pay. We thank you for coming to earth so that we could be with you forever in heaven. **For being our perfect substitute, we thank you, Lord Jesus.** Son of God, you offered up your body as an unblemished sacrifice for sin and commended your spirit into the hands of your Father. Teach us to cast the cares of this brief life on our heavenly Father and commit our bodies and souls to his love. **Give us the courage to face death, knowing that it is the gate to our home in heaven.** Hear us, Lord, as we offer our personal thanks for the forgiveness that you have given us and for the home that you have won for us.

Silent prayer.

The cross was once an instrument of death. It is now a sign of life. **Dear Savior, we humbly kneel at the cross in awe of your power and of your love. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

Hymn 110

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

Hymn 100

"O Dearest Jesus"

Hymn 117

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

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

The Lord be with you.

Blessing, honor, thanksgiving, and praise, more than we can utter or understand, be to you, O holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by all angels, all mankind, and all creatures, for ever and ever.

(spoken) **Amen.**

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.

HYMN

"Rest, O Christ, From All Your Labor"

CWS 718

Rest, O Christ, from all your labor; Sleep within your borrowed tomb.
Foes have crucified and bound you Fast within death's narrow room.
Pilate's guards stand watching, waiting Where they rolled the sealing stone.
All unseen another watches: God will not forsake his own.

Peace at last from all your anguish, Wounds in hand and feet and side.
Enemies no longer mock you, Scourged, abandoned, crucified.
Faithful women gather spices, Weep for you whom sin has slain.
Though they mourn, the God who guards you Will not let your death be vain.

Help us keep this solemn Sabbath As we wait for Easter dawn.
Earth's dark night of sin is passing; Death's long reign will soon be gone
Christ, in whom the new creation Rises brighter than the sun:
May we, as we watch for morning, Trust the vict'ry you have won.

As through parting Red Sea waters Israel marched to liberty,
So we pass through baptism's water, Washed by grace, from sin set free.
Jesus, risen, living, reigning Now and through eternity:
Grant that, through your life undying, We may live victoriously.

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*With his victory accomplished on the cross and credited to us in Holy Baptism,
Christians bid peaceful rest to their Savior as they anticipate their celebration of his
glorious resurrection on Easter dawn.*



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