

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

Good Friday

Pastor Erik Sorenson



April 3, 2026

* *The congregation assembles in silence.*

Service of the Word

* *Please stand as you are able.*

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.

* *Please be seated.*

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

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

st. 1

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus, I Will Ponder Now'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: 'I Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion; With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion. Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.'

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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)

1st candle is extinguished.

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 1

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!

Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

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Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter

John 18:12–27

2nd candle is extinguished.

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 2

2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;

Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

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Jesus Before Pilate

John 18:28–40

3rd candle is extinguished.

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 3

3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de-serve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion

John 19:1–16

4th candle is extinguished.

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 4

4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard-ian, own me Thine.
Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.
Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;
Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

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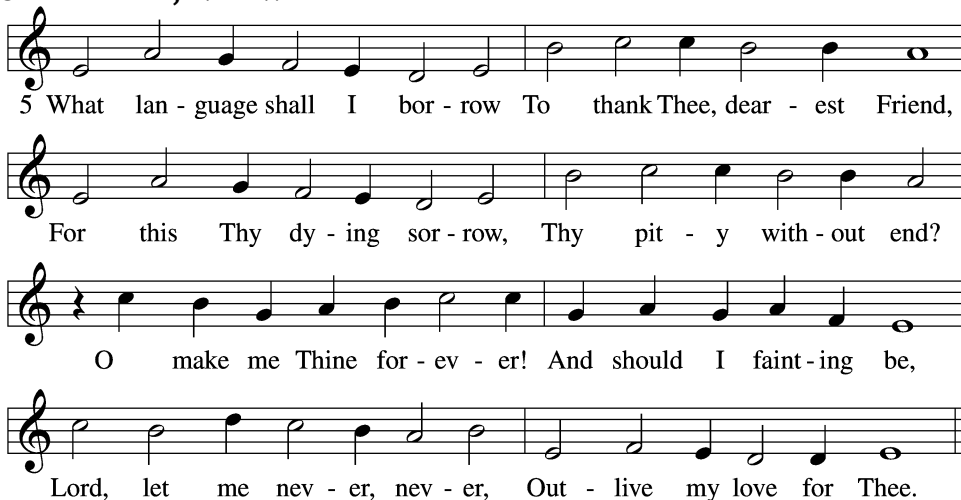
The Crucifixion of Jesus

John 19:16–24

5th candle is extinguished.

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 5



5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

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Jesus' Mother and His Death

John 19:25–30

6th candle is extinguished.

* Please be seated.

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 6



6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;
Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!
When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,
But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!

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Jesus' Side is Pierced

John 19:31-42

7th candle is extinguished.

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

st. 7

7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;
 Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.
 Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,
 My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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Sermon

Bad and Good

453 Upon the Cross Extended

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

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

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



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.
gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.
cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

5 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.

6 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.**

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.

C 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.

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 Donald, our President; the Congress of the United States; Michael, 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.

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 both 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.

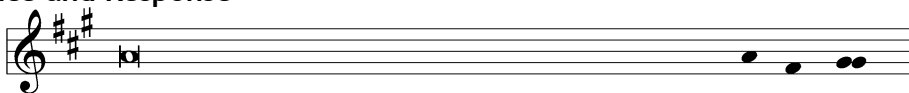
A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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.**

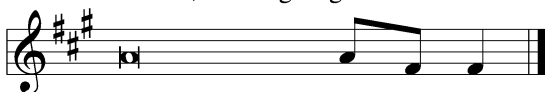
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

** Please be seated.*

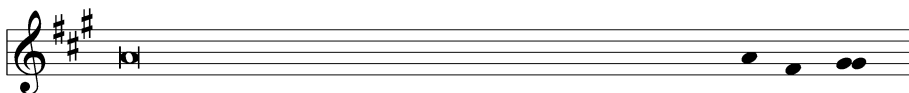
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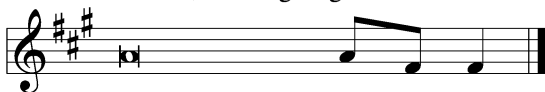
P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.



