

A Liturgy of the Passion and Death of our Lord
April 18, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday



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Good Friday focuses our attention on the crucifixion and death of the Lord Jesus. The liturgy is the second portion of the Triduum and is the most solemn service in our Christian faith. The church appointments reflect the day. A large wooden cross is placed before us. The Passion according to St. John is read, the litany prayed, and then concludes with the reproaches from the cross. We depart the church in silence, reverencing the cross, and preparing for the Vigil of Easter.

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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 189 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Offerings Offerings are received during the liturgy. They are presented along with gifts of bread and wine at the altar. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org or use the QR Code provided.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery which is accessed through the double doors front right.

The Nursery is accessed through the front right double doors. The liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Quiet activities are also available in the Narthex for infant through preschool children to use with an adult.

An AED/Defibrillator unit is located in the Good Shepherd room. It is placed on the wall left side of the Springettsbury door exit.

Parents, please do accompany your child to the restroom during the liturgy and wait with them. This is a way for us to practice good safety protocol within our building.



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The people prepare for worship with silent prayer. All gather in silence.

PRELUDE

Mary Stood with Pangs of Sorrow Michael Hoppe

Stand

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.**

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (LBW 117)

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How art thou pale with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does that vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly in thy love.



Sit

READING

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

¹³See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him
— so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals —

¹⁵so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

¹Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless (LBW 111)

Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,
pa - tient, meek, though guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring!
You died our guilt to ban - ish that none in sin need per - ish!

1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus!
2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus!
3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus! A - men

Sit

READING

Hebrews 10:16-25

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

Stand

HYMN

At the Cross Her Station Keeping (LBW 110)



1 At the cross, her sta - tion keep - ing, stood the mourn - ful
2 Oh, how sad and sore dis - tress - ed was that moth - er
3 Who, on Christ's dear moth - er gaz - ing, pierced by an - guish
4 For his peo - ple's sin chas - tis - ed, she be - held her
5 Je - sus, may her deep de - vo - tion stir in me the



moth - er weep - ing, close to Je - sus to the last,
high - ly bless - ed of the sole be - got - ten one!
so a - maz - ing, born of wom - an, would not weep?
Son de - spis - ed, scourged, and crowned with thorns en - twined;
same e - mo - tion, source of love, re - deem - er true.



Through her heart, his sor - row shar - ing, all his bit - ter
Oh, the depth of her af - flic - tion as she saw the
Who, on Christ's dear moth - er think - ing, such a cup of
saw him then from judg - ment tak - en, and in death by
Let me thus, fresh ar - dor gain - ing and a pur - er



an - guish bear - ing, now at length the sword had passed.
cru - ci - fix - ion of her dy - ing, glo - rious Son!
sor - row drink - ing, would not share her sor - rows deep?
all for - sak - en, till his spir - it he re - signed.
love at - tain - ing, con - se - crate my life to you.

THE LITANY OF THE PASSION

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

O God, the Father in heaven,

Have mercy on us.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world.

Have mercy on us.

O God, the Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us.

O Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Son of the living God,

Have mercy on us.

From all evil,

O Jesus, deliver us.

From sudden, unprepared or evil death; from anger, hatred or ill-will; from
everlasting death:

O Jesus, deliver us.

By the mystery of your incarnation, by your most holy life and conversation, by
your most bitter passion and death:

O Jesus, deliver us.

By your agony and bloody sweat, by the shameful stripping off of your garments, by your painful crown of thorns, by your purple robe of mockery:

O Jesus, deliver us.

By your most unjust condemnation, by your bearing your own cross, by your footprints traced in blood:

O Jesus, deliver us.

By the cruel straining of your sacred limbs, by your dread crucifixion, by the upraising of your cross:

O Jesus, deliver us.

By the anguish which you suffered, by the insults which you endured, by your prayers and tears:

O Jesus, deliver us.

By the shedding of your most precious blood, by your patience and humility, by the love with which you love us to the end:

O Jesus, deliver us.

We sinners plead for you to hear us:

O most loving Jesus.

That being dead unto sin, we may live unto righteousness; that we may not glory, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; that we may take our cross daily and follow you:

We plead for you to hear us, O Christ.

That your blood may cleanse us from dead works to serve the living God; that seeing your example, we may follow your steps; that being partakers of your suffering, we may also partake of your glory:

We plead for you to hear us, O Christ.

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

Have mercy on us.

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

Have mercy on us.

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

Grant us your peace.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

Because by your cross and passion you have redeemed the world.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*During the unveiling of the Cross the versicles are sung by the cantor.
The congregation responds singing the refrain "Holy God, holy and mighty..."*

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

Music: Mark Mummert, b. 1965
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Behold the wood of the cross, where on was hung the Savior of the World. Oh, my people what have I done to you? Or wherein have I wearied you? Answer me.

REFRAIN

Because I brought you out of the land of Egypt, you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

REFRAIN

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Because I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna, and brought you into a land exceedingly good, you have prepared a| cross for your Savior.

REFRAIN

What more could I do for you that I have not done? I planted you my choicest vine, and you have become exceedingly bitter unto me. For when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink mingled with gall, and have pierced with a spear the | side of

REFRAIN

We venerate your Cross O lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection: for by Virtue of the Cross joy| has come to the whole world.

REFRAIN

After the minister leaves the chancel all may revere the cross and depart in silence.

*The Paschal Triduum continues tomorrow
with the celebration of the Vigil of Easter at 7:00 p.m.*

This is the most important liturgy in the church year.

It will bring us through death to new life with our Lord.

The Easter Vigil begins outside at the Garden of Memory at 7:00 PM.

