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Worship Leader Edition Good Friday

April 3, 2026

11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

L = Leader C = Congregation ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (*red hymnal*)

GATHERING

All gather in silence as a continuation of the silent close of Maundy Thursday worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

INVOCATION *{Front Center}* (Rob)

L: We continue worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Mollee/Angela)

L: Dust and rocks groan. Deserts and prairies weep. Bushes and trees moan. Rivers and oceans roar. Animals of land, sea, and sky recoil. Sun covers and moon wanes. Humanity fails. And darkness laughs. But it will not have its way with us forever.

C: Amen.

READING *(Lori/Chuck)*

Psalm 31:9-18

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my God.’ My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol. Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“What Wondrous Love”

ELW #666/Screen

Verse 1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

NARRATIVE

READING - THE KING OF THE JEWS *{Pulpit}* (Rob)

John 19:16b-22

Then Pilate handed Jesus over to the people to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross (cross carried in) by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, ‘Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.’ Many 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. Then 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.”’ Pilate answered, ‘What I have written I have written.’

HYMN

“There in God’s Garden”
Verses 1 & 2

ELW #342/Screen

Verse 1

There in Gods’ garden
Stands the Tree of Wisdom,
Whose leaves hold forth the
Healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge,
Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

Verse 2

Its name is Jesus,
Name that says, “Our Savior!”
There on its branches
See the scars of suff’ring;
See there the tendrils
Of our human selfhood
Feed on its life blood.

READING - **THE SOLDIERS** {*Lectern*} (*Lori/Chuck*)

John 19:23-24

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus (pause for nailing the cross 3 strikes 3 times), 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. So they said to one another, ‘Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.’ This was to fulfil what the scripture says, ‘They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.’

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Ah, Holy Jesus”
Verses 1 & 2

ELW #349/Screen

Verse 1

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
That we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Verse 2

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
’Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee

READING - **THE WOMEN** {*Pulpit*} (*Rob*)

John 19:25-27

And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Verse 3

ELW #803/Screen

See, from his head, his hands, his feet
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

READING - **IT IS FINISHED** {*Lectern*} (*Lori/Chuck*)

John 19:28-30

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), ‘I am thirsty.’ 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. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HYMN

“Behold my Savior’s Grief”
St. Luke’s Choir

arr. Robert A. Roesch

READING - **DAY OF PREPARATION** {*Pulpit*} (*Rob*)

John 19:31-37

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, ‘None of his bones shall be broken.’ And again another passage of scripture says, ‘They will look on the one whom they have pierced.’

Verse 1

O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

Verse 2

How pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish,
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.

READING - **JOSEPH AND NICODEMUS** {Lectern} (Lori/Chuck)

John 19:38-42

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. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. 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. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Verse 1

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land,

A home within a wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat
And burdens of the day.

CLOSING PRAYER (Mollee/Angela)

L: The body has been cleansed, anointed, perfumed, prepared, and now is laid to rest in a tomb outside the city.

C: We respond now, as your beloved, the ones for whom this price was paid, and we wait with anticipation;

L: Is this it? Is this the end?

C: Wait, for we believe there is still more to come.

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THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

Music from Music Sourcebook for Lent and the Three Days- #S462

Refrain
Assembly

Ho-ly God, ho-ly and might-y, ho-ly and im-mor-tal, have mer-cy on us.

- O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
How have I offended you?

Mollee

Answer me.

you

I led you out of slavery into freedom,
And delivered you through the waters of rebirth,
I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire

But you led me to judgement hall of Pilate
I guided you by the light of the holy spirit.
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

2. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

Karly I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave vinegar to drink
I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood
I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;
I have you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life,
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

3. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

Mollee I opened the waters to lead you to the promised-land,
But you opened my side with a spear;
I washed your feet as a sign of my love,
I lifted you up to the heights,
But you lifted me high on a cross;
I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life,
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

4. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.

Karly I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters,
But I was hungry and you gave me no food,
Thirsty and you gave me no drink,
A stranger and you did not welcome me,
Naked and you did not clothe me,
Sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
And you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

REVERENCE OF THE CROSS

HYMN

“Were You There”
Verse 1

ELW #353/Screen

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there?

DIALOGUE (*Mollee/Angela*)

L: Behold the life giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

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

HYMN

“Were You There”

ELW #353/Screen

Verse 2

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

DIALOGUE (*Rob*)

L: Behold the life giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

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

HYMN

“Were You There”

ELW #353/Screen

Verse 5

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

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DIALOGUE (*Mollee/Angela*)

L: Behold the life giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

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

HYMN

“Jesus, Remember Me”

ELW #616/Screen

(sing 4x)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

All are invited to place prayers and offerings in the basket at the foot of the cross. You may reverence the cross by pausing before it, bowing, kneeling before it in prayer, or touching it. You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for prayer and meditation after worship. Please depart in silence.