



**Good Friday**

**April 15, 2022**

## **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP AT 7 P.M.**

We are honored that you are joining our worship this evening. We hope to make you feel welcome whether you are visiting with us for the first time or have been worshipping with us for years.

### **Welcome**

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community that lives, shares, and celebrates God's grace with all people!

As disciples of Christ who value the faith, gifts, and ministry of all God's people, and who seek justice and reconciliation, we welcome all God's children to an inclusive community. This welcome is extended without exception and regardless of sex, race, national origin, educational background, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or economic condition.

## **Worship Aids**

In this worship bulletin, worshipers are invited to stand at the places marked with an \* and bold type denotes the congregation's response. Everything you need to participate in worship is found in this bulletin, except for the hymns which are found in the back third of the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship under your seat. Assisted hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher; the chairs with arms are reserved for people with mobility limitations.

## **Children in Worship**

We welcome all children to worship with us—including full participation in Holy Communion. Whether talking, crying, laughing, or singing, the sounds of children in worship are joyful sounds of praise. God put the wiggle in children, and we rejoice! Our Prayer Pond in the sanctuary and our unstaffed nursery are open for quiet, supervised play. Activity bags are available in the narthex. Children's bulletins are also available.

## **A Note About Our Livestream Service**

This evening's service is livestreamed. Most rear-row seats are out of view of the camera, but we cannot guarantee that any seat is off camera. By attending this service, you are giving permission to be in the video we produce.

## **A Few Requests**

We ask that you silence your cell phone or electronic devices. We would love to pray for the concerns of your heart during this service. Prayer request slips are located on the table near the main doors.

*All gather in silence.*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 52:13–53:12**

See, my servant shall prosper; 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 shall my servant startle many nations; rulers 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 the servant grew up before the Lord like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground, having no form or majesty that we should behold, and nothing in appearance that we should desire. 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.

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.

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

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# CHOIR ANTHEM    Ave Verum Corpus    Edward Elgar

*Ave verum corpus, natu  
ex Maria Virgine,  
vere passum,  
immolatum  
in cruce pro homine  
cuius latus perforatum  
vero fluxit sanguine  
esto nobis praegustatum  
mortis in examine.*

*O clemens, O pie,  
O dulcis Jesu, fili Mariae.*

Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
blood truly flowed:  
Be for us a foretaste [of the  
Heavenly banquet]  
in the trial of death!

O merciful, O holy,  
O sweet Jesus, son of Mary.

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:16-25

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," and then is added, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that Christ opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of

God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for the one who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set be - fore him

endured the cross, dis - re - gard-ing its shame, and has taken his seat

at the right hand of the throne of God.

Text: Hebrews 12:2

Music: Thomas Pavlechko

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## HOLY GOSPEL

## John 18:1–19:42, emended

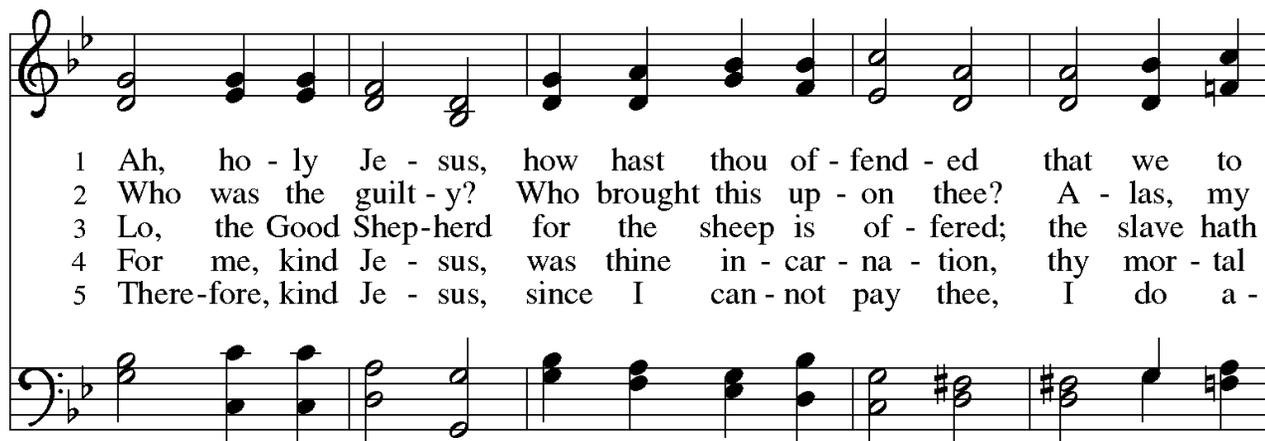
## SERMON

## Pr. Adrienne Meier

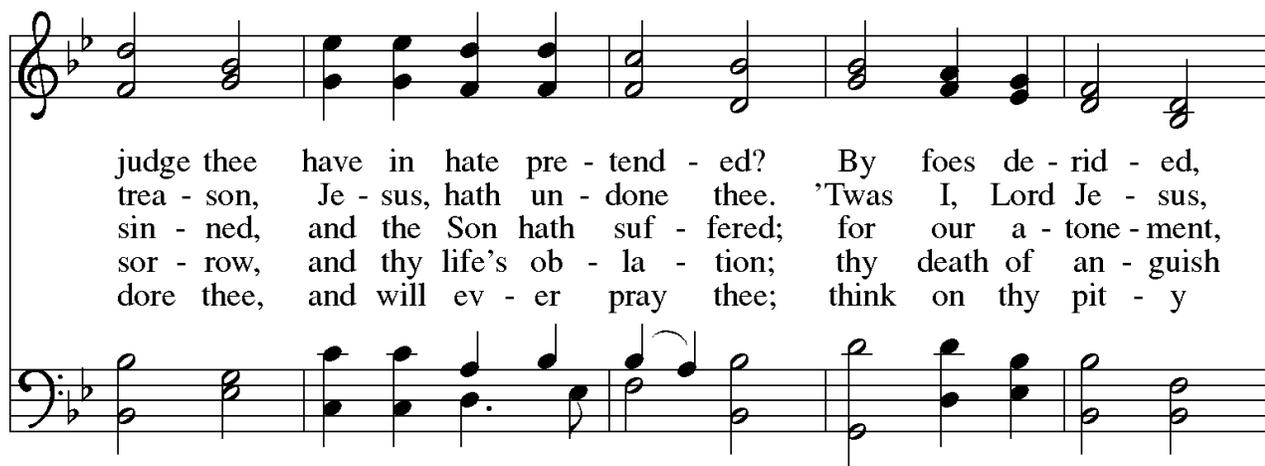
# \*HYMN OF THE DAY

## Ah, Holy Jesus

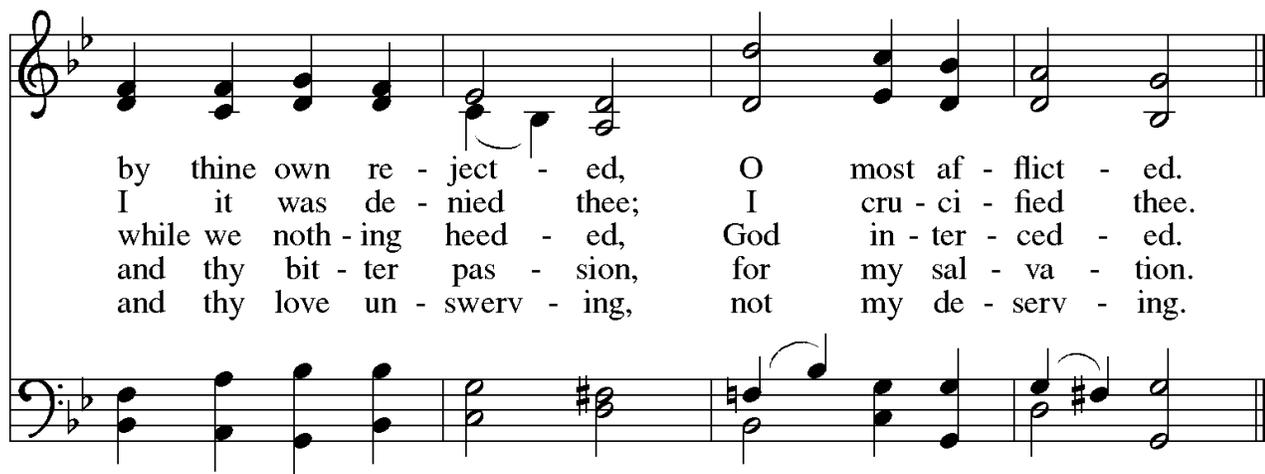
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1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - 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,  
trea - son, 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.

## BIDDING PRAYER

*Since the third century, Christians have gathered on Good Friday at the foot of the cross and there prayed the great intercessions. Each bid grows a circle of concern and we ask God to look with mercy on every person and thing in the cosmos.*

