



**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
**Good Friday**  
**April 3, 2026 at 7:00pm**

*Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.*

*All gather in silence.*

**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.**

Psalm 22:1-22 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

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

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

<sup>8</sup>**"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him."**

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup>**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup>**Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

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

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

<sup>15</sup>My 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.

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

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

<sup>18</sup>**They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>**Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>**I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

READING: Hebrews 10:16-25

(NT page 214)

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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### THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

*Jesus' Arrest – John 18:1-14*

RESPONSE:

***Go to Dark Gethsemane***

**ELW 347 v. 1, 3**

*Peter's Denial - John 18:15-27*

RESPONSE:

***Ah, Holy Jesus***

**ELW 349, stanzas 1, 5**

*Jesus Before Pilate – John 18:28-40*

RESPONSE

***Were You There***

**by Lloyd Larson**

*Jesus is Sentenced – John 19:1-16a*

RESPONSE:

***"And No Bird Sang"***

**by Douglas E. Wagner**

*The Crucifixion – John 19:16b-30*

SILENT REFLECTION

*The Piercing of Jesus' Side/The Burial of Jesus – John 19:31-42*

SILENT REFLECTION

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

***O Sacred Head Now Wounded***

**ELW 351**

## BIDDING PRAYER

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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 CROSS

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

**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*During this time, all are welcome to approach the cross and make a sign of reverence. Reverencing may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it in prayer, or touching it.*

## WE GLORY IN YOUR CROSS

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. *Silent reflection.*

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

*All depart in silence. If you have not already, you are encouraged to reverence the cross before you depart.*

## **Worship Leaders:**

Ministers: All of you!

Preaching: Pastor Per Halaas

Reading: Dalen Schuller, Kay Marotz, Sarah Marotz

Director of Music Ministry: Kristi MacKay

Assistant Music Director; Darin Tysdal

Music: Trinity Choir, Chapel Ringers