

Good Friday Chief Service
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Amherstburg, ON 11 Concession 3 N RR 4

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!” John the Baptist spoke that prophetic phrase at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. Today we see these words fulfilled, as we meditate on the death of the Son of God on our behalf. In His death, we have life.

Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Silence

Collect

P Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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

Silence

Collect

P Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember

and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn 140 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (v. 1 & 6)

Jesus, I will ponder now

On Your holy passion;

With Your Spirit me endow

For such meditation.

Grant that I in love and faith

May the image cherish

Of Your suffering pain, and death

That I may not perish.

Graciously my faith renew;

Help me bear my crosses,

Learning humbleness from You,

Peace mid pain and losses.

May I give You love for love!

Hear me, O my Saviour,

That I may in heaven above

Sing Your praise forever.

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P The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

John 18:1-11

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (v. 1)

Heidi Gagnier, Yvette & Audrey Erickson

John 18:12-27

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (v. 2)

Congregation speaks bolded parts

How pale Thou art with anguish

With sore abuse and scorn!

How doth Thy face now languish

That once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cruel rigour,
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigour,
Thy strength, in this sad strife.

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John 18:28-40

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (v. 3)
Muriel King & Kristin Schneider

John 19:1-16

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (v. 4)
My Shepherd, now receive me;
My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me,
O Source of gifts divine.
Thy lips have often fed me
With words of truth and love;
Thy Spirit oft hath led me
To heav'nly joys above.

John 19:16-24

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (v. 5)
Floyd Schneider & Sara Hagerman

John 19:25-30

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (v. 6)
My Savior, be Thou near me
When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish
O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own!

John 19:31-42

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (v. 7)

Pastor Tim & Kristin Schneider

Silence

Sermon *John 10:17-18*

Hymn 430 My Song is Love Unknown

Bidding Prayer

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| P | O Lord, | C | have mercy. |
| P | O Christ, | C | have mercy. |
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| P | O Christ, | C | hear us. |
| P | God the Father in heaven, | C | Have mercy on us. |
| P | God the Son, Redeemer of the world, | C | Have mercy on us. |
| P | God the Holy Spirit, | C | Have mercy on us. |
| P | Holy Trinity, one God, | C | Have mercy on us. |
- P** By Your Suffering and Death; by the hurt of Judas' treachery; by the pain of Peter's denial; by the sweat of blood; by the agony of soul; by the robe of purple and the crown of thorn; by the bite of the whip and the lash of the scourge; by the Way of the Cross; by the nails and thirst; by the blood that stained the Holy Cross; by the travail of Your soul; by the riven vine and the trodden winepress; by Your expiring cry; by Your triumph in death:
- C** **O dying Redeemer, hear us.**
- P** From hardness of heart and darkness of soul; from coldness of mind; from trampling Your blood on the way of sin; from driving the nails again; from crucifying You anew; from forgetfulness of Your great sorrow; from the loneliness of life without You; from greed and ambition; from lust of the eye and the pride of life; from the burden of remembered sin; from the cunning of men; from the confusion of ignorance; from hate; from a jealous heart; from the last sin of unbelief:
- C** **O living Redeemer, deliver us.**
- P** For the heart of man today, afraid; for the sick of body to ease their pain; for the sick of mind to lighten their gloom; for the sick of soul to bring them forgiveness; for them who

weep alone; for Your Life in every broken heart; for the soul that does not know You; for all who make known Your way upon earth; for all who love Your Holy Name; for all Your Church in all the world:

P You King of Principalities and Powers, of Thrones and Dominions; You Lord of Cherubim and Seraphim, of angels and archangels; You Prince of Peace and Glory, of Kingdoms and Empires:

C O dying and living Redeemer, hear us.

P Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

P Christ the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

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P O Christ

C hear us.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy. Amen.

C 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.

Sentence and Response

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Reproaches

P 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 Saviour to the cross. O My people.

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

P 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.

C 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.

P 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.

C 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.

Lamb of God, pure and holy,

Who on the cross didst suffer,

Ever patient and lowly,

Thyself to scorn didst offer.

All sins Thou borest for us,

Else had despair reigned o'er us:

Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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Adoration of Christ

We adore You, O Lord,

And we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.

For behold, by the wood of Your cross

Joy has come into all the world.

God be merciful to us and bless us,

And cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

We adore You, O Lord,

And we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.

For behold, by the wood of Your cross

Joy has come into all the world.

Hymn Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Muriel King, Heidi Gagnier, Floyd Schneider, Sara Hagerman, Audrey & Yvette Erickson, Pastor Tim & Kristin Schneider

Concluding Collect

P We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Hymn 420 Christ the Life of All the Living

After a moment of silence there is a loud noise, signifying the closing of Christ's tomb. After another moment of silence, a single lit candle is returned to the altar to represent the Christ who is risen from the dead, and lives for all eternity, thus defeating death for all people. The service then concludes without a Benediction as our service is not over. It will not conclude until Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We invite you to join us as we celebrate our Lord's joyful resurrection.