



Good Friday

Friday, April 15, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We extend in the name of Christ, a hearty welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. May you find here an experience of true Christian worship and fellowship. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to consider joining Peace.

MISSION STATEMENT

As servants of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

SOLEMN SERVICE OF THE WORD

The People Gather in Silence

Behold the living cross, on which is hung the Savior of the whole world.
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CALL TO WORSHIP (Selected from Isaiah 53)

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Surely, he has born our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole,

And with his stripes we are healed.

A moment of silence is kept.

Litany for Good Friday

*O Crucified Jesus,
Son of the Father,
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
eternal Word of God,
we worship you.*

*O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God,
dwelling place of the Most High,
gate of heaven, burning flame of love,
we worship you.*

*O crucified Jesus,
sanctuary of justice and love,
full of kindness, source of faithfulness,
we worship you.*

*O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart,
in you are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead,
we worship you.*

*Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.*

[After a brief silence, the leader concludes the litany.]

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer

death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

L. See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—
so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

P. Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

L. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

P. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God. Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

L. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

P. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN

Stay with Me (3 times)

ELW # 348

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

pray. Watch and pray.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves in the same key signature and clefs as the first system. The melody continues with a long note for 'pray.' followed by a short phrase for 'Watch and pray.' The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

*O my people, O my church,
What have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you?*

Answer me.

*I led you forth from the land of Egypt
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

Lord, have mercy.

*I led you through the desert forty years
and fed you with manna:
I brought you through tribulation and penitence
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

Lord, have mercy.

*What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

Lord, have mercy.

*I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

Lord, have mercy.

*I gave you a royal scepter
and bestowed the keys of the kingdom,*

*but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*
Lord, have mercy.

*My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*
Lord, have mercy.

*I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counselor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*
Lord, have mercy.

*I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel,
and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*
Lord, have mercy.

*I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was 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.*
Lord, have mercy.

A TIME OF SILENCE IS KEPT.

HYMN

Stay With Me (3 times)

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Stay With Me". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the lyrics: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and". The second system contains the lyrics: "pray. Watch and pray." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are placed below the notes, and some words are grouped together with a slur or a breath mark.

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A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Reader One: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Reader Two: Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. I will therefore chastise him and release him.

Reader One: And all went to be enrolled to their own cities. And Joseph also went

up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

Reader Two: But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released Barabbas, the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, who they asked for, but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

Reader One: And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered.

Reader Two: And when they came to the place which is called the skull, there they crucified him and two criminals—one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Reader One: And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths....

Reader Two: And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Reader One:... and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the fields keeping watch over their flock by night.

Reader Two: And the people stood by watching.

Reader One: And an angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. And they were filled with fear! But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all people. For to you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Reader Two: But the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his chosen One!"

Reader One: And this will be a sign for you....

Reader Two: While the sun's light failed, the curtain of the temple was torn in two. And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!"

Reader One: You will find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths....

Reader Two: Then Joseph of Arimathea took down the body of Jesus and wrapped it in a linen shroud....

Reader One:... and lying in a manger.

Reader Two:... and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb.

Hymn

Were You There

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1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
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?



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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 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?

Reader Two: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom God is pleased."

Reader One: The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid, and returned and prepared spices and ointments.

Reader Two: When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened that the Lord has made known to us!"

Reader One: And on the first day of the week at early dawn they went to the tomb.

Reader Two: And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Reader One: And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body.

Reader Two: And when the shepherds saw the babe lying in the manger, they made known the saying which had been told them concerning the child.

Reader One: While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how they told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."

Reader Two: And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds had told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

Reader One: And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to the rest.

Reader Two: And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

Reader One: But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

Reader One: The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise be to Christ.

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.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

Worship leader and assistants depart.

***This service continues on Easter morning.
The People Depart in Silence***

Excerpt

1 All Scripture readings are from the Revised Standard Version, unless noted otherwise.

2 Praise God: Common Prayer at Taize, ©1975 by Les Presses de Taize. Published by Oxford University Press, 1977. Altered, as published in Book of Common Worship, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993.

3 The Roman Missal: The Sacramentary, ©1973, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc.; as altered in the Book of Common Worship, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993.

4 This narrative of the Nativity and Easter story from the gospel of Luke was edited into this form by Dennis Dewey and first presented as part of the concluding worship at the Network of Biblical Storytellers 1995 Gathering at Duke University. It was transcribed from audiotape by Richard Pemble, Archdeacon of Chicago, and widely distributed via the Internet.

5 As these words are spoken, all lights not necessary for exiting the sanctuary safely are extinguished. John C. Bush is interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama.