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Good Friday
April 15, 2022
1:00 and 7:00 PM



Welcome to Bethany Lutheran Church:

It is our earnest prayer that in this service of worship we glorify God and edify each other as we deepen our relationship with Christ and our fellowship with His people. We ask that you please **put your cell phones and electronic devices on mute** during the service for the benefit of all worshipers.

AS WE GATHER:

This is the longest worship service on the Church calendar. Though you just started reading these words, this service began last night. Though we departed the table and went home, last night's service contained no benediction, nor shall today's. Before today's service is over, Christ shall fall silent, all shall go dark, and the Lord of life shall be buried in a borrowed tomb. But His story and this service are both far from over. The service that began last night shall not end until two days from now, when we say, "Christ is Risen indeed!" The grandest public celebration of our Lord's three day stay in a tomb; and His victory over the three foes of sin, death and the devil is observed in one service held over three days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

GATHERING PRAYER:

Introit: (Based on Psalm 22 and Hebrews 7)

Leader: O LORD, be not far off; O my strength, come quickly to help me.

**People: Christ entered the most Holy Place once and for all,
by His own blood He provided redemption for His people.**

Leader: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
Why are You so far from saving me?
Why are you so far from the words of my groaning?

**People: Christ entered the most Holy Place once and for all,
by His own blood He provided redemption for His people.**

Leader: In You our fathers put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.
They cried to You and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not disappointed.
But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by men and despised by the people.

**People: Christ entered the most Holy Place once and for all,
by His own blood He provided redemption for His people.**

Leader: Yet You brought me out of the womb;
You made me trust in You even at my mother's breast.
From birth I was cast upon You;
from my mother's womb You have been my God.
Do not be far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

**People: Christ entered the most Holy Place once and for all,
by His own blood He provided redemption for His people.**

OPENING HYMN:

"My Help, My God"



1. Why are you so full of heav - i - ness?
2. Deep goes un - to deep like o - cean waves.



Why are you dis - qui - et - ed with - in, oh my soul?
All Your floods and ra - pids on me break. Oh my soul,



Oh my soul? — As the deer longs for the wa - ter brooks,
oh my soul. — I will say un - to my God, my strength,



so my soul, it longs and thirsts for You, oh my God,
"How it is You have for - got - ten me? Oh, how long?

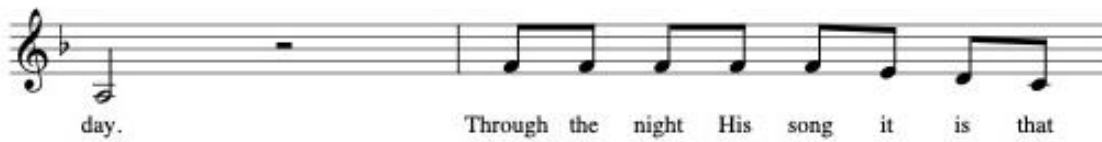
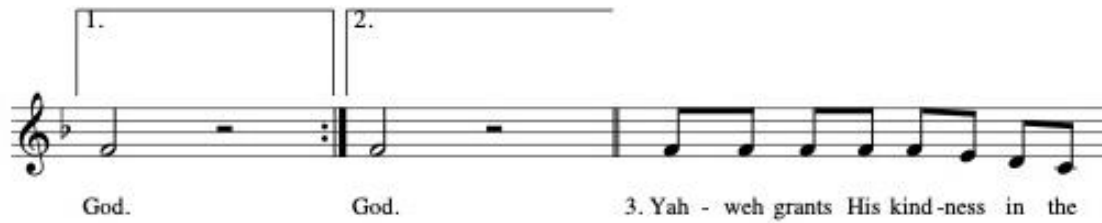
§ CHORUS



oh my God. — Put your trust in God; I will yet give thanks to Him.
Oh, how long?" —



Put your trust in God; I will yet give thanks to Him.



 Coda

ENDING



Leader: Behold the life giving cross
One which was hung the salvation of the world.

