

# GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 7, 2023

**“Triduum: The Three-day Vigil”:** Today we continue what is known in the historic Christian Church as the “three day paschal” service. These three days (from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Day) are a celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. The services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday were conceived of as a single service of congregational worship, separated by times of “recess.” Therefore, the Ringing of the Bell which normally begins our service, and the Benediction which normally ends our service, are omitted this evening.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** From the days of the Reformation, the Lutheran Church has regarded the service on Good Friday as a solemn celebration of the finished work of redemption by our Lord on the cross. This solemnity is reflected in the liturgy for this service. Several historic liturgical acts are incorporated into our service tonight. The *“Improperia”* (the reproaches) express in Biblical language God’s righteous judgement against His people. The *Bidding Prayer* is a form of prayer that has been part of the Church’s liturgy since the 5<sup>th</sup> century. On the day when Christ died for the salvation of the world, it is fitting that we pray for all people everywhere.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

### OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*silence*

### COLLECT

### EPISTLE

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

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*silence*

### COLLECT

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

**Hymn:** *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* **LSB 440, Stanza 1**

**Reading:** John 18:1-11

**Hymn:** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **LSB 450, Stanza 1**

**Reading:** John 18:12-27

**Hymn:** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **LSB 450, Stanza 2**

**Reading:** John 18:28-40

**Hymn:** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **LSB 450, Stanza 3**

**Reading:** John 19:1-16a

**Hymn:** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **LSB 450, Stanza 4**

*stand*

**Reading:** John 19:16b-24

**Hymn:** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **LSB 450, Stanza 5**

**Reading:** John 19:25-30

**Hymn:** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **LSB 450, Stanza 6**

**Reading:** John 19:31-42

**Hymn:** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **LSB 450, Stanza 7**

*silence*

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* **LSB 438**

## BIDDING PRAYER

## REPROACHES (“Improperia”)

*The following Reproaches are the words of the Lord against His people, the Church, to which the congregation replies with a plea for mercy.*

**P:** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.  
(Micah 6:3-4)

**C:** **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.**

**LSB 434, Stanza 1**

**P:** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people.  
(Jeremiah 2:6-7)

**C:** **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**

**LSB 434, Stanza 2**

**P:** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.  
(Isaiah 5:2-4)

**C:** **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.**

**LSB 434, Stanza 3**

## ADORATION OF CHRIST



We adore You, | O Lord,\*  
and we praise and glorify Your holy resur – | rection.  
For behold, by the wood | of Your cross\*  
joy has come into | all the world.  
God be merciful to us and | bless us,\*  
and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy up – | on us.  
We adore You, | O Lord,\*  
and we praise and glorify Your holy resur – | rection.  
For behold, by the wood | of Your cross\*  
joy has come into | all the world.

**HYMN:** *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*

**LSB 454, Stanzas 1-4**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT