



St. Mark

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

GOOD FRIDAY

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The congregation is asked to enter the sanctuary in silence and spend time in meditation.

A Prayer upon Entering the Church:

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love. Because of our sinfulness, you sacrificed your only precious Son on the cross at Calvary. Direct our eyes to that cross where we might find rest and comfort for our souls. May the Holy Spirit abide with us that he might continue to strengthen our faith in the Lamb of God. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

M: Let us pray.

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, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

LESSON: ISAIAH 52:13–53:12

HYMN 100 A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH

**C: Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer,
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus**

HYMN 122 SING, MY TOUNGUE, THE GLORIOUS BATTLE

M: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The congregation will not be ushered out, but will exit in solemn silence, yet with the glad anticipation of greeting one another with Easter joy on the morning of the Resurrection.

Easter Worship services are at 6:30 and 9:30 am.

First Reproaches

M: 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!

**C: Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer,
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus**

Second Reproaches

M: 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!

**C: Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer,
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus**

Third Reproaches

M: 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!

GOSPEL: THE HISTORY OF OUR LORD'S SUFFERING AND DEATH ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN (JOHN 18: 1-19:42)

HYMN 105 O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

SERMON -MATTHEW 27:33 THE GARDEN OF GOGOTHA

HYMN 138 O PERFECT LIFE OF LOVE

OFFERING

BIDDING PRAYER

M: Let us pray for the whole church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord. Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity, we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God. Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Silent prayer

M: Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism. Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those in government, our rulers, and all who are in authority. Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

M: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us. Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

M: Let us pray for those who are outside the church, that they may come to know the one, true God and Jesus Christ, whom he has sent. Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

M: Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us. Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

M: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial. Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our grief and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

M: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

Meditation on the Cross of Christ

M: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.