

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 2, 2021

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

7:00 p.m.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN: *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* ELW #351

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint-ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine,
 mine, mine was the trans-gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee,
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

[R] **FIRST READING:** *John 18:1-11*

- **Greg Potratz**

¹[Jesus] went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” ⁵They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. ⁷Again he asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.” ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.”

¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.¹¹Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Prayer response:

[A] *My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you?
Listen to me.*

[P] I am your Creator, Lord of the universe; I have entrusted this world to you, but you have created the means to destroy it.

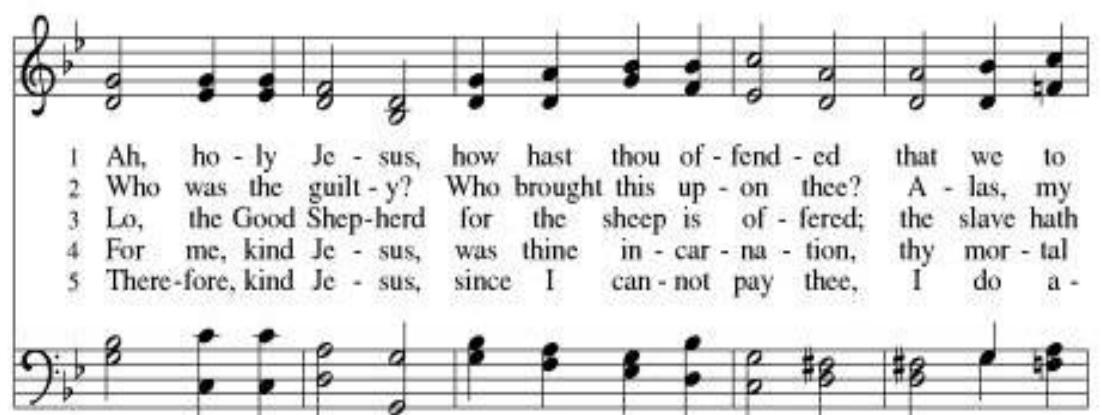
I made you in my image, but you have degraded body and spirit and marred the image of your God. You have deserted me and turned your backs on me.

[C] **Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

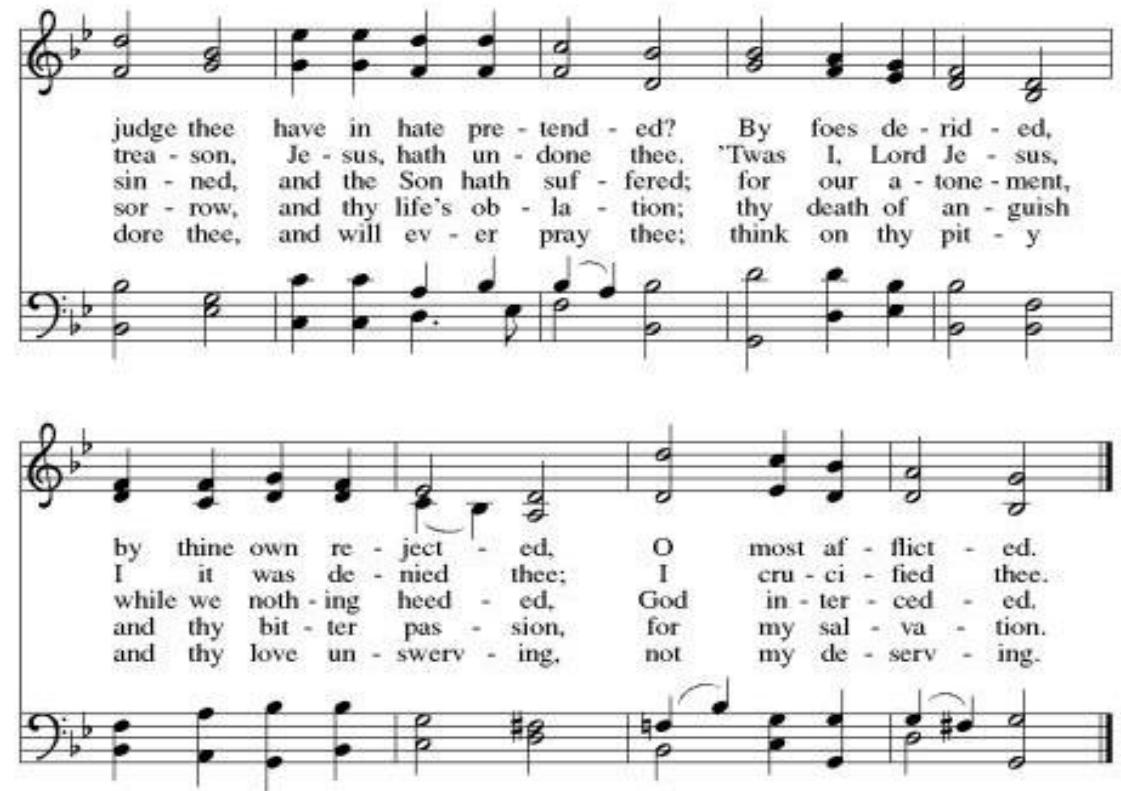
HYMN:

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

ELW #349



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
treas - on, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

[R] **SECOND READING:** *John 18:12-18, 25-27* - Evelyn Brown

¹²So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.¹³First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.¹⁴Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

¹⁵Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest,¹⁶but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in.¹⁷The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."¹⁸Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. . . .

