

*Good Friday*

# TRE-ORE

April 18, 2025

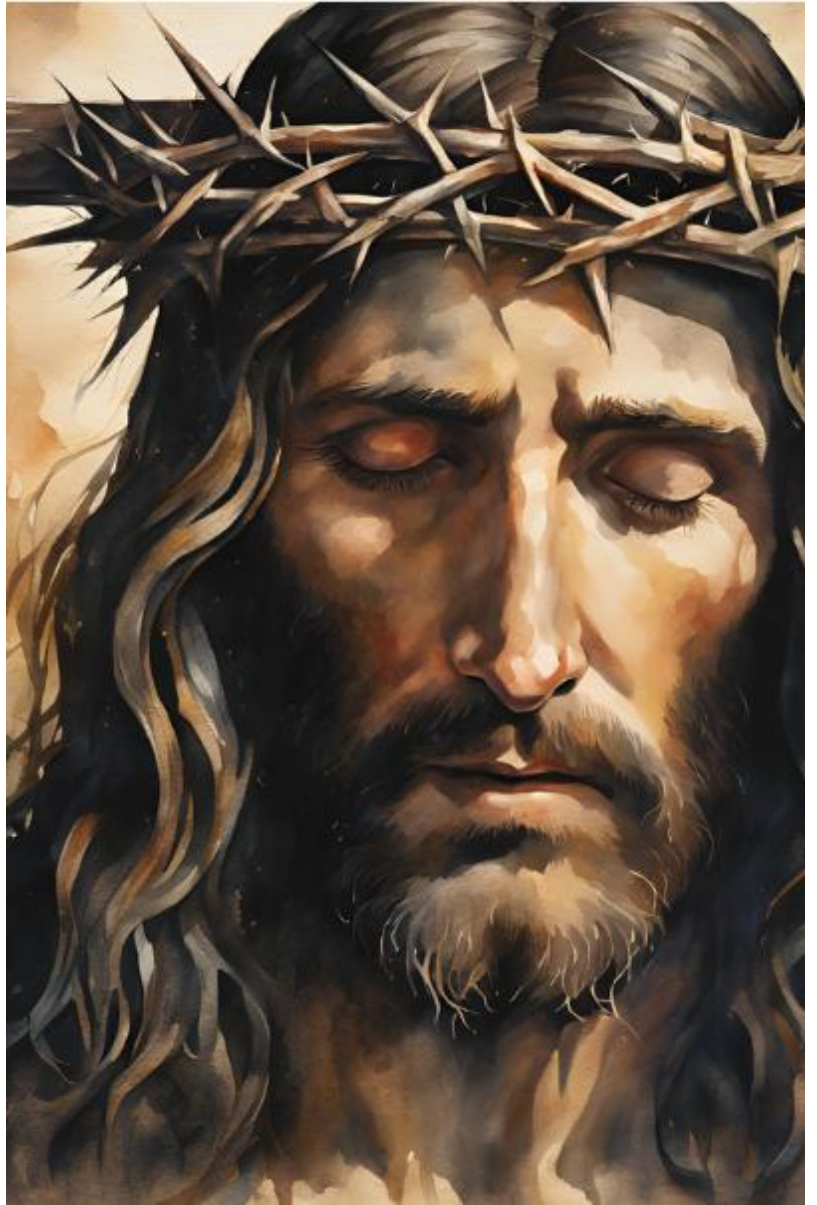


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# Historic Trinity

## Lutheran Church

April 18, 2025

### The Good Friday Downtown Tre-Ore

## 12pm Service

### PRELUDE

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

*Robert Below*

### OPENING HYMN

"Were You There?"

LSB 456 v. 1-3



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you  
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...  
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
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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 laid Him in the tomb?

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## PROPHECY OF THE SUFFERING AND DEATH OF OUR LORD

*from Isaiah 53*

Pastor: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**People: He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.**

Pastor: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire him.

