

Good Friday
April 18, 2025



Our Saviour Lutheran Church
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Silent Meditation

Silent Procession

*** 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, now and forever. **Amen.**

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Why are you so far away from helping me,

so far away from the words of my groaning?

**My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer—
also at night, but I find no rest.**

Yet, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Our ancestors trusted you. They trusted, and you rescued them.

They cried to you and were saved.

They trusted you and were never disappointed.

Yet, I am a worm and not a man.

I am scorned by humanity and despised by people.

**All who see me make fun of me. Insults pour from their
mouths.**

They shake their heads and say,

"Put yourself in the Lord's hands. Let the Lord save him!

Let God rescue him since he is pleased with him!"

Indeed, you are the one who brought me out of the womb,
the one who made me feel safe at my mother's breasts.

I was placed in your care from birth.

From my mother's womb you have been my God.

The First Reading

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Psalm 22

Do not be so far away from me. Trouble is near, and there is no one to help.
Many bulls have surrounded me. Strong bulls from Bashan have encircled
me.

**They have opened their mouths to attack me
like ferocious, roaring lions.**

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart is like wax. It has melted within me.

My strength is dried up like pieces of broken pottery.

My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.

You lay me down in the dust of death.

Dogs have surrounded me. A mob has encircled me.

They have pierced my hands and feet. I can count all my bones.

People stare. They gloat over me.

They divide my clothes among themselves.

They throw dice for my clothing.

Do not be so far away, O Lord. Come quickly to help me, O my strength.

Rescue my soul from the sword, my life from vicious dogs.

**Save me from the mouth of the lion and from the horns of wild
oxen.**

The Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:16 – 25

Psalm 22

You have answered me. I will tell my people about your name.

I will praise you within the congregation.

All who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you descendants of Jacob, glorify him!

Stand in awe of him, all you descendants of Israel.

The Lord has not despised or been disgusted with the plight of the
oppressed one.

He has not hidden his face from that person.

The Lord heard when that oppressed person cried out to him for help.

**My praise comes from you while I am among those assembled
for worship.**

**I will fulfill my vows in the presence of those who fear the
Lord.**

Oppressed people will eat until they are full.

Those who look to the Lord will praise him. May you live forever.

All the ends of the earth will remember and return to the Lord.

**All the families from all the nations will worship you
because the kingdom belongs to the Lord and he rules the
nations.**

All prosperous people on earth will eat and worship.

All those who go down to the dust will kneel in front of him,

even those who are barely alive.

There will be descendants who serve him, a generation that will be told
about the Lord.

**They will tell people yet to be born about his righteousness—
that he has finished it.**

The Gospel

John 19:16 – 27

Meditation

*The Confession of the Cross

I, if I be lifted up

will draw all people unto me.

O Living Word, by our sin we have silenced you. Lord Jesus Christ,
by our sin...

By our unkindness, (Pause after each petition)

By our angers,

By our jealousies,

By our hatred

....we have slain you.

O Living Word, by our sin we have silenced you. Lord Jesus Christ,
by our sin...

By our possessiveness,

By our greed,

By our covetousness,

By our lust

....we have slain you.

O Living Word, by our sin we have silenced you. Lord Jesus Christ,
by our sin...

By our doubts,

By our timidity,

By our fears,

By our suspicions

...we have slain you.

O Living Word, by our sin we have silenced you. Lord Jesus Christ,
by our sin...

By our complacency,

By our smugness,

By our indifference,

By our self-centeredness

....we have slain you.

Bidding Prayer

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the world, the church and for all
people according to their needs.

Silent prayer.

Redeeming God, we cry out to you for the suffering of the world. **Amen.**

Silent prayer.

We pray for the church, both near and far, that we may always be on the
side of the oppressed and not the oppressors. **Amen.**

Silent prayer.

We pray for the gift of faith, that we may put our trust in you, even in times
of suffering. **Amen.**

We pray for those who suffer, that they may feel your presence with them.
Amen.

Silent prayer.

We pray for the earth, too often crucified by our folly and selfishness. **Amen.**

Silent prayer.

We pray for the Mary Magdalenes and the Joseph of Arimatheas of this
world who care for those who struggle and for those who are dying, that,
through us, you may strengthen them in their service. **Amen.**

Silent prayer.

We pray for all families and all nations of the earth, that they shall remember
and turn toward you, and find peace. **Amen.**

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage
to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any
trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We
ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us
ask, saying

**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.**

Gospel

John 19:28 – 30

The Strepitus

The Tenebrae – The Solemn Reproaches

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you?

How have I offended you? Answer me.

I led you out of slavery into freedom,

and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

(The first candle is extinguished)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have I done for you? Answer me.

Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way;

I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

(The second candle is extinguished)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have I done for you? Answer me.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire,

but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;

I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

(The third candle is extinguished)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have I done for you? Answer me.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit;

I made you branches of the vine and never left your side,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

(The fourth candle is extinguished)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have I done for you? Answer me.

I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; by the light of the Holy Spirit

I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, I guided you ,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

(The fifth candle is extinguished)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have I done for you? Answer me.

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;

but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;

I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

(The sixth candle is extinguished)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have I done for you? Answer me.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed;

I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name,

and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

(The seventh candle is extinguished)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have I done for you? Answer me.

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land,

but you opened my side with a spear;

I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

(The eighth candle is extinguished)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have I done for you? Answer me.

I lifted you up the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross;

I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

(The ninth candle is extinguished)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have I done for you? Answer me.

I grafted you into my people Israel,

but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,

and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

(The tenth candle is extinguished)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have I done for you? Answer me.

I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters,

but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink,

a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

(The eleventh candle is extinguished)

Silent Meditation

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Silent prayer.

Hymn Were You There

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*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

*If we have died with him, we shall also live with him.

If we endure, we shall also reign with him.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, we pray to set your passion, cross and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your Holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Silent Recession