*Each bid ends:*

**P:** We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The bidding prayer concludes:*

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

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

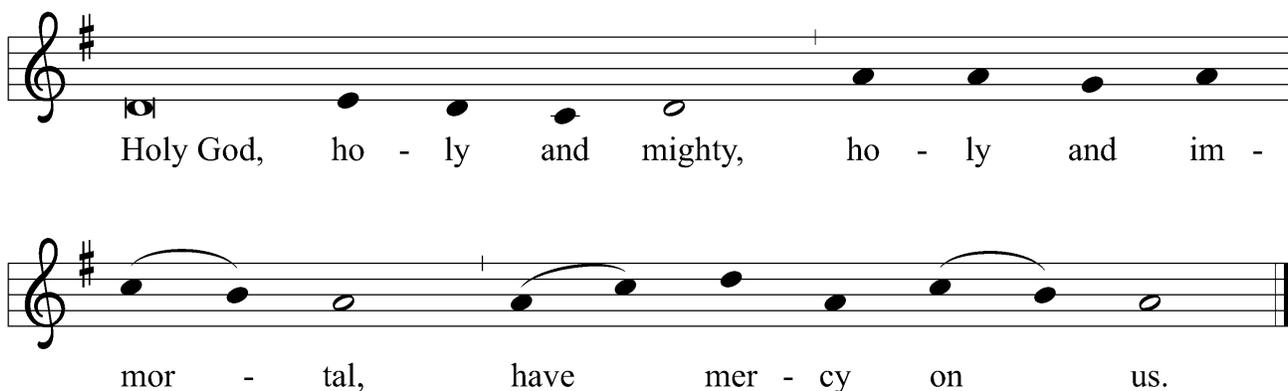
**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**



## SOLEMN REPROACHES

*During the chanting of the solemn reproaches, you are invited to come forward and reverence the cross—pausing before it, bowing, kneeling, or making the sign of the cross on your body. The assembly answers each response with a Trisagion refrain:*

... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the words "Holy God, ho - ly and mighty, ho - ly and im -". The second staff continues with "mor - tal, have mer - cy on us." The melody is simple and chant-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

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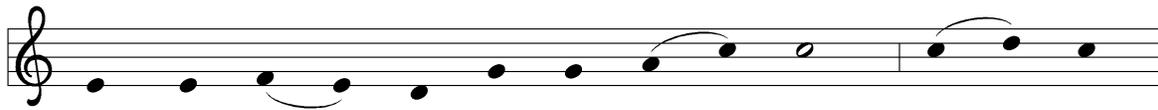
## CLOSING ACCLAMATION

*After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.*

**P:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**C:** **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*The choir sings stanzas 3-5.*



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; tell the  
 2 God in mer - cy saw us fal - len, sunk in  
 3 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of the ap -  
 4 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, Je - sus  
 5 Bend your boughs, O tree of glo - ry, your re -



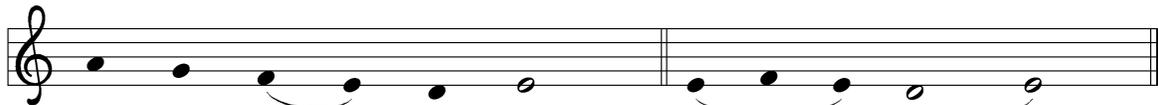
tri - umph far and wide; tell a - loud the won - drous  
 shame and mis - er - y, felled to death in E - den's  
 point - ed time was come, Christ, the Word, was born of  
 went from Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed,  
 lax - ing sin - ews bend; for a while the an - cient



sto - ry of the cross, the Cru - ci - fied;  
 gar - den, where in pride we claimed the tree;  
 wom - an, left for us the heav - 'nly home,  
 will - ing, did his work, and met his death;  
 rig - or that your birth be - stowed, sus - pend;



tell how Christ, the world's re - deem - er, van - quished  
 then an - oth - er tree was chos - en, which the  
 blazed the path of true o - be - dience, shone as  
 like a lamb he humb - ly yield - ed on the  
 and the Lord of heav'n - ly beau - ty gent - ly



death the day he died.  
 world from death would free.  
 light a - midst the gloom.  
 cross his dy - ing breath.  
 on your arms ex - tend. (7) A - men.

6 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,  
 be for all the noblest tree;  
 none in foliage, none in blossom,  
 none in fruit your equal be;  
 symbol of the world's redemption,  
 for your burden makes us free.

7 Unto God be praise and glory;  
 to the Father and the Son,  
 to the eternal Spirit honor  
 now and evermore be done;  
 praise and glory in the highest,  
 while the timeless ages run. Amen.

*All depart in silence.*

*You are welcome to remain before the cross  
in prayer and contemplation.*

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# **Holy Week at St. Thomas**

## **Easter Vigil, April 16**

At this family-friendly service, we'll light a new fire, celebrate the mystery of the night Christ was raised from the dead, hear stories about God's saving work, and celebrate communion. This 7 p.m. service is entirely outdoors and will end with a fun celebration. After worship, we'll enjoy s'mores around the fire and an Easter Egg hunt.

## **Resurrection of Our Lord, April 17**

Join us as we sing Alleluia and celebrate Jesus's resurrection from the dead at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. An Easter Breakfast is available between the services on Sunday, April 17. A suggested donations of \$5-10 will support Youth programming.

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Crucifer: Karen Rohlfing

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