**People: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.**

Pastor: Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**People: Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.**

### VERSE

LSB 451 v. 1

♪ **Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.**

Pastor: He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;

**People: the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.**

Pastor: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;

**People: and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

Pastor: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth;

**People: He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.**

Pastor: He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death,

**People: though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.**

### VERSE

LSB 451 v. 2

♪ **Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?  
Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;  
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.**

Pastor: After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
People: **by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities.**  
Pastor: Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.  
People: **For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

**VERSE**

LSB 451 v. 4

♪ **Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost:  
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.**

**THE COLLECT**

Pastor: Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into 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.  
People: **Amen.**

**THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN Part One**

John 19:1-16

*(Jesus is sentenced to be crucified)*

<sup>1</sup> Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup> Pilate 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." <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup> When 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." <sup>7</sup> The 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." <sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> So 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?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus 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."

<sup>12</sup> From 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." <sup>13</sup> So 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. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup> They 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." <sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

**Pastor:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **SERMON HYMN**

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

LSB 440 v. 1,2,4,6



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.  
6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.  
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure  
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?  
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

### **SERMON**

"A Tale of Two Crosses"

John 19:30

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor  
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

### **GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

*We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.*



## VOLUNTARY

“Alas and Did My Savior Blood”

Robert Buckley Farlee

### THE GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

**Pastor:** How courageously you faced the hour of your betrayal. How you gave, even when you were being taken away to die. To your father, you gave your obedience. To your disciples, you gave a plea for their escape. To your betrayer, you gave a kind word. To your enemy, you gave your healing. To your captures, you gave your own life. Give also to us, Lord, we beg. For we, like Peter, have defended you carelessly. Like Mark, we’ve hidden in the bushes in the moment of truth. Like James, we ran. But if we looked in the recesses of our heart, buried in shame, we will find ourself all too much like Judas, betraying you... even with a kiss.

**People:** **O Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son, Jesus Christ unto death on the cross. Give us grace to know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Strengthen the ministry of Your holy Church that we may winsomely confess the dying love of Christ to all people; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### THE ANTHEM

*The Lutheran Choralaires*

### THE CLOSING HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 449 v. 1, 4



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
4 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
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!  
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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Festival of the Resurrection at 7:30am, 9:00am, or 11:00am on Easter Sunday.*

## **THE INTERLUDE**

"O Sacred Head"

*Johannes Brahms*

# **12:45pm Service**

## **THE OPENING HYMN**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LSB 425 v. 1-3



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?

## **PROPHECY OF THE SUFFERING AND DEATH OF OUR LORD**

*from Psalm 22*

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

**People:** **O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer.**

**Pastor:** But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. All who see me mock me;

**People:** **they hurl insults, shaking their heads:**

**Pastor:** "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.

**People:** **Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."**

**Pastor:** Many bulls surround me... Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

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

## VERSE

LSB 439 v. 1

♪ **O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,  
What dark transgression?**

Pastor: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

**People: My strength is dried up... and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.**

Pastor: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me,

**People: they have pierced my hands and my feet.**

Pastor: I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

**People: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.**

Pastor: But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

**People: Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.**

Pastor: I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.

**People: You who fear the LORD, praise him!**

Pastor: For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one;

**People: he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.**

Pastor: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD,

**People: and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.**

Pastor: They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn-

**People: for he has done it.**

## VERSE

LSB 439 v. 2

♪ **They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;  
They crucify Thee.**

## THE COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Pastor: O God, merciful Father, because You do not despise contrite hearts and have mercy on the sorrowful, graciously hear our prayers in the midst of our troubles and adversities. Frustrate the way of wickedness; guard us from evil angels and sharpen our defenses against the cunning craft of the



Adversary. Increase our faith that we may boldly engage in being Your servants in action and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:**        **Amen.**

## **THE ANTHEM**

*The Lutheran Choralaires*

## **THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN Part Two**

John 19:16-30

<sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup> Many 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. <sup>21</sup> So 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.'" <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

<sup>23</sup> When 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, <sup>24</sup> so 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, <sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.


**Pastor:**        O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:**        **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SERMON HYMN**

"Upon the Cross Extended"

LSB 453 v. 1-2, 4-5



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
 2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will  
 4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils  
 5 Your soul in griefs un - bound - ed, Your head with

Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
 fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.  
 mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.  
 thorns sur - round - ed, You died to ran - som me.

