

Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ. It is a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. In keeping with this character, music is kept to a minimum, though not silenced. Elaborate words of praise are omitted. The altar remains bare, having been stripped on Holy Thursday.

The pastor and congregation enter in silence. There is no Invocation because this service is a continuation from the Maundy Thursday service.

Opening Hymn: “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” LSB 439
(stz.1-7, 15)

Stand

Introit

(Psalm 102:1-2, 12; Antiphon: Isaiah 53:4a, 5a, 6a, c)



- P Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our | sorrows.*
He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our in- |
iquities.
- C All we like sheep have | gone astray;*
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity | of us all.**
- P Hear my prayer, | O Lord;*
let my cry | come to you!
- C Do not hide your face from me in the day of | my distress!***
**Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day | when I
call!**
- P But you, O Lord, are enthroned for- | ever;*
You are remembered throughout all gener- | ations.
- C Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our | sorrows.*
He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our
in- | iquities.**
- P All we like sheep have | gone astray;*
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity | of us all.

Collect of the Day

- P Let us pray.
Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord
Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of
sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

c Amen.

Sit

Old Testament:

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord

c Thanks be to God.

P Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

c Amen.

Epistle:

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord

c Thanks be to God.

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

Holy Gospel:

John 18:1-19:42

Reading: John 18:1-27

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450, stz. 1-2

Reading: John 18:28-19:16a

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*” *LSB 450, stz. 3-4*

Reading: John 19:16b-30

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*” *LSB 450, stz. 5-7*

Reading: John 19:31-42

Sermon Hymn: “*O Darkest Woe*” *LSB 448*

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Bidding Prayer

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers

and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially our President; the Congress of the United States; our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ,

our Lord.
C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and give it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance in Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of

sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C **Amen.**

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn:

“Upon the Cross Extended”

LSB 453

Stand

Concluding Collect

P Let us pray.

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(There is no benediction because this service will conclude with the Festival of the Resurrection.)

Closing Hymn: *“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”*

LSB 434

(The pastor and congregation leave in silence.)