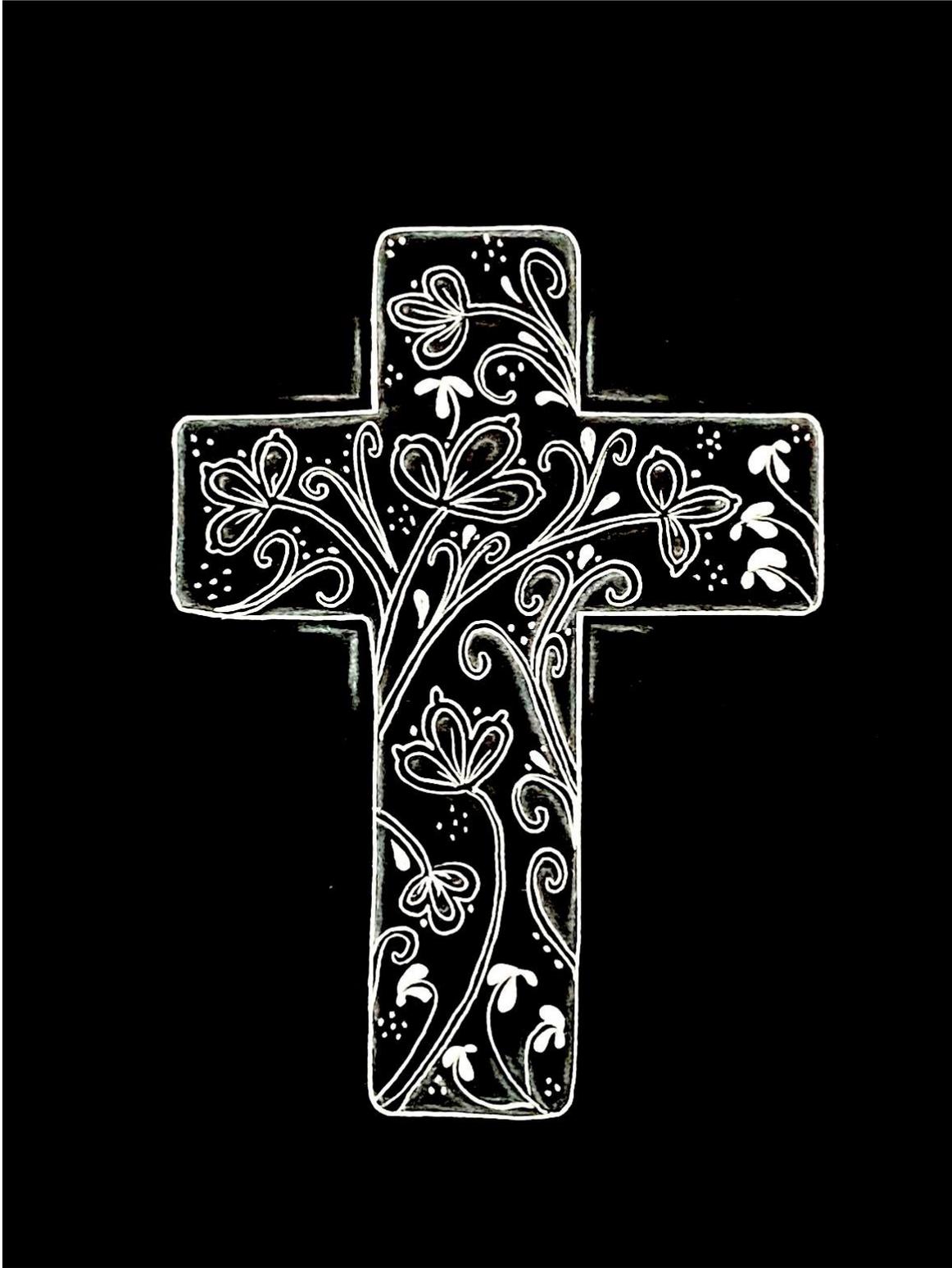


# GOOD FRIDAY



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**APRIL 15, 2022 ~ 7:00 PM**

# The Triduum

## Three Holy Days

### Welcome to Our Guests

We welcome you in the name of Christ. You are invited to join in all parts of worship. Everything you need is printed in this worship folder except for some of the readings. If you would like to follow along with the scripture readings, Bibles are available in each pew, and page numbers for each reading are listed. Guests are encouraged to complete a blue card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher, or sign our guest register in the Gathering Area.

