

# *Good Friday*

*April 10, 2020*

## *Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)*

*"Celebrating and sharing God's Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others"*

### ***Procession of the Cross/Confession***

Behold the Cross of Christ!

#### *Christ's First Address to Us and Our Response*

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross.

O my people.

**Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

#### *Christ's Second Address to Us and Our Response*

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink.

O my people.

**Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord have mercy. O Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

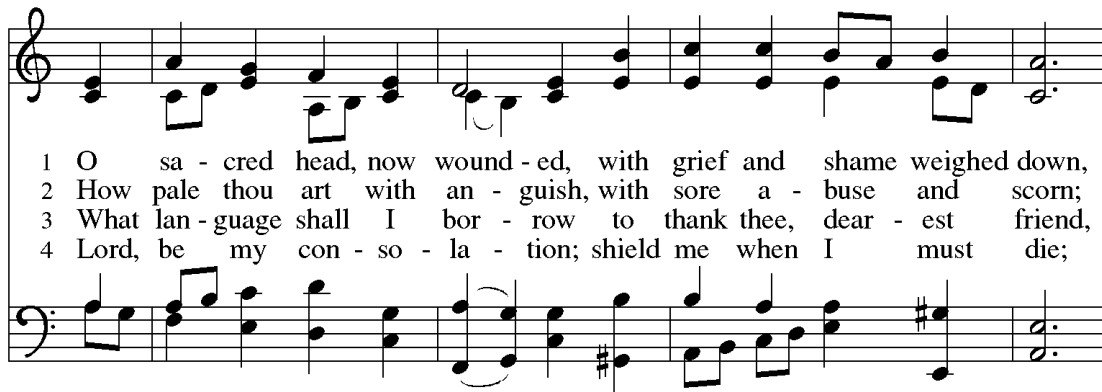
#### *Christ's Third Address to Us and Our Response*

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God?

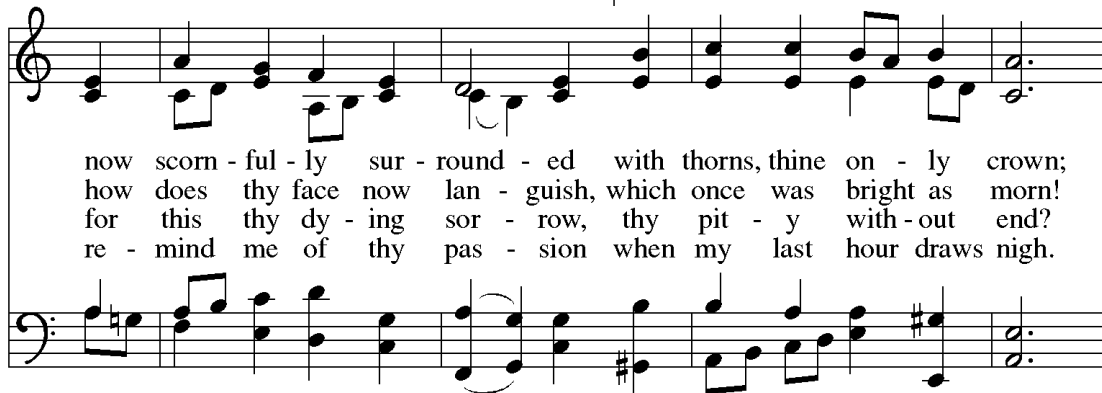
O my people.

**Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.**

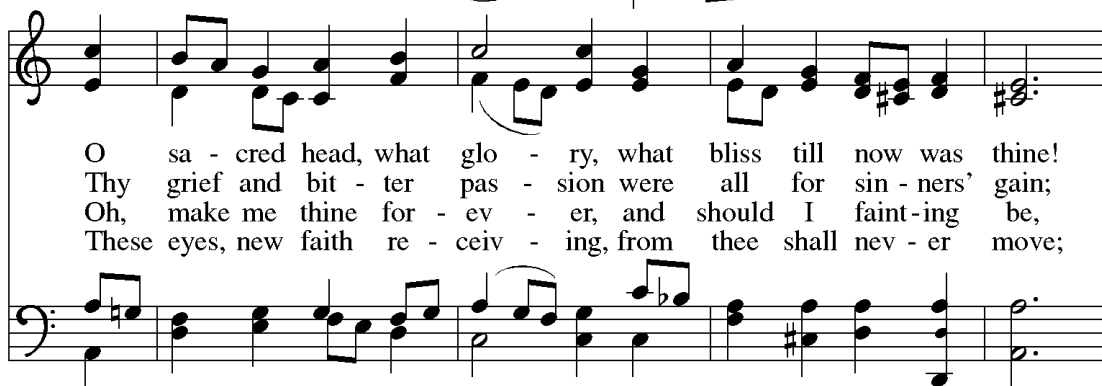
*Silence*



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.

## ***Prayers of Intercession***

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.  
By your Holy Spirit guide the church throughout the world.  
Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,  
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.  
And be with those who wait patiently for the day that their baptism into you might take place, and the giving of the good gifts and promises that will be received in being claimed by You forever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for Elizabeth Eaton and Brian Maas our bishops, for our pastors, and other elected leaders and servants of the church, and for all others whom you have called to be the body of Christ in proclaiming the good news and minister for the sake of the world.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God,  
your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.  
Strengthen and uphold all leaders striving to proclaim your goodness and mercy daily.  
Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church,  
and help each of us in our various vocations  
to do faithfully the work to which you have called us.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,  
gather into your embrace  
all those who call out to you under different names.  
Bring an end to inter-religious strife,  
and make us more faithful witnesses  
of the love made known to us in your Son.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you are the creator of the cosmos and all time, people, and places  
Hold all in the arms of your care, and bring hope, peace, consolation, and light to all things in need of your redeeming and blessing.  
In your goodness, give wisdom to us to see how we might participate and find new ways to promote, protect and foster new life for all that you have made.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart.  
Heal the sick, comfort the dying, bring hope to those experiencing any kind of spiritual, emotional, or physical darkness, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease.  
Strengthen your people fighting the good fight.  
Help us to turn those over those things to you that we cannot comprehend, including the suffering that we cannot see an ending to.  
Help us to turn all things over to your will and cling to the promises that no matter what may come, we are never alone, and that both in life and in death new life always awaits us through your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

And now let us pray as Jesus has taught us.

**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.**

**Choir Anthem:** *“What Wondrous Love is This”* ..... Lloyd Larsen

### ***The Seven Last Words from the Cross***

The first word of Jesus from the cross is found in Luke 23:34, when he says,  
**“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”**

*Reflection*

*The first candle is extinguished.*

The second word of Jesus is found in Luke 23:43. Here he is speaking to the criminal on the cross next to him who said, “Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus replied,  
**“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

*Reflection*

*The second candle is extinguished.*

The third word of Jesus is found in John 19:26-27. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

**“Woman, here is your son.”**

And he said to the disciple,

**“Here is your mother.”**

*Reflection*

*The third candle is extinguished.*

**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,  
treason, 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.

The fourth word of Jesus is found in Mark 15:34, when darkness had come over the whole land for three hours until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means,

**"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

*Silence*

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

The fifth word of Jesus is found in John 19:28 when Jesus said,

**"I am thirsty."**

*Reflection*

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

The sixth word of Jesus is spoken in John 19:30a. Right after Jesus had received the sour wine, he said,

**"It is finished."**

*Reflection*

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

**Brass:** "Were You There" ..... arr. Gary Slechta

The seventh and final word of Jesus from the cross is found in Luke 23:46. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice said,

**"Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit."**

Having said this, he breathed his last.

*Silence*

*The last candle is extinguished.*

*A light of hope remains.*

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