



ST. JOHN'S

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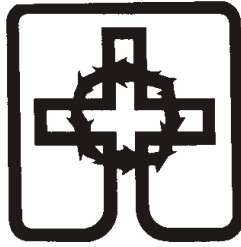
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St. John's is a congregation of the Lehigh Mission District, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Good Friday April 7, 2023

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

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GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

P=Presiding Minister

C=Congregation

This service is being done as the ancient Tennebrae service, but at noon there will be no darkening of the church.

All gather in silence. The assembly stands when the ministers stand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” (vs 1)

Hymn 345

The assembly is seated.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

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
and gather it throughout the world.
Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.
Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors,
other ministers, and lay leaders.
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.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church.
Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism.
Give them new birth as your children,
and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity.
Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son.
Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith,
and keep us united in the fellowship of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses.
Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own
may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity
so that all may long to know you and find peace in you.
Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace
in the world and in the lives of Christians,
and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE READING

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

HYMN **“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless” (vs 1, omit amen)** **Hymn 357**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

Part 1: John 18:1-11

HYMN **“It Happened on That Fateful Night” (vs 1)** **Hymn 127**
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Part 2: John 18:12-27

HYMN **“In the Hour of Trial” (vs 1)** **Hymn 106**
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Part 3: John 18:28-40

HYMN **Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs 1)** **Hymn 349**

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Part 4: John 19:1-7

HYMN **“Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs 2)** **Hymn 349**

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Part 5: John 19:8-16a

HYMN **“Oh Love, How Deep” (vs 1, 5)** **Hymn 322**

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Part 6: John 19:16b-22

HYMN

“Were You There” (vs 1, 4)

Hymn 353

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Part 7: John 19:23-30

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Hymn 351

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Part 8: John 19:31-42

Silence for prayer and meditation

The assembly kneels or sits.

The final lights in the sanctuary are turned out.

The assembly sits in silence until the Creed is begun.

APOSTLES CREED

**C I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

A lighted candle is brought back in and placed on the altar, representing that Christ is always with us.

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

The shadow light on the cross is lit.

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

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

The ministers leave in silence.

Please remain as long as you wish to be in prayer with the Lord at this time.

When you are ready to leave, do so in silence, respecting those who remain in prayer.

The omission of benedictions at the end of the liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other and with the Vigil of Easter, one celebration of the paschal mystery of our redemption.

On **Easter Day** we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

Services will be held at **8:00 and 10:30 am.**

No Sunday School classes will be held that day.

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It Happened on That Fateful Night



1 It hap - pened on that fate - ful night when pow'rs of
 2 Be - fore the bit - ter scene be - gan, he took the
 3 "My bod - y, bro - ken for your sin, re - ceive and
 4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end, re - mem - ber -
 5 O Lord, your feast we cel - e - brate; we show your



earth and hell a - rose a - gainst the Son, our
 bread, and blest and broke. What love through all his
 eat as liv - ing food." He took the cup and
 ing your dy - ing friend; meet at my ta - ble
 death; we sing your name till you re - turn, when



God's de - light, and friends be - trayed him to his foes.
 ac - tions ran! What won - drous words of love he spoke!
 blest the wine: "Share this new tes - ta - ment, my blood."
 and re - cord the full o - be - dience of your Lord."
 we shall eat the mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748; hymnal version *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978

Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848

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In the Hour of Trial



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm,
3 Should thy mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,



lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.
or its sor - did trea - sures spread to work me harm,
or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,



When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;
bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne,
grant that I may nev - er fail thy hand to see;



nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.
or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.
grant that I may ev - er cast my care on thee.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Music: PENITENCE, Spencer Lane, 1843–1903