People: **We adore You, Lord Jesus, in Your cross and passion
through which You have brought life to the world,
and us to God.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

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MUSIC: *“Not All the Blood of Beasts”* LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - jice To see the curse re - move;

Could give the guilt - y con-science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,

People: grant us peace.

Leader: Gracious Jesus,
our Good Shepherd and the very Lamb of God
come to take away the sins of the world.

**People: At this hour,
You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree;
You did this, so that we,
being dead to sin, might live for righteousness.
Through Your grace,
grant us eternal life in the glory to come,
where You live and rule,
One God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Leader: Jesus, the Lamb of God, Who has taken away the sin of the world
has called me here, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

MUSIC:

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

Verse 1:

**I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk let me walk close to Thee**

Chorus:

**Just a closer walk with thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be dear Lord let it be**

Verse 2:

**Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter Lord who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee (*Chorus*)**

Verse 3:

**When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore to Thy shore (*Chorus*)**

+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

READING: *Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12*

MUSIC:***“Stricken, Smitten, and Rejected”***LSB 451, vs. 1-2

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

MESSAGE: *“The Most Compromising of Positions”*

MUSIC:***“Stricken, Smitten, and Rejected”*****LSB 451, vs. 3-4**

3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the

great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the

guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners

point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall

Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN**READING: *John 18:1-11 (Betrayal and arrest of Jesus)***

MUSIC:**“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

LSB 449, vs. 1-3



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

READING: *John 18:12-27 (Jesus before the High Priest and the denial of Peter)*

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

READING: *John 18:28-40 (Jesus before Pilate)*

MUSIC:

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

1. My song is love un - known. My sa - vior's love to me, love
 2. Some - times they strew His way and His sweet prais - es sing re -
 3. Here might I stay and sing, no stor - y so di - vine, ne -

to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. Oh
 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King, then
 ver was love dear King, ne - ver was grief like Thine. This

who am I, that for my sake, my Lord should take frail
 "cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath and for His death they
 is my friend, in whose sweet praise, I all my days could

1. 2. 3.

flesh and die. Oh
 thirst and cry.
 glad - ly spend.

— Your grace has made a way. Oh Your love has

con - quered this grave. Oh Your Love made known to

1. 3. D.C. al fine
 me and to the world Your love I'll be.

2. D.S. al fine
 me. Oh

READING: *John 19:1-16a (Jesus prepared for crucifixion)*

PRAYER: Holy Father, merciful Lord, God of grace, in Your great love for us, You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to suffer and die that we might live in You. Amen.

READING: *John 19:16b-24 (The crucifixion of Jesus)*

MUSIC: *“Faithful”*

Verse 1:

We had chosen the Kings of this world
All the glory and glitter and gold
Though our kingdoms fell down, we kept asking for crowns
We'd reject you to sell our own souls

Verse 2:

When you showed us the wonders we wanted
We laid palms down and shouted your praise
When you weren't the king, that we thought you should be
We mocked you and spat in your face

Chorus:

You are faithful, faithful; Though your people turn away
You are faithful, faithful; You are faithful every day

Verse 3:

When you gave us the choice we took Caesar
And set a murderer free
We put nails in your hands, nails in your feet
Then we hung you to die on a tree (*Chorus*)

Verse 4:

When, like Thomas, it's hard to imagine
And we still want to see to believe
You don't scoff at our doubts, You hold your hands out
All your kingdom is ours to receive (*Chorus*)

READING: *John 19:25-30 (Jesus' mother and His death)*

PRAYER: As we Your people, hold in remembrance the passion of Your Son, Jesus Christ, send us Your Spirit that all who die would find salvation in His death; that all who suffer would find consolation in His suffering; that all who are rejected would find acceptance in His condemnation; and finally that all who live would find hope in His life. Amen.

READING: *John 19:31-42 (Jesus' side is pierced)*

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

MUSIC:

"Were You There"

LSB 456, vs. 1-3

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?



*We depart the sanctuary in silence,
and return for the conclusion of this service on Sunday,
the Resurrection of our Lord.*

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