

The Distribution

There are no distribution hymns as the Lord's Supper is celebrated in silence on this Solemn and Holy Day. After you have received the Blessed Sacrament, you may make the sign of the ✠ cross and return to your pew. The dismissal (blessing) will be spoken after all have received.

The Dismissal

P Now this Holy and Precious True Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Stand

The Concluding Collect

P Let us pray: We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the Passion and Death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

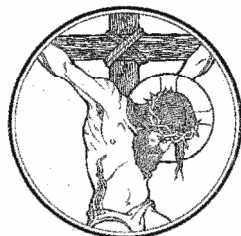
C Amen.

Closing Hymn: 455 "The Royal Banners Forward Go"

You may remain as long as you like to prayerfully meditate upon our Lord's Holy Passion. When you depart, please do so in silence.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Offerings: For any who wish to leave an offering, you may do so by placing it in the offering plate by the door as you depart.



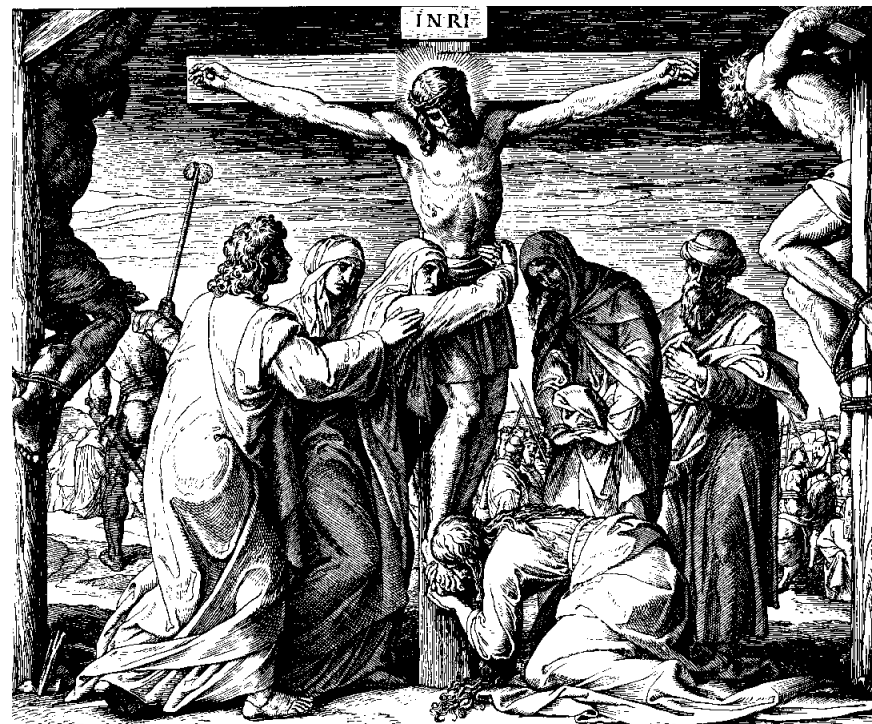
UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

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| Today | 3:00 p.m. | Short Devotion at the Sacred Hour |
| Tonight | 7:30 p.m. | Good Friday Office of Tenebrae |
| Tomorrow | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Saturday Divine Service |
| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord |

Good Friday

Sacred Noontday Service

21 March ✠ Domini 2008 ~ 12:00 p.m.



"He Was Pierced for Our Transgressions!"

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Good Friday Sacred Noonday Service

21 March Anno † Domini 2008



Welcome

Welcome to the Lord's House for Divine Service on this Most Sacred of days. Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ. It is a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. In keeping with this character, music is kept to a minimum, though not silenced. Elaborate words of praise and various parts of the Divine Liturgy are omitted. The altar, which was stripped bare last night, remains free of ornamental beauty and is adorned in black to remind us of our sin for which our Lord was crucified and to symbolize the darkness which fell over the land beginning at noon and lasting until three o'clock on that Sacred Day long ago. It goes without saying that silence should be observed before and after the Service to allow all to prayerfully meditate upon the Passion of Our Lord.

With the exception of the hymns and the Litany, the entire Service is printed out in the bulletin for your convenience. During this Sacred Time, we shall focus on the "Seven Words of Christ" from the Cross. A short homily on each of these Words shall take the place of the sermon.

Since this Sacred Day is observed in the spirit of restrained praise in thanks for the redemption Christ won on the cross, the Distribution of the Fruits of His Death in the Sacrament of His true Body and Blood is quite an appropriate way to proclaim and remember Him. Thus, the Blessed Sacrament shall be celebrated during our Service today.

At the conclusion of the Service, any who wish may remain as long as they like to continue to prayerfully meditate upon our Lord's Passion. The church will remain opened until 3:00 p.m., at which time there will be a short devotion to commemorate the hour in which our Lord gave up His Spirit.

The Lord be with us in Divine Service on this Most Holy of Days.

The Service of the Sacrament

(Communicants at our altar are to be in full confessional fellowship with the LCMS)

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Be seated

Hymn: 452 “O Perfect Life of Love”

Stand and face the Cross in the rear of the nave

The Procession of the Sacred Cross

From the rear of the nave:

P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

C **O come, let us worship Him.**

Hymn: 434 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (stanza 1)

From the center of the nave:

P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

C **O come, let us worship Him.**

Hymn: 434 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (stanza 2)

From the front of the nave:

P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

C **O come, let us worship Him.**

Hymn: 434 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (stanza 3)

From the altar:

P Let us give thanks for the Sacrifice of the Lamb of God which has taken our sins away, and for the Fruits of that Sacrifice which we receive from this sacred altar:

C **We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your Holy Name. For, behold, by the Blood which poured forth from Your Holy and Innocent Body on the Cross, we have been redeemed. We give You thanks, O Lamb of God, that You invite us to Your Holy Table to receive the Fruits of the Sacrifice You made on our behalf. Make us ready to receive Your Most Holy Body and Blood and grant us grateful hearts for the forgiveness, life and salvation You give to us in this Blessed Sacrament. In Your Holy Name. Amen.**

Be seated

Hymn: 454 “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” (stanzas 1-4)

The Congregation assembles in Silence

The Service of Preparation

The Ringing of the Somber Bells

The Somber Bells, which set the tone for our Service, will ring six times symbolizing the six hours our Lord hung upon the Cross. At the conclusion of the sixth ring, all stand for the Collect of the Day.

The Collect of the Day

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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Be seated.

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ^{53:1}Who has believed what they heard from us? 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his

soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Responsive Collect

P Let us pray: Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Be seated

The Epistle

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Responsive Collect

P Let us pray: 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 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.

Be seated

Hymn of Preparation: 453 "Upon the Cross Extended"

The Seven Words of Christ from the Cross

The First Word: Luke 23:34a

³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Homily: "Forgiven!"

Hymn: 447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (stanzas 1-3)

The Second Word: Luke 23:43

⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Homily: "Paradise!"

Hymn: 447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (stanzas 4-6)

The Third Word: John 19:26-27

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.

Homily: "Loved!"

Hymn: 447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (stanzas 7-9)

The Fourth Word: Matthew 27:46

⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Homily: "Not Forsaken!"

Hymn: 447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (stanzas 10-12)

The Fifth Word: John 19:28

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

Homily: "Quenched!"

Hymn: 447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (stanzas 13-15)

The Sixth Word: John 19:30

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Homily: "Finished!"

Hymn: 447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (stanzas 16-18)

The Seventh Word: Luke 23:46

⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

Homily: "Death of Death!"

Hymn: 447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (stanzas 19-21)

Stand