St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Good Friday

Pastor Erik Sorenson



April 7, 2023

* The congregation assembles in silence.

Service of the Word

Collect of the Day

- P Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 (p. 613, p. 779 LP)

P Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Epistle

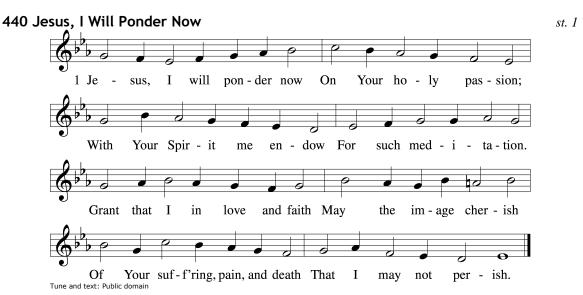
Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 (p. 1003, p. 1278 LP)

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ



P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

John 18:1–11 (p. 904, p. 1150 LP)

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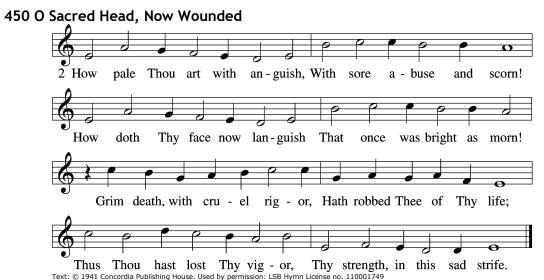
Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter

John 18:12-27

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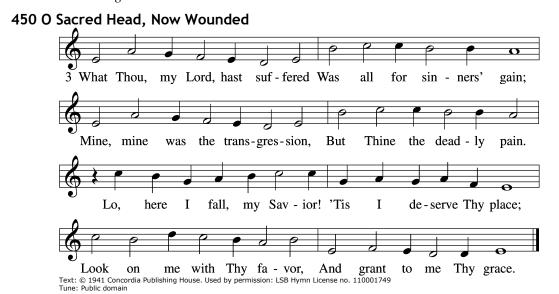
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Jesus Before Pilate John 18:28–40

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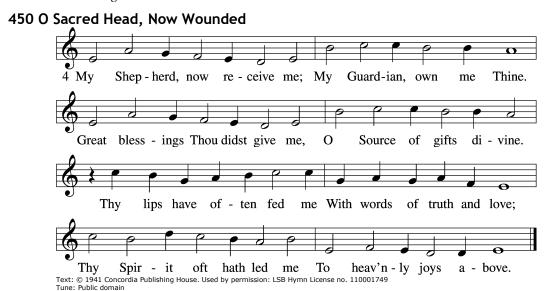
Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion

John 19:1-16

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^{*} Please stand as you are able.

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Jesus' Mother and His Death

John 19:25-30

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* Please be seated.



Jesus' Side is Pierced John 19:31–42

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Sermon Into Death



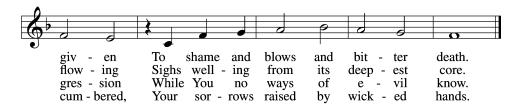
1 Up tend - ed world. the cross See. vour on ex 2 Come. Your will see these things and pon - der, soul 3 Who that bruised You? is it, Lord, Who has so 4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By vils e -



yields His Lord sus - pend ed. Your Sav - ior breath. fill with won der As blood streams from each pore. a bused You And caused You all Your woe? sore mul - ti ply ing As count - less the sands. as



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans - I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



- Your soul in griefs unbounded,
 Your head with thorns surrounded,
 You died to ransom me.
 The cross for me enduring,
 The crown for me securing,
 You healed my wounds and set me free.
- Your cords of love, my Savior,
 Bind me to You forever,
 I am no longer mine.
 To You I gladly tender
 All that my life can render
 And all I have to You resign.
- 7 Your cross I place before me;
 Its saving pow'r restore me,
 Sustain me in the test.
 It will, when life is ending,
 Be guiding and attending
 My way to Your eternal rest.