All who desire to receive Holy Communion are welcome at the table. Feel free to remain seated if you prefer. For instructions on how to receive the bread and wine, see the Communion sections (no communion on Good Friday). Portions of worship in **bold print** are to be spoken/sung by the whole congregation. We **stand** for portions of our worship service. Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

**Amplification devices** are available from ushers for the hearing impaired. A restroom is located at the north end of the Gathering Area (additional restrooms downstairs). Our **nursery** for newborns to age five is open (unstaffed) and available for your use during services for The Three Holy Days. **Masks** are optional but welcome. Please be mindful of others' comfort level with distance and touch (handshakes, etc).

**Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be live-streamed.** Digital ministry is an essential part of our community with the Wellstream services allowing those at home to worship alongside our gathered community for a service of Holy Communion. The cameras will be primarily focused on our worship leaders and offer some wide-angle views of the sanctuary. If you have questions or concerns about appearing on camera, contact Pastor Alex or Communication Minister Christian Perritt ([perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

### The Three Days

Maundy Thursday is the beginning of the Triduum—the ancient observance of the mystery of our salvation, which plunges the faithful into the death of Jesus and brings them with him to resurrection life. **The Three Days is one liturgy, one worship service, extending from Thursday evening through the Easter Vigil.**

Conform your life to the worship rhythms of the church this week. We gather with Christians around the world to celebrate and remember. On **Maundy Thursday**, we heed Christ's commandment to love one another—we wash each other's feet and share the meal he instituted. On **Friday**, we hear the passion of Christ according to John, the narrative of Jesus as a king crucified and reigning from the cross. This service continues to the **Easter Vigil**—the night, the very night, the passover of Christ from death to life. This is the high point of the church's year, the night the church welcomes new Christians by baptism, lights the first of the resurrection candles, and celebrates the first Easter Holy Communion.

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# Good Friday

## April 15 — 7:00 P.M.

*At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died. Today's liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow.*

### **WE GATHER IN SILENCE**

*The assembly stands when the minister stands.*

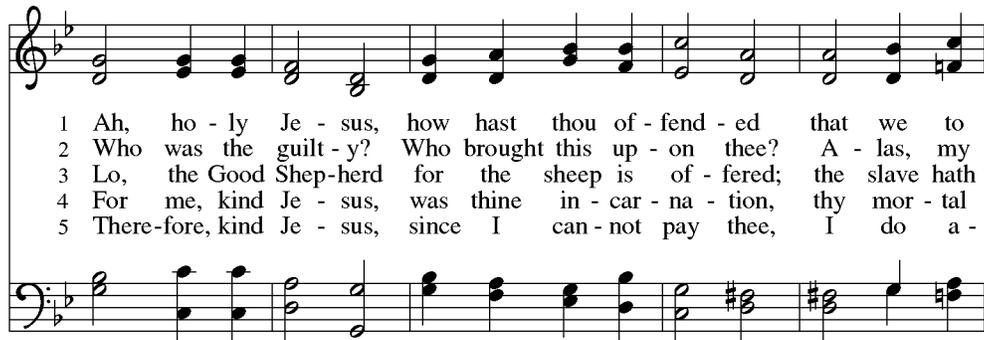
### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. **Amen.**

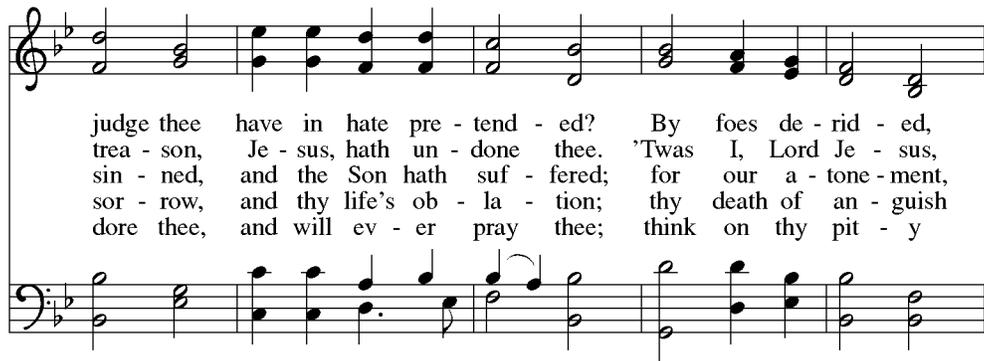
### **HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Ah, Holy Jesus**

