



Good Friday

April 7, 2023

St. Jōhn's Ev. Lutheran Church
Juneau Salem-Lowell Horicon

Good Friday

WELCOME

HYMN 430 v. 1-2

“Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted”

Stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for personal reflection and confession.

We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use witchcraft.

We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word.

We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority.

We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor.

We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property or get it by dishonest dealing.

We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him or give him a bad name.

We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house.

We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers or animals.

Silence for personal reflection and confession.

Holy and merciful Father,

I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

LOOK, THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!

Be seated

HYMN 550

“Lamb of God”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 53:2-10

He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. 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. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away. And who can speak of His descendants? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer...

HYMN 430 v. 3

“Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted”

Stand

ABSOLUTION

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN 430 v. 4

“Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Be seated

OFFERING / K-8th Grade Sing

"For Me"

During this time, you are encouraged to fill out the Connect Card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. Online giving is available on our app and website for St. John's Church. Visitors, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering, but you are encouraged to fill out the Connect Card.

Meditation on our Savior's last seven words

THE 1st WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:32-38

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals-- one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

There was a written notice above him, which read: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

HYMN 436 v. 1

"The Seven Words"

The first candle is extinguished, followed by a moment of silence for meditation and private prayer

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, teach us to forgive as you forgave your enemies. Too often we hold a grudge against people; we curse them; we seek revenge; or we just don't speak to them. As you forgave those who nailed you to the cross, forgive us, too, and help us to be forgiving toward others. Amen.

THE 2nd WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

HYMN 436 v. 2

"The Seven Words"

The second candle is extinguished, followed by a moment of silence for meditation and private prayer.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, grant that we may safely pass through this life supported by your promises. We pray that you also bring us safely into our home above. Enable us to sing your praises this day and forever. Amen.

THE 3rd WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

The third candle is extinguished, followed by a moment of silence for meditation and private prayer.

PRAYER

Dear Lord of Lords and King of Kings, your concern for your mother reminds us how well you care for us in both body and soul. For daily bread and your daily guidance and love we thank you. Bless parents everywhere. Help children care for them later in life as you cared for your mother even while hanging on the cross. Amen.

THE 4th WORD

SCRIPTURE**Mark 15:33-36**

At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"-- which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

The fourth candle is extinguished, followed by a moment of silence for meditation and private prayer.

PRAYER

Almighty God, Judge of the living and the dead, grant that we never experience separation from you. You have made Christ to be sin for us that we might receive righteousness from you. Keep us in your grace and favor for Jesus' sake. Amen.

THE 5th WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 19:28-29

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

HYMN 436 v. 5

"The Seven Words"

The fifth candle is extinguished, followed by a moment of silence for meditation and private prayer.

PRAYER

Precious Savior, we praise you for suffering in our place to spare us from eternal torment. Gladden our hearts daily with your sweet forgiveness. Satisfy our souls with your love, so that our peace and joy may be complete, now and forever. Amen.

THE 6th WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 19:30

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HYMN 436 v. 6

"The Seven Words"

The sixth candle is extinguished, followed by a moment of silence for meditation and private prayer.

PRAYER

Dear Savior, with your words, "It is finished," you announced that the work you had come to do was complete. Salvation for all sinners was not half done, or almost done, but all done. We thank you for finishing what we could not even begin to do. In life and in death, we'll praise you for our salvation. Amen.

THE 7th WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:44-46, Mark 15:37-39

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

HYMN 436 v. 7

"The Seven Words"

The seventh candle is extinguished, followed by a moment of silence for meditation and private prayer.

PRAYER

Lord, Jesus Christ, you are the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through you. In our last hour send your holy angels to guide us into our eternal home. Grant that we may be where you are, to join the throng of the blessed, singing your praises eternally. Amen.

THE BURIAL OF OUR LORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:42-46

It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

STREPITUS

The strepitus is a large thud reminiscent of rolling the stone into place and closing Christ's tomb.

SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

HYMN 437 v. 1-3

“Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor”

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Our worship does not end here. We light the Christ candle in hope of the Resurrection and leave in silence.

DEPART IN PEACE

Worshippers are encouraged to stay and meditate on God's Word. They are welcome to quietly leave when they are done.



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PLEASE JOIN US AGAIN TO SEE HOW THIS

TRUE STORY CONTINUES...

Good Friday

6:30 PM

April 7th

Salem-Lowell Campus - Choir-led Service

Easter for Kids

9:00 AM

April 8th

St. John's School

Easter Vigil

5:00 PM

April 8th

Horicon Campus

Easter Sunday

6:30 AM

April 9th

Juneau Campus - Sunrise Service with Lord's Supper

9:00 AM

Juneau Campus - Festival Service

9:30 AM

Salem-Lowell Campus - Easter Service with Lord's Supper

Easter Breakfast

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM Juneau Campus

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Salem-Lowell Campus

Regular Worship Times

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Juneau

Saturdays 5:00 p.m. Horicon

Sundays 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Juneau

Sundays 9:30 a.m. Lowell