



The Three Days

Good Friday

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

March 29, 2024

6:30 PM

Prelude

When Jesus Wept from New England Triptych William Schuman

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear,
In mercy flowed beyond all bound;
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear,
Seized all the guilty world around.*

+Adoration of the Cross

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the Savior
of | the whole world.

Oh, come, let us wor | ship him.

*(+) indicates that the
assembly stands.
Please stand as you
are able.*

Solemn Reproaches

O My People

Lundy /Walker

Chancel Choir; Peggy Summers, soloist

*Tonight, the red ribbon represents your prayer. As the choir sings,
you may come forward and place your ribbon on the cross.*

*Families with children, who need to get ready to end the day, may choose
to leave, after they have placed a ribbon on the cross. They gathered
before the service to learn about the day and the practices of Holy
Week. We pray for our children and their families as they learn the
good ways to keep Good Friday together with the church.*

+Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord
Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of
sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

+Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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Second Reading

Psalms 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to
my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God."
¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Judeans." ²⁰Many of the Judeans read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Judeans said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Judeans,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Judeans.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

*When we are tempted to deny your Son,
Because we fear the anger of the world,
And we are few who bear the insults hurled,
Your will, O God, be done.*

*When we are tempted to betray your Son,
Because he leads us in a harder way,
And makes demands we do not want to pay,
Your will, O God, be done.*

*When we forget the cross that held your Son,
And would avoid the burden of this life,
The cry for justice and an end to strife,
Your will, O God, be done.*

*When doubt obscures the victory of your Son,
And faith is weak and all resolve has fled,
Help us to know him risen from the dead;
Your will, O God, be done.*

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Judeans did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Judeans, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

+Hymn	<i>Were You There</i>	353
	<i>Stanzas 1 & 2</i>	

Prayer

Reflection

+Hymn	<i>Were You There</i>	353
	<i>Stanzas 4 & 5</i>	

Prayer

+Lord’s Prayer

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

+Adoration of the Cross

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

+Sending Hymn

Holy God, Holy and Glorious

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*There is no benediction.
 You may remain in the sanctuary for personal meditation and prayer.*

*The Liturgy of the Three Days continues tomorrow evening with
 the Vigil of Easter at 6:30 p.m.
 Please depart in silence.*

Today in Worship

	6:30 p.m. Service
Pastoral Ministers	Pastor Bradley E. Schmeling, Pastor Jodi Houge, Pastor Lois Pallmeyer
Lectors	John Barnicle, Mark Christianson, Baya Clare, Jameson Karli
Hospitality Team	John Barnicle, Barbara Salava, Barb Veath
Audio/Visual-Video	Thor Carlson
Audio/Visual-Audio	Rick Sutherland
Audio/Visual– Titles	Ethan Sutherland
Organist	Timothy Strand
Pianist	Dennis Friesen-Carper

Instrumentalists

Violin – Travis Waymon, Angela Stoeckman

Viola – Kristine Oberg

Cello – Amy Hinrichs

Bassoon – Joyce Carlson-Rioux

Soprano Saxophone – Kurt Claussen

Percussion – Amber Stevenson

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