

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cary, IL

April 2, 2021

**Good Friday**

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CHOIR

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

-arr. J. Ferguson

SERVICE NOTE: At the end of the service: *The slamming of the book symbolizes the closing of Jesus' tomb. The church is in darkness signifying the death and burial of Jesus, the Light of the World. Seven bells sound, reminding us of the last words of Jesus on the cross. Yet, when we leave the sanctuary, one light will remain burning, symbolizing that they have NOT forever taken the life of our Lord—the hellish crew, the death, the grave, these shall not hold Him. In three days He will raise up again the temple which they sought to destroy. Death is not the victor. This Good Friday we remember it is Jesus who triumphs.*

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN

“Upon the Cross Extended”

LSB 453 vs. 1-3

**Upon the cross extended See, world, your Lord suspended,  
Your Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself hath freely given To shame and blows and bitter death.**

**Come, see these things and ponder, Your soul will fill with wonder  
As blood streams from each pore. Through grief beyond