

Good Friday

April 3rd, 2026

7:00 p.m. In-person and Livestream Worship



Atonement Lutheran Church

Invite • Prepare • Go into the World

1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

Welcome to worship this evening as we continue the journey through the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. At the heart of this service is the passion reading according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. We celebrate Christ's life-giving passion, and honor the cross as the sign of forgiveness, healing and salvation.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of God the Father, † God's Crucified Son, our Savior, and God's Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us enter into this day, which marks Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, with honest hearts, confessing our sin before God.

Silence for reflection

Holy God,

Sure of your faithfulness even in death, comforted by your compassion toward all people in every age, we ask your mercy for our sinfulness. Forgive our failings, our thoughtless words, our selfish actions. Heal what we have broken, soften our stubborn hearts, nurture what we have neglected; and lead us back to a life of faithful discipleship to your will and your ways. Amen.

God in Christ has come to you, humble, in the form of a slave, to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus' obedient suffering has released you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the One who is lifted up on the cross; Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***HYMN**

Go To Dark Gethsemane

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**Please Stand As You Are Able*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

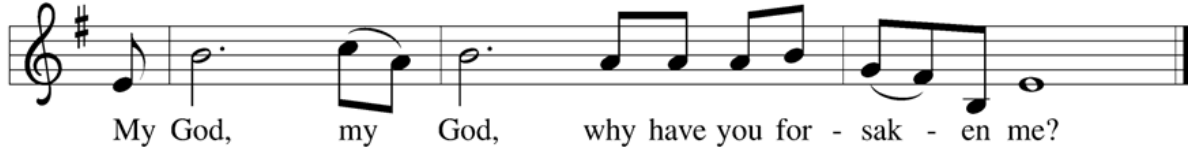
look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

I

PSALM 22:1-19

The congregation is invited to sing the Refrain and verses in **bold** type.

Refrain



Tone



¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.

³**Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

⁴**Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.**

Refrain

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.

**⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.**

**⁸“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”**

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

**¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.**

**¹²Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

Refrain

¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

**¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.**

**¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.**

¹⁷I can count all my bones
while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.

**¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.**

Refrain

REFLECTION

*The reflections for this service are adapted from
The Seven Last Words of Christ, by Judith Mattison*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

II

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

A reading from Hebrews

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

^{5:7}In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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

REFLECTION

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

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III

READING *Isaiah 53:1-6*

A reading from Isaiah

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.

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

REFLECTION

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

IV

READING *John 19:16b-30*

A reading from the Passion according to St. John

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, '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 clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier.

They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near 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 beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silence for Reflection

REFLECTION

HYMN

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

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V

READING

John 19:31-37

A reading from the Passion according to St. John

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

REFLECTION

(Please Stand)

*HYMN

Were You There?

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VI

*READING

John 19:38-42

A reading from the Passion according to St. John

³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews.

⁴¹Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Passion of our Lord.

Silence for Reflection

REFLECTION

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

VII

PRAYERS

Redeeming God, we cry out to you for the needs and suffering of the world. Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers we offer, O God, in the name of the One now exalted and lifted up, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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.

***HYMN**

Holy God, Holy and Glorious

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***ACCLAMATION AT THE CROSS**

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.
We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.


Now our Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. Now the promise is fulfilled.
Now love's redeeming work is done.

POSTLUDE

Elegy

-M. Archer

***The congregation is invited to remain for the postlude;
followed by silent meditation.***



*Offering gifts are gratefully received
in the plates located near the sanctuary doors as you exit.*

THANK YOU

We offer our appreciation to our guest musician
Madison Warren, French horn, for her presence with us this evening.

*The Carol and John Condemi Gift of Music fund has generously provided
for her participation in this worship service.*



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EASTER DAY

Festival Service of Holy Communion
Sunday, April 5th at 9:30am

- Guest Musicians
- Sending Hymn: “*Hallelujah Chorus*” – G.F. Handel
(The congregation is invited to sing this glorious choral work along with our choir at the end of worship. Music provided!)

EASTER BRUNCH

Sunday, April 5th following worship in Reissig Hall
All are invited!

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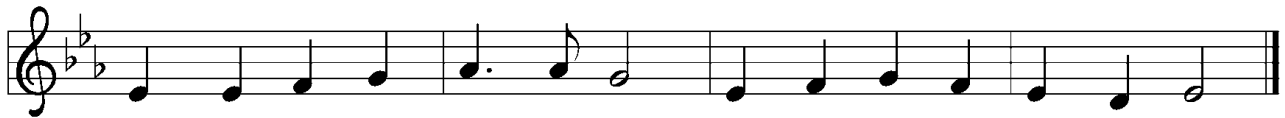
Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;

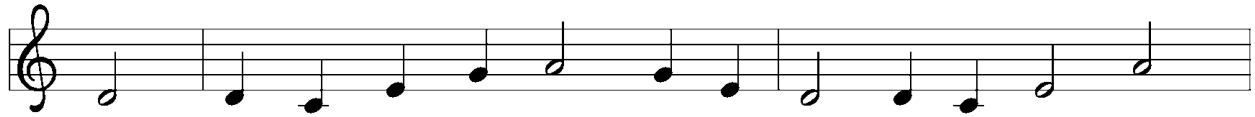


your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art 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 thy face now 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.

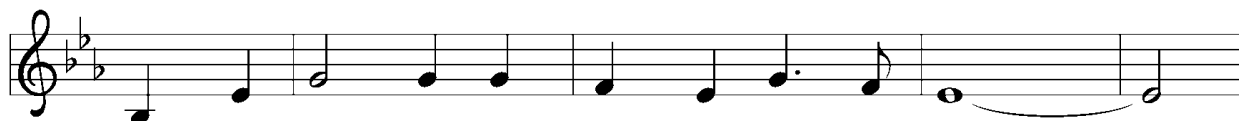


O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



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 all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Were You There

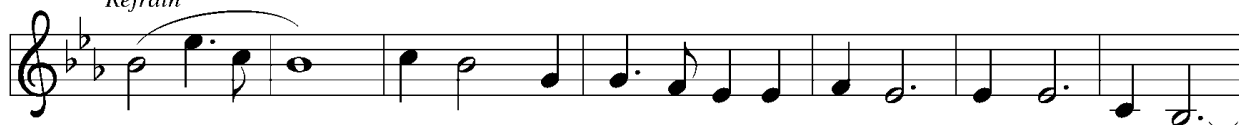


- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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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?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Holy God, Holy and Glorious



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,
2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,
4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,
5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;
wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:
life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.
scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.
God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.
dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

*"...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."*

Isaiah 53:5



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