

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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THE THREE DAYS – GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025 - 11:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Worship in-person and livestream

Worship begins with silent prayer and meditation. You may sit or kneel.

The Prayer of the Day

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

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Silence for prayer and meditation follows the reading.

Gathering Song **Lamb of God Most Holy** blue book No. 932

The Passion of Jesus Christ **John 18:1-19:42**

You may sit, stand, or kneel during the reading.

Silence for prayer and meditation follows the reading.

Hymn of the Day **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded** red book No. 351

The Bidding Prayer – you may kneel or sit. Each prayer ends ...through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Song *Were You There* Duet

The Procession of the Cross

All are encouraged to look upon the cross. You may stand if you are able.

Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the Saviour of the whole world.

O Come let us worship Christ.

Repeated

Silence for prayer and meditation. You may sit or kneel.

Song **Ah, Holy Jesus** red book No. 349

We Glory in your Cross...

You may stand if you are able.

Song **There in God’s Garden** red book No. 342

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Repeated

Worship ends in silence. You may remain for as long as you wish for prayer and meditation. In adoration, you may kneel, pray, touch the cross, and light a candle.

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister	Dave Chell
Kantor	Nathan McDonald
Musician	Karen Johnson-Lefsrud
Choral Scholars	Abby Corpus, DJ McGrath
Livestream	Craig Knight
Garland	Lynn Jones, Dana McKee
Usher	Don Storch

All are invited to celebrate the joyful fulfillment of these Three Days:

Easter Vigil, April 19 – 7:30 PM PT (in-person only)
Easter Sunrise Worship, April 20 – 7:30 AM PT (Mt. Tolmie, in-person only)
Easter Breakfast, April 20 – 8:30 AM PT (at Church of the Cross)
Easter Sunday Festival, April 20 – 10 AM PT (in-person and online)
Livestream: lutheranvictoria.ca/live

**Good Friday
April 18, 2025**



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Good Friday worship continues the journey through the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. At the heart of worship is the passion reading according to John, which celebrates Christ's victory on the cross. As Jesus draws all people to himself, we pray for the whole world for which Christ died. Finally, we honour the cross as the sign of forgiveness, healing, salvation and new life. With all God's people we are invited to bow before this mystery of faith and adore the cross for what it holds. Christ has died, so that we may live. Our worship continues at the Easter Vigil and Easter morning, looking to the break of the third day, to celebrate the joy of what God has done for all creation through the risen Christ.