The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
 Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came  
 I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is  
 The cross for me en - dur - ing, The crown for me se -

giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
 flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.  
 cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.  
 cur - ing, You healed my wounds and set me free.

## **THE SERMON**

"The Irony of The Crucifixion"

John 11:45-53

*Rev. Alan Eisinger, Cathedral Pastor  
 Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

## **VOLUNTARY**



"O Sacred Head"

*Pamela Decker*

## **THE GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER**

Pastor: Dear Man of Sorrows, Who, with the weight of your body pulling against those nails and the weight of the world's sin pulling against your soul, You thought more of the sorrows of others than your own. You, Lord, Who was stripped of everything, yet still found so much to give; To your executioners, forgiveness; To a thief, Paradise; To your mother, a son. Even the tortures of a cruel Roman cross couldn't distract you from giving and forgiving. In spite of your suffering, still you cared, still you gave, still you put the needs of others before Your own. Grant us the grace, O Jesus, to see at the cross such a picture of love that we would never forget the depth of your love. Help us never to forget, Lord, that this is where we

need to be... near the cross, beholding our Savior. For this is the fountain where love is most pure. This is where we are cleansed, not only from our sin but from our shallowness. This is where we are closest to You. For this is where love is. And this is where we need to be.

**People:** **O Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** Open our eyes, Lord, the shadow of Your Son's cross surrounds all our world. Stir our souls, Lord, that we may pursue with renewed strength the paths You have laid for us. Lead us, Lord, that when our last hour comes, we may be commended into Your loving hands.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **THE CLOSING HYMN**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 449 v. 2-3



2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fer'd Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,



Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?



Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,



Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

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### **THE INTERLUDE**

"O Sacred Head"

*Josef Rheinberger*

**1:30pm Service**

## THE ANTHEM

*The Lutheran Choralaires*

### OPENING HYMN

"Drawn to the Cross"

LSB 560

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so  
gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
busied, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might  
life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

### THE COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.

**People: Amen.**

### EPISTLE

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

*(The writer reminds us that in death, Jesus became the source of eternal salvation for us all.)*

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need...

<sup>7</sup>During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered <sup>9</sup>and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

**Pastor:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **VERSE**

#### **"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"**

LSB 437 v. 1-2

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!

### **THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN** *Part Three*

John 19:28-42

<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

#### **Jesus' Side Is Pierced**

<sup>31</sup> Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup> He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup> For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." <sup>37</sup> And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

<sup>38</sup> After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

**Pastor:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### THE SERMON HYMN

“Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain”

LSB 435 v. 1-3



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -

by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,

Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain

pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.

### THE SERMON

“Stick to the Plan”

Luke 23:34

*Rev. Ronald Guettler, Cathedral Pastor  
 Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

### VOLUNTARY



“Come, Sweet Death”

*J. S. Bach*

### THE BIDDING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G Amen.**

**A** Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G Amen.**

**A** Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

**P** Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G Amen.**

**A** Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

**P** O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Donald Trump, our President; Gretchen Whitmer, our Governor; the House and Senate; the governments of this nation; and all who have authority over us; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G Amen.**

- A** Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

- A** Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

- A** Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

- A** Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are needful for them and profitable for their salvation:
- P** O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**



- A** Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:
- P** O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

- A** Finally, let us pray for all things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:
- 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.**

### **VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

*The Historic Trinity Lenten processional cross is fashioned from the crucifix placed as the altar cross of our 1866 church. This historic cross was made in the 1700's in Oberammergau, Germany and brought to America by immigrants who joined our church during the presidency of Abraham Lincoln.*

*The processional cross is removed from the chancel and taken back through the center aisle. Three times, the crucifer stops.*

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### **THE CLOSING HYMN**

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 450 v. 2, 6

2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!  
 6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;

How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!  
 Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!

Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
 When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,

Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.  
 But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!

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**THE RECESSIONAL** *in silence, following the hymn*



*The omission of the benediction today indicates that our worship is not complete.*

*The story is not yet over. Join us for our celebration of the  
 Festival of the Resurrection at 7:30am, 9:00am, or 11:00am on Easter Sunday.*