

Good Friday

April 03, 2026

Way of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Worship



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We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship, community, and faith.

We acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity within and around us. As a community rooted in the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to creating a space where people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are not only included but deeply valued and seen as essential to our shared journey.

Together, we value human diversity as a divine gift and blessing—a reflection of God’s boundless creativity and love. Because of this, we commit ourselves in ministry to fully embracing all people and advancing racial equity in our ministry.

We recognize that we hold a variety of beliefs, perspectives, and lived experiences; and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions, feedback, or needs for assistance, please ask. We seek to grow together in ministry, community and faith, and we are glad that you are here with us today.

~ The People of Como Park Lutheran Church

THE BIBLICAL WAY OF THE CROSS

The Biblical Way of the Cross traces our Lord’s journey to Calvary through the witness of Scripture. Each reading and reflection invites us to walk with Christ in his suffering, to hear again his words, and to behold his love for the world.

This service is offered for prayer and meditation, that we may contemplate the cost of our redemption and the depth of Christ’s sacrifice for us.



Italics - Liturgist
Bold - Congregation
✠ - Stand as able



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Requiem Aeternam

Near

✠CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Let us then confess our sins to God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the full forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

ELW 358

✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

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.



2nd Biblical Station. Jesus is betrayed and arrested.

READING: Mark 14:43–46

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

PRAYER

O God we come to you this holy night, seeking solace, peace and grace. Walk with us through the coming darkness that we by grace may know your love and turn our hearts to you. And in the hour of our betrayal help us to know your spirit’s presence. Grant us strength throughout the darkness of this night. Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

God So Loved The World

Stainer

CPLChoir



4th Biblical Station. Peter denies knowing Jesus.

READING: Matthew 26:69–75

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.”

⁷¹ When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷² Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴ Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

MEDITATION

Pastor Ericson

✠MUSICAL REFLECTION

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349

Organ introduction, Helmut Walcha



5th Biblical Station. Jesus is condemned by Pilate.

READING: Luke 23:13–15, 23-24

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death.

²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.

MEDITATION

Pastor Ericson

MUSICAL REFLECTION

In Pilate’s Hall

Carter

CPLChoir



6th Biblical Station. Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns.

READING: Mark 15:16–19

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.

PRAYER

Be now our King we pray. Turn our taunts and jeers to hymns of praise and forgive our arrogance and pride. Open our eyes to see your reign, and our hearts to hear your word that we might know the

✠MUSICAL REFLECTION

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW 351

Organ introduction: Johannes Brahms



7th Biblical Station. Jesus takes up his cross.

READING: John 19:16–17

¹⁶ So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

MEDITATION

Pastor Ericson

MUSICAL REFLECTION

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

arr. Moses Hogan

Solo, Aaron Purdham



10th Biblical Station. Jesus is Crucified.

READING: Luke 23:33–38

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

MEDITATION

Pastor Ericson

✠MUSICAL REFLECTION

Were You There

ELW 353

Organ Introduction: Calvin Taylor



13th Biblical Station. Jesus dies.

READING: Luke 23:44–47

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent."

PRAYER

God of mercy, grace and love. The deed is done by which your son was stripped of earthly life. Grant us this grace from his holy witness that we too may commend our souls to you. And in our final moments may we be turned toward you and your eternal grace confessing Jesus as our Lord and King for all of time. Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Ave Verum Corpus

Mozart

CPLChoir

✠PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

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

O, come, let us worship him.

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

By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Amen.

*The congregation may sit quietly and meditate and when ready,
may leave in silence, preparing for the good news of Easter.*

*The offering plates are by each door in the Narthex.
Please place your offering in them as you leave.*

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Pastor: Martin Ericson
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THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Date	April 3, 2026
Acolyte	Luna Frausto
Reader	Sam Schultz
Ushers	Volunteers present
Welcome Desk	Deb Spivey
Video Tech	Jeff Carnes

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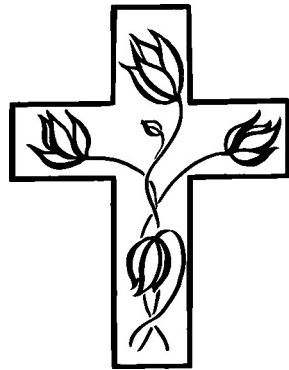
April 5th, 9:30am

At Como Park Lutheran Church is a celebration of the triumph of hope and God's promises. At Easter we joyously raise our hearts and souls to God in worship and praise and hear the Good News of the Resurrection of our Lord. Easter is a time of gathering friends and family, of beautiful music and singing, of mutual support and celebration and, at time, of consolation.

Join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the triumph of God's Love.

Pastor Martin Ericson

~Pastor Martin Ericson



**Please visit the Welcome Desk in the narthex
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