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Prayer response:

[A] *My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you?
Listen to me.*

[P] I filled the earth with all that you need, so that you might serve and care for one another, as I have cared for you; but you have cared only to serve your own wealth and power. I made my children of one blood to live in families rejoicing in one another; but you have embittered the races and divided the nations.

[C] **Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN: *"They Crucified My Lord"*

ELW #350

1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
2 They nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
3 They pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
4 The blood came stream-in' down, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
5 He hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;

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they nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
they pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
the blood came stream-in' down, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
he hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
not a word, not a word, not a word.

[R] **THIRD READING: John 18:28-40**

- Craig Hudson

²⁸Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me.

What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

⁴⁰They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Prayer response:

[A] *My people, what wrong have I done to you?*

What good have I not done for you?

Listen to me.

[P] I commanded you to love your neighbor as yourself, to love and forgive even your enemies; but you have made vengeance your rule and hate your guide.

[C] **Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN: "Were You There" (verses 1-3) ELW #353

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Refrain

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

[R] FOURTH READING: John 19:1-16

- Michael Thompson

^{19:1} Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷The Jews answered

him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”

⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” ¹¹Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” ¹²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”

¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha.

¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!” ¹⁵They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.”

¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Prayer response:

[A] *My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you?
Listen to me.*

[P] In the fullness of time I sent you my Son, that in him you might know me, and through him find life and peace; but you put him to death on the cross.

[C] **Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN:

*“Were You There” (verses 4-5)
(see prior Hymn)*

ELW #353

[R] FIFTH READING: *John 19:17-25*

- *Sheila Sipe*

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²²Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” ²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

Prayer response:

[A] *My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you?
Listen to me.*

[P] Through the living Christ, I called you into my Church to be my servants to the world, but you have grasped at privilege and forgotten my will.

[C] **Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN: "Calvary" ELW #354
(Begin the hymn by singing the refrain and then again after the last verse only.)

Refrain Cal - va - ry, Cal - va - ry,
 1 Ev - 'ry time I think a-bout Je - sus,
 2 Sin - ner, do you love . . . my Je - sus?
 3 Don't you hear him say, "It is fin - ished!"
 4 Je - sus fur - nished my . . . sal - va - tion,

Cal - va - ry, Cal - va - ry,
 ev - 'ry time I think a-bout Je - sus,
 Sin - ner, do you love . . . my Je - sus?
 Don't you hear him say, "It is fin - ished!"
 Je - sus fur - nished my . . . sal - va - tion,

Cal - va - ry, Cal - va - ry,
 ev - 'ry time I think a-bout Je - sus;
 Sin - ner, do you love . . . my Je - sus?
 Don't you hear him say, "It is fin - ished!"
 Je - sus fur - nished my . . . sal - va - tion;

sure - ly he died on Cal - va - ry.
 sure - ly he died on Cal - va - ry. *Refrain*
 Sure - ly he died on Cal - va - ry. *Refrain*
 Sure - ly he died on Cal - va - ry. *Refrain*
 sure - ly he died on Cal - va - ry. *Refrain*

[R] SIXTH READING: *John 19:25-30* - *Pastor Nyahaley Labor*

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Prayer response:

[A] *My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you?
Listen to me.*

[P] I have given you a heavenly gift and a share in the Holy Spirit; I have given you the spiritual energies of the age to come; but you have turned away and crucified the Son of God afresh.

[C] Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

[R] SEVENTH READING: *John 19:38-42 - Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner*

³⁸ After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body.

³⁹ Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Prayer response:

[A] *My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you?
Listen to me.*

[P] I have consecrated you in the truth; I have made you to be one in the unity of the Father and the Son, by the power of the Spirit; but you have divided my Church and shrouded my truth.

[C] **Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN: *“Jesus, Remember Me”*

ELW #616



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Turn again, my people, listen to me.

[P] Let your bearing to one another arise out of your life in Christ Jesus. He humbled himself and in obedience accepted the death of the cross. But I have bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow and every tongue confess, Jesus Christ is Lord.

Turn again, my people, listen to me.

[C] Father, hear our prayer and forgive us. Unstop our ears that we may receive the gospel of the cross. Lighten our eyes that we may see your glory in the face of your Son. Penetrate our minds that your truth may make us whole. Irradiate our hearts with your love that we may love one another for Christ's sake. Father, forgive us.

The strepitus is heard. We leave in silence.

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