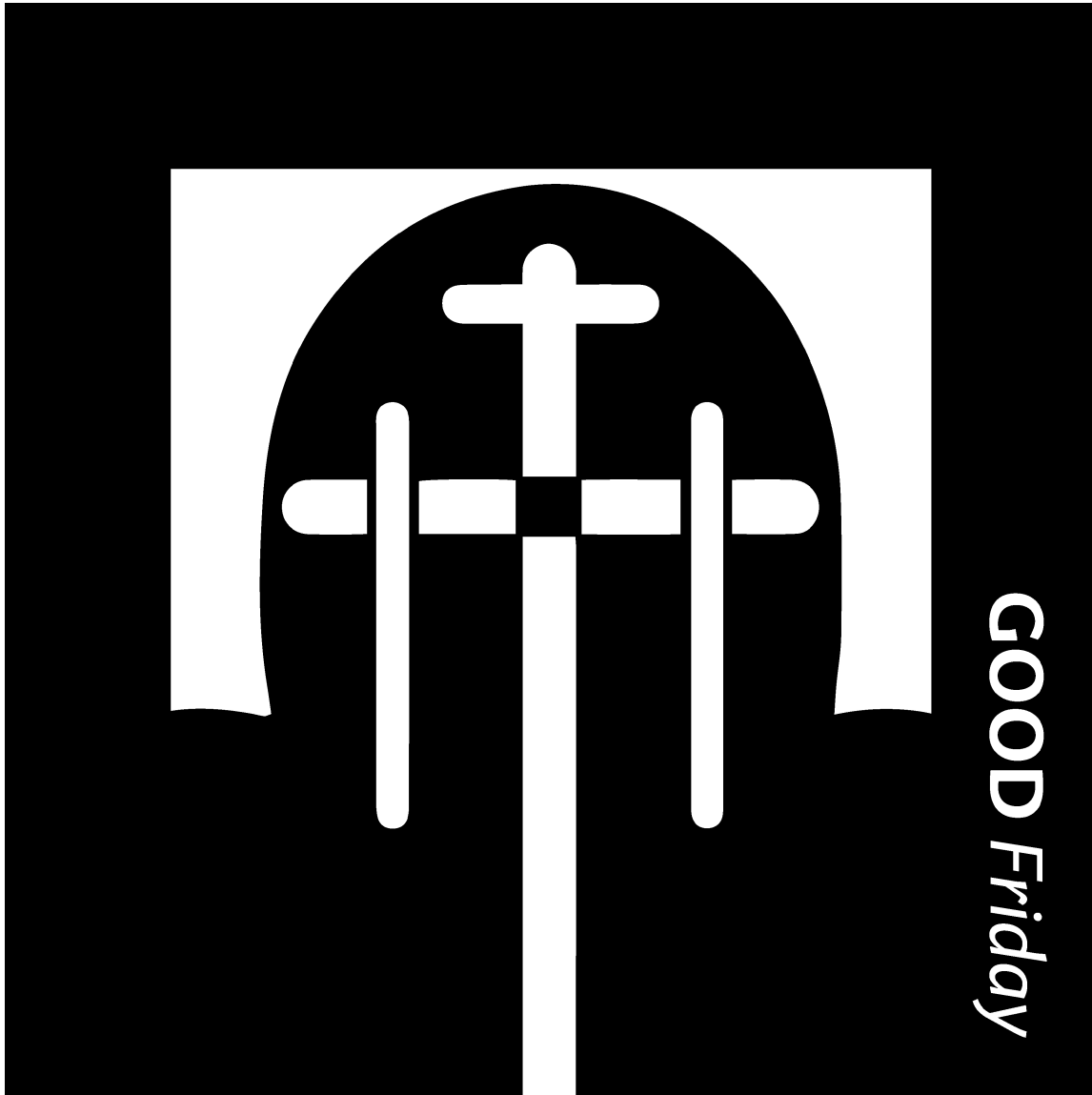


## Good Friday

Friday, March 29, 2024 7:00 p.m.



*"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace,  
for the sake of the World."*

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*Worshippers responses in bold*

*All gather in silence. The people will stand when the Pastor stands to begin worship.*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: Let us pray,

**All: 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.**

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

*Sit*

**First Reading**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him – so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals – so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For 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. He 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.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. 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. All 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.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 10:16-25

[After the Holy Spirit says,] “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Psalm Tone 9



**All:** Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregard- |  
ing its shame,\* and has taken his seat at the right hand of the | throne of God. (Heb. 12:2)

## Gospel Reading

John 18:1--19:42

Pastor Rachel Laughlin

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Watch and listen as the story is told.*

## Hymn

“Sing, My Tongue”  
*vs 1- Pastor, vs 2-All*

No. 355

Pastor: . . .then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

## Hymn

“Sing, My Tongue”  
*vs 3-4 -All*

No. 355

Pastor: . . .this can’t be the end, can it?

*Silence*

## Hymn

“Sing, My Tongue”  
*vs 5-7 -All*

No. 355

*Stand*

## Bidding Prayers

*The assisting minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). A brief silence follows each.*

*The presiding minister leads the prayers that conclude each silence.*

Asst: Let us pray for all those things which our Lord would have us ask.  
... through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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.**

*Sit*

**Solemn Reproaches** (*read by the Presiding Minister and Worship Assistant*)

*After each Solemn Reproach:*

Pastor: ... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

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

**All: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*Stand*

**Closing Hymn**

"Lamb of God"

ELW No. 336

*During or after the hymn, worshipers may come closer to the art of the Passion.  
Use this time to contemplate God's great sacrificial love for you and the whole world.*

All depart in silence after contemplating the art of the Passion.

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### **Tonight's Servers**

Presiding Minister:	Rachel Laughlin
Worship Assistant:	Claudia Lee
Reader:	Marilyn Storch
Ushers:	Kay Kincaid
Sound System:	Jeremy Zimmerman
Video Switcher:	Mark Clyne
Technology Coor:	Mike Whately

*Join us for continuing worship during Holy Week and the celebration of Easter.*

**Easter Vigil**                      *March 30*                      *7:00 PM*

To celebrate Christ's passage from death to life, we gather around strong signs of our faith: new fire in darkness, light spreading from the light of Christ, the great stories of salvation from the Hebrew Scriptures, the water and Word of baptism, and the first resurrection meal.

**Easter Sunday**                      *March 31*                      *8:00 AM and 10:30 AM with enhanced Fellowship*

We continue the celebration of Christ's resurrection with communion and special music.