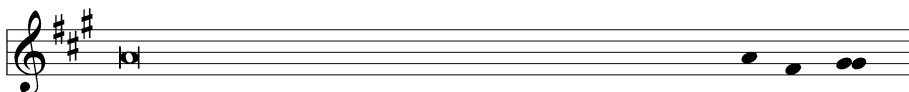
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



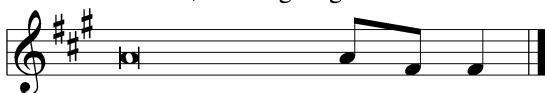
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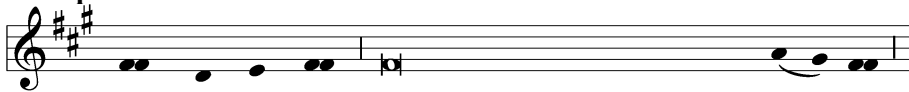
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Reproaches

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.

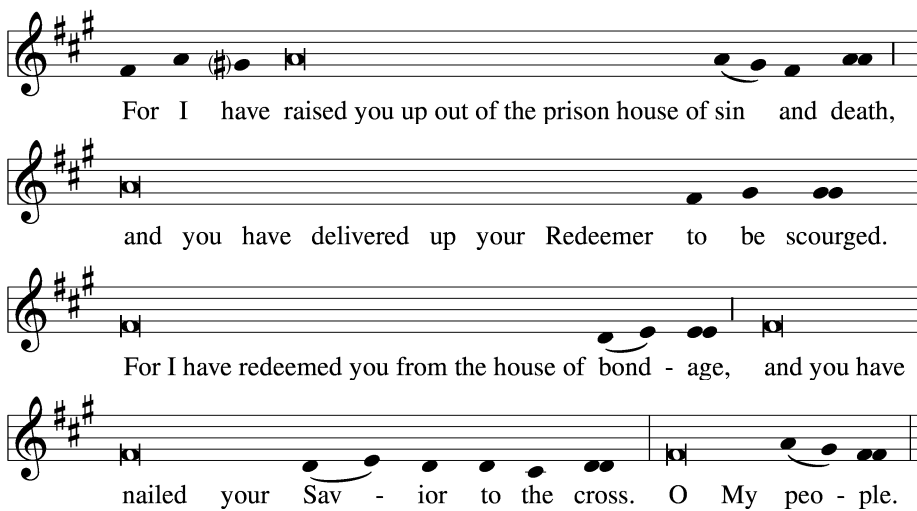
1st Reproach



P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,



and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.

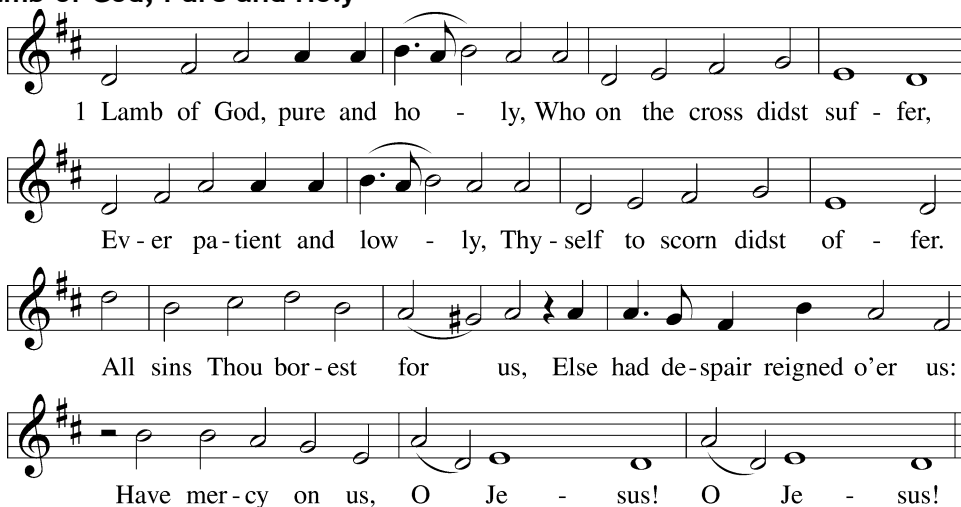


For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death,
and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged.
For I have redeemed you from the house of bond - age, and you have
nailed your Sav - ior to the cross. O My peo - ple.