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Bidding Prayer

In this prayer, the bids, or topics, for prayer are announced, followed by a pause. During this silence, it is appropriate to pray silently for the announced bid. Following the time for silent prayer, a collect will be prayed aloud which gathers all of our prayers together as one.

- 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.
- C Amen.

^{*} Please stand as you are able.

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

C Amen.

- 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:
- 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.

C 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 Joseph, our President; the Congress of the United States; Eric, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

- 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:
- 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.

- 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:
- 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.
- Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:
- 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 those 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;

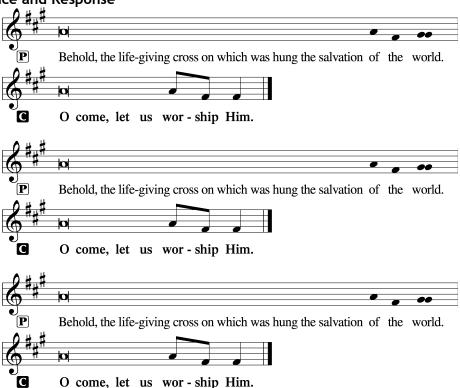
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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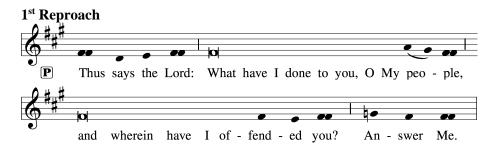


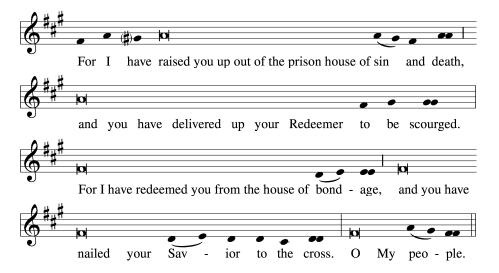


Reproaches

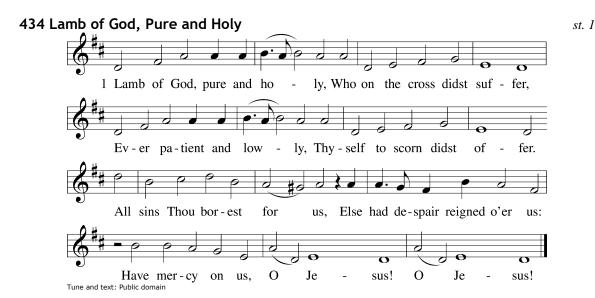
Micah 6:3-4, (Jeremiah 2:6-7), Isaiah 5:2-4

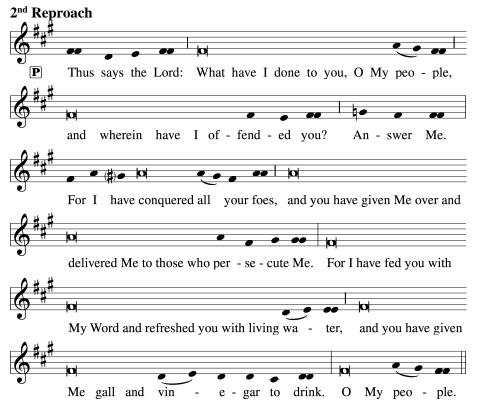
The reproaches are an ancient part of the Good Friday service in the Church. These reproaches are God's Word to us, as we hear at the beginning of each one: 'Thus says the Lord.' These reproaches remind us that we have sinned and offended God, to which we respond with a plea for mercy as we look to the suffering and death of Jesus where He does have mercy on us and forgives us all our sins.



