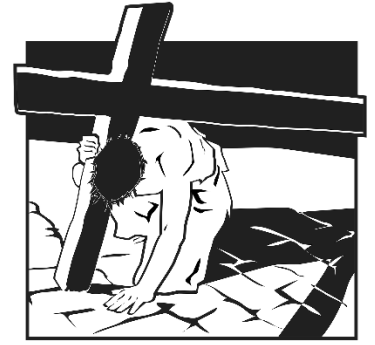




Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Good Friday
April 15, 2022



(The service begins in silence)

AS WE GATHER

“The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord” (LSB 634:1). Those words of a Swedish hymn written in the 1600s may seem difficult for us to comprehend. What is there to celebrate? Why is today good? In Old English, the word *good* meant “sacred” or “holy”—so it would be proper to refer to this day as “Holy Friday.” And yet the great goodness of God in Jesus Christ is most fully on display at the cross. Without the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, on this day, there would be no basis for His glorious resurrection in three days. Today is the good day that leads us to the great day of Easter yet to come!

Stand

Surely He has borne
our griefs and carried
our sorrows; yet we
esteemed Him
stricken,
smitten by God, and
afflicted. *Isaiah 53:4*

SENTENCES AND COLLECTS

- P** He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him,
C **and with his stripes we are healed.**
P Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**
P We all, like sheep, have gone astray;
C **and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**
P Almighty and most merciful God, give us grace so to contemplate the Passion of our Lord that we may find in it the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

HYMN – LSB #453 “Upon the Cross Extended”

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Isaiah 52:13-53:12

EPISTLE READING - Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

HYMN – LSB #449 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

GOSPEL READING - John 19:17-30 (*A moment of silence will be observed at the announcement of Jesus death*)

HYMN – LSB #451 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

SERMON: “Acquainted with Grief”

Text: Isaiah 53:3 (The Old Testament Reading)

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HYMN – LSB #542 “When I Behold Jesus Christ”

PRAYERS

- P** O Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you redeemed the world.
C **Save us and help us, we humbly implore you, O Lord.**
P We adore you, Lord Jesus, in your cross and Passion, through which you have brought life and joy into the world.

C Be gracious to us according to your mercy and bless us and lift up the light of your countenance upon us and give us your peace.

(Additional prayers are offered).

(The prayers conclude with the following collect).

P Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world, and through your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.

C Amen.

P Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C have mercy on us.

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C have mercy on us.

P Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C grant us peace.

BLESSING

P Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground of faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – LSB #456 “Were You There”

Please exit the sanctuary in silence.

The Offering is received in the narthex.