



# Christ Our Savior

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## GOOD FRIDAY

### Return to Truth

April 2, 2021 ~ 12:30pm

**Welcome to God's house!** Here we meet Jesus, right where He promises to be, in Word and Sacrament. We are so glad you came!

**Physical distancing and face coverings can help limit the spread of coronavirus.** Worshippers are encouraged to sit in the appropriately marked pews for each service and to wear a mask during the service except when receiving the Lord's Supper. We invite you to sing boldly through your mask! Of course, we understand some may be unable to tolerate face coverings for medical reasons. Also, young children should not wear a mask.

**Check-In.** We would love to know that you joined us for worship today as a member or a guest. Please check-in on our website [www.christoursavior.org/check-in](http://www.christoursavior.org/check-in).

#### AS WE GATHER

Peter addressed the people in Solomon's Portico at the temple in Jerusalem after the time of Pentecost, and said directly, "Men of Israel . . . you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life" (*Acts 3:12, 14–15*). In the service of Good Friday, we reflect on that truth and remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us. The hymnist describes the event with poignant beauty: "The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander" (*LSB 439:4*). Good Friday is good for us. It is good to be here!

## Order of Worship

### A TIME FOR MUSIC AND MEDITATION

#### PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

*As our pastors carry the cross into the sanctuary the bell tolls 33 times, once for each year of Jesus' life here on earth. Jesus went the way of the cross willingly, for all of our sin. "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6*

## OPENING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously 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.

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

### "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"

LSB 421



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your

wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You

bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny

Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -

sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

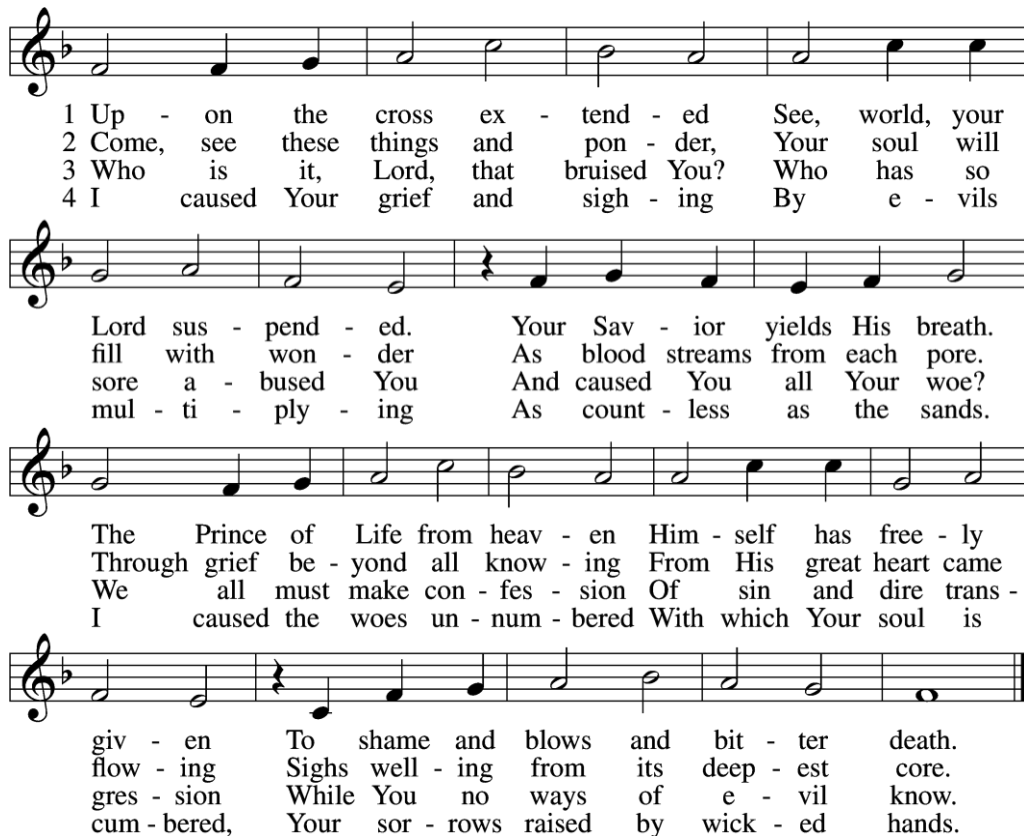
## OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,  
**C** **thus securing an eternal redemption.**  
**P** Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,  
**C** **so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**  
**P** He sent redemption to His people;  
**C** **He has commanded His covenant forever.**  
**P** Confident of His redeeming love, let us confess our sins to our gracious God.  
**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**  
**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. As you believe, so let it be. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## HYMN

### "Upon the Cross Extended"

LSB 453



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
 2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will  
 3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so  
 4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils

Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
 fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.  
 sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?  
 mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.

The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
 Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came  
 We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -  
 I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is

giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
 flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.  
 gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.  
 cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. <sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— <sup>15</sup>so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. <sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>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, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

5 Your soul in griefs unbound - ed, Your head with  
 6 Your cords of love, my Sav - ior, Bind me to  
 7 Your cross I place be - fore me; Its sav - ing  
 thorns sur - round - ed, You died to ran - som me.  
 You for - ev - er, I am no long - er mine.  
 pow'r re - store me, Sus - tain me in the test.  
 The cross for me en - dur - ing, The crown for me se -  
 To You I glad - ly ten - der All that my life can  
 It will, when life is end - ing, Be guid - ing and at -  
 cur - ing, You healed my wounds and set me free.  
 ren - der And all I have to You re - sign.  
 tend - ing My way to Your e - ter - nal rest.

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . . <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 19:16b–22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>16b</sup>So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a  
 Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,  
 count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

SERMON

"Return to Truth"

SOLO

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Bancroft/arr. Cook

*Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea: a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart. I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart. When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free. For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me. I marvel at the cross of Christ and marvel at this love divine. God's perfect Son was sacrificed to make me righteous in God's eyes. This river's depth I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood. The Lord most high has bowed down low and poured on me His glorious love.*

THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously 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.

**G** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,  
**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.**

## CLOSING COLLECT

- P** Let us pray. Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, You have taken our sins in Your own body on the tree of the cross so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come; in Jesus' name.  
**C** **Amen.**

## SILENT RECESSIONAL

*The congregation may stay for meditation and depart in silence.*



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