

Good Friday Worship



March 29, 2024
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
8618 Church Hill Drive
Lohman, Missouri

Please gather in silence

Announcement for the forgiveness of our sins and transgressions.

† Prayer

All: O God, we come this evening to remember the Passion of Christ your Son, our Lord, who bore our sins on the cross, giving us eternal life. As we gather to remember his suffering may our lives know his light and love in this age and the age to come where he lives with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. AMEN

Gathering Song:

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And Also with You**

† 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**

WORD

The first lesson is a reading from Isaiah, chapters 52 and 53

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— so 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.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He 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. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But 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. All 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. He 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. By 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. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

Psalm 22 (Read Responsively)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

"Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him."

I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the

dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

The 2nd lesson is a reading from Hebrews, chapter 10

After the Holy Spirit says, "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," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let 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. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.

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

Gospel Acclamation [Read by all]

C: Look to Jesus, who for your sake endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Gospel according to John the 19th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord

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C: Praise to you O Christ

At this time please bring your papers forward and place them at the foot of the Cross.

Sermon {Seven Words}:

Pastor David Viles

SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS

'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'

1ST Reading: Luke 23:33-34

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

Verse 1 Hymn #349

'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

2ND Reading: Luke 23:39-43

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

Verse 2 Hymn #349

'Woman, behold your son. Behold your mother.'

3RD Reading: John 19:25-27

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

Verse 3 Hymn #349

'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?'

4TH Reading: Mark 15:33-34

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

Verse 4 Hymn #349

'I am thirsty.'

5TH Reading: John 19:28

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

Verse 5 Hymn #349

Ah, Holy Jesus

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1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

'It is... finished.'

6TH Reading: John 19:29-30a

Hymn: Were You There

Verse 1 Hymn #353


'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.'

7TH Reading: Luke 23:46


Hymn: Were You There

Verse 2 Hymn #353

Were You There **353**




1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

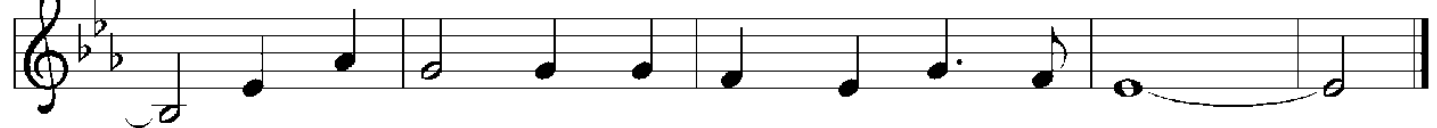


Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual



**This ends the service...Please depart in silence and reflection.
Hot Cross Buns will be served after worship.
Please gather downstairs.**



Church Schedule

Sunrise Community Service March 31 at 6:30 am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday Service March 31 at 9:00 am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Tonight's offering envelope will go to the Mid Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Center

Presiding Minister

Organist

Audio / Video Tech

Pastor David Viles

Zola Finch

Dan Tschirgi

'Father, forgive me, for I do not know what I am doing.'

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23

Some sins are hard to believe they can be forgiven and they torment us in remembering them throughout our lives.

Write your sin or sins below, fold this paper once or twice and bring them to the Cross of Christ in front of the Altar.

This is between you and God, no one will read it, not even Pastor David.

You may simply make a mark or a letter if you feel more comfortable.

At the end of this service, these will be lifted to Christ for forgiveness and then destroyed in a shredder before you leave the Sanctuary.