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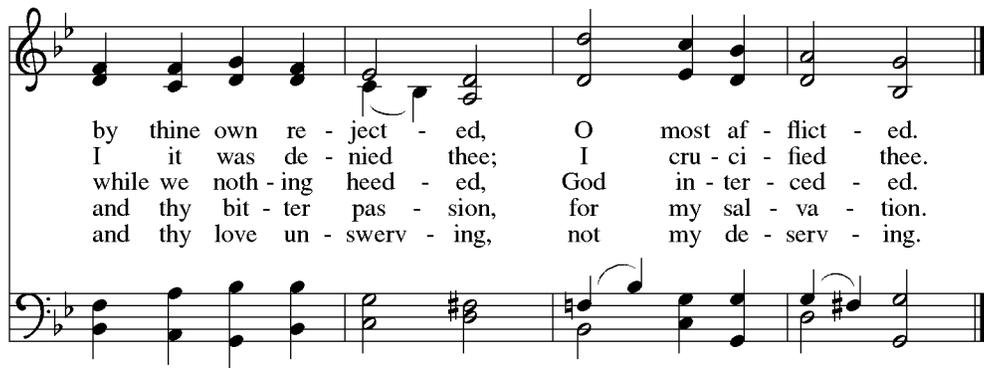
## Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

### GOSPEL ~ John 19:16b-25

<sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." <sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among

themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." <sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

The Holy Gospel, according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(We sit)*

## **REFLECTIONS ON JESUS' LAST WORDS**

*Silence follows each reflection.*

**“WOMAN, HERE IS YOUR SON.”**

Kathy Thompson

**“I THIRST.”**

Meg Wightman

**“IT IS FINISHED.”**

Larry Blade

*(We stand)*

## **GOSPEL ~ John 19:30b-42**

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. <sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup>(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup>These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." <sup>37</sup>And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

<sup>38</sup>After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

*The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

*(We sit)*

## **CHORAL RESPONSE**

*God's Got the Whole World* (African American Spiritual; arr. M. Miller, 2020)

Choir

## **BIDDING PRAYER**

*The minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid. The minister leads the prayers that conclude the silence.*

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.**

Let us pray for Elizabeth and Robert our bishops, for Lauren and Alex our pastors, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*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.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

*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.**

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*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.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

*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.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*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.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

*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.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

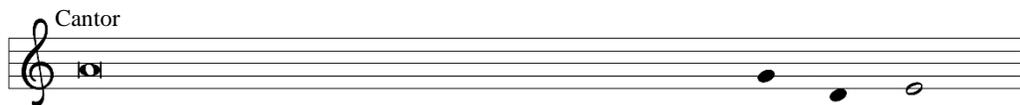
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

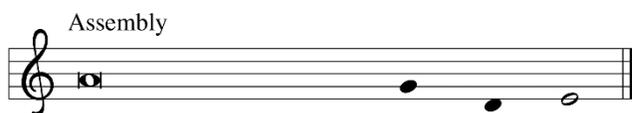
## PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

*A large cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the assembly. The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.*

*The following dialogue is sung as the procession begins.*



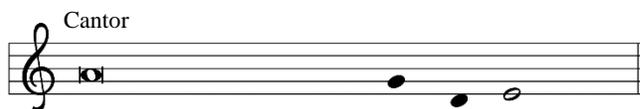
Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the world.



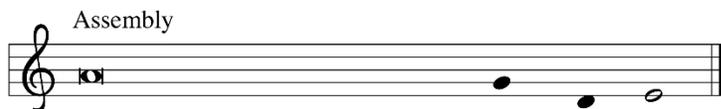
Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

*The dialogue is sung a second time at the midpoint of the procession, and a third time at the end of the procession.*

When the cross is in place:



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



By your holy cross you have re - deemed the world.

(We sit)

## HYMN OF ADORATION

*Were You There* (Spiritual; arr. S. Decesare, 2020)

Vocal Soloist

## SILENCE

## VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

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

*Worshippers may come forward to kneel and pray at the altar rail before leaving in silence or may reverence the cross before departing in silence.*

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## PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EVENING'S SERVICE

**PRESIDING MINISTERS** ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes and Pastor Alex Zuber

**REFLECTIONS** ~ Kathy Thompson, Meg Wightman, Larry Blade

**SOUND TECH** ~ Mike Koch

**MUSICIANS** ~ Elizabeth Williams, Music Minister  
Olivia Rominiyi, Vocal Soloist  
Members of Sanctuary Choir & Celebration Singers  
Pastor Alex Zuber, Cantor

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