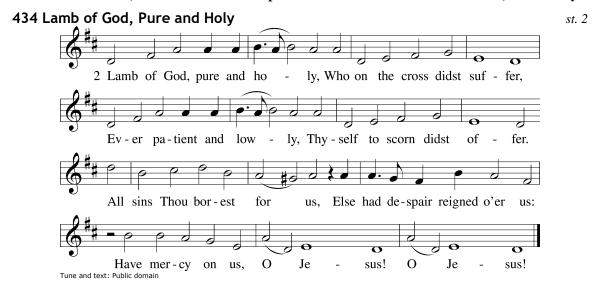


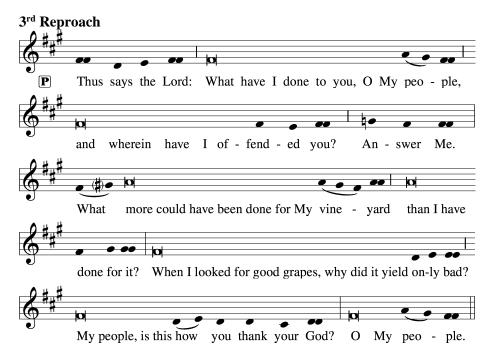
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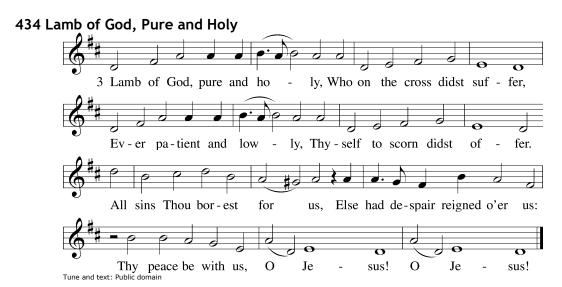
Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.





Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

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Adoration of Christ

We adore You, O Lord,

and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.

For behold, by the wood of Your cross

joy has come into all the world.

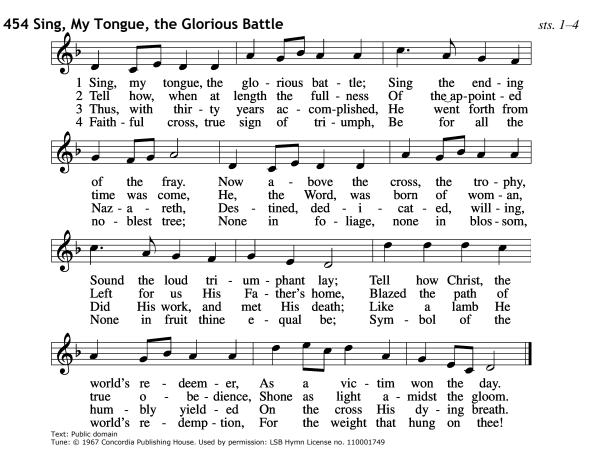
God be merciful to us and bless us,

and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

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Removal of the Paschal Candle

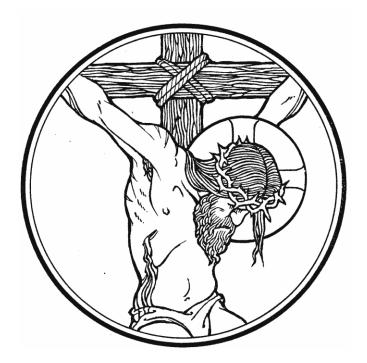
The Christ Candle is removed as a symbol of the death of Christ. It remains removed from the chancel until the Easter Vigil tomorrow, where it will be lit again.

Strepitus

The Strepitus, which means 'great noise,' symbolizes the earthquake and tearing of the temple curtain which occurred when Jesus died as well as the closing of the tomb. Following the Strepitus we quietly pray the Lord's Prayer as we pray for forgiveness and deliverance from evil in the midst of this great darkness.

Lord's Prayer

There is no Benediction, as this service continues tomorrow with the Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM. The congregation departs in silence.



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Holy Week Schedule

April 8 – Easter Vigil (8 PM)

April 9 – Easter Sunrise (6:30 AM) Easter Divine Service (9 AM)