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Missouri Synod



*For God so loved
the world that he
gave his one and
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, NIV

Good Friday: Tenebrae Vespers

April 15, 2022

8:00 pm

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AS WE GATHER

JOHN, THE GOSPEL WRITER

Our journey to follow Christ through witnesses to Christ arrives now at the cross. Tonight, we view Christ on the cross through the author's eyes—John, Apostle and Evangelist, the beloved disciple, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of James. By John's witness, we view Jesus beaten and bloodied. We hear His words of forgiveness and fulfillment. We see Him shedding His blood for the life of the world. As we sing and pray and sit in silence this evening, we ponder Christ's love for us. We marvel at His gifts of forgiveness and salvation, for we have been clothed with the blood of Christ.

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⁷All who see Me | mock Me;*
they make mouths at Me; they | wag their heads;

**⁸“He trusts in the LORD; let Him de- | liver Him;*
let Him rescue Him, for He de- | lights in Him!”**

⁹Yet You are He who took Me | from the womb;*
You made Me trust You at My | mother’s breasts.

**¹⁰On You was I cast | from My birth,*
and from My mother’s womb You have | been My God.**

¹¹Be not far from Me, for trouble | is near,*
and there is | none to help.

**¹²Many bulls en- | compass Me;*
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round Me;**

¹³they open wide their | mouths at Me,*
like a ravening and roaring | lion.

**¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all My bones are | out of joint;*
My heart is like wax; it is melted with- | in My breast;**

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks | to My jaws;*
You lay Me in the | dust of death.

**¹⁶For dogs en- | compass Me;*
a company of evildoers encircles Me; they have pierced My | hands and feet—**

¹⁷I can count | all My bones—*
they stare and gloat | over Me;

**¹⁸they divide My garments a- | mong them,*
and for My clothing they | cast lots.**

¹⁹But You, O LORD, do not be | far off!*
O You My help, come quickly | to My aid!

**²⁰Deliver My soul | from the sword,*
My precious life from the power | of the dog!**

²¹Save Me from the mouth of the | lion!*
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

**²²I will tell of Your name to My | brothers;*
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise You:**

²³You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify Him,*
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of | Israel!

**²⁴For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,
and He has not hidden His | face from Him,*
but has heard, when He | cried to Him.**

²⁵From You comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;*
my vows I will perform before those who | fear Him.

²⁶**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall | praise the Lord!***
May your hearts live for- | ever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,*
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.

²⁸**For kingship belongs | to the LORD,***
and He rules over the | nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;*
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.

³⁰**Posterity shall | serve Him;***
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*
that He has | done it.

¹⁹**But You, O LORD, do not be | far off!***
O You My help, come quickly | to My aid!

The first candle is extinguished.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

HYMN – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (vs. 1-3)

*Choir: 1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.*

2. How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now languish
That once was bright as morn!

Grim death, with cruel rigor,
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor,
Thy strength, in this sad strife.

3. What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
And grant to me Thy grace.

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

READING - John 18:1–40

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am He.” Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So He asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸Jesus answered, “I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go.” ⁹This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: “Of those whom You gave me I have lost not one.” ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?”

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. ¹³First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” ¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said.” ²²When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how You answer the high priest?” ²³Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?” ²⁴Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of His disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

²⁸Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” ³⁰They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you.” ³¹Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and judge Him by

your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” ³²This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷Then Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” ³⁸Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in Him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” ⁴⁰They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

The second candle is extinguished.

HYMN – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (vs. 4-7)

4. My Shepherd, now receive me;
My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me,
O Source of gifts divine.
Thy lips have often fed me
With words of truth and love;
Thy Spirit oft hath led me
To heav'nly joys above.

5. What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

6. My Savior, be Thou near me
When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own!

7. Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.



READING – John 19:1-42

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. ³They came up to Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck Him with their hands.

⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.” ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.” ⁷The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God.” ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to Him, “You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?” ¹¹Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin.”

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” ¹⁵They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” ¹⁶So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²²Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things. ²⁵But standing by 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 nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

HYMN – LSB 438 – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, You sent Your Son into a world that was lost in sin in order that He might be the only way of salvation. Having opened Your heart toward us in the death of Your only Son, now open our hearts toward You, that we may praise You for this holy mystery and follow Your Son, our Savior, in the way of the cross that leads to everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The final candle is extinguished.

HYMN (Choir) – Lamb of God, Most Holy (arr. F. Melius Christiansen)

*Lamb of God, most holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient, meek, and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu! O Jesu!*

*After time of **silent prayer**, please depart in **silence**.*



Thank you to the Senior Choir for their musical leadership throughout this service.



Easter Vigil – April 16

8 pm at University Lutheran

Easter Sunday – April 17

8 & 10:30 am Festival Worship (*Holy Comm.* & special music)

5 pm Worship with Holy Communion

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