☐ Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

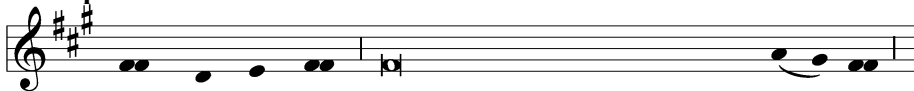
st. 1



Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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2nd Reproach



P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,



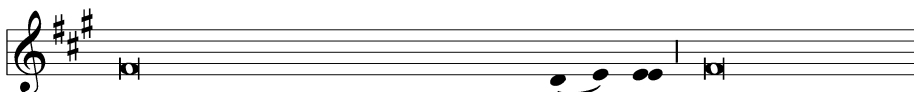
and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.



For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and



delivered Me to those who per - se - cute Me. For I have fed you with



My Word and refreshed you with living wa - ter, and you have given



Me gall and vin - e - gar to drink. O My peo - ple.

C 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.

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

st. 2



2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.

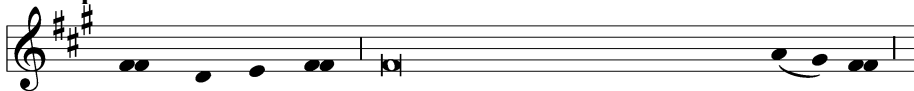


All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

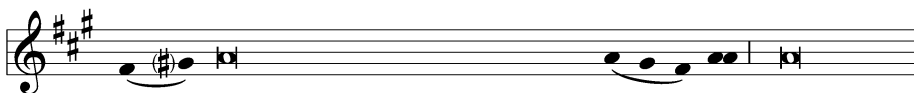
3rd Reproach



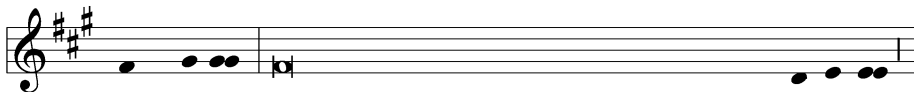
P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,



and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.



What more could have been done for My vine - yard than I have



done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield on-ly bad?



My people, is this how you thank your God? O My peo - ple.

C 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.

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

st. 3



3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Adoration of Christ

C 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.
We adore You, O Lord,
and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.
For behold, by the wood of Your cross
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454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

sts. 1-4



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!

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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.

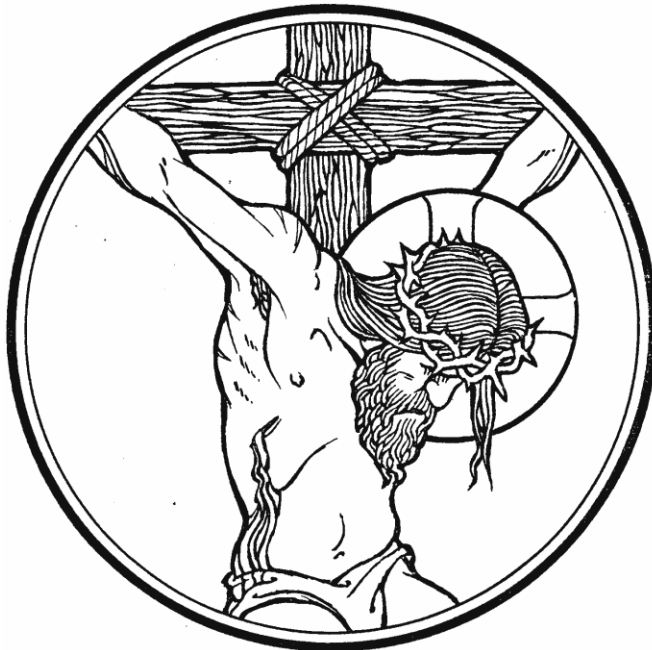
Streptitus

The Streptitus, 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 Streptitus 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 4 – Easter Vigil (8 PM)

April 5 – Easter Sunrise (6:30 AM)

Easter Breakfast (7:15-8:45 AM)

Easter Divine Service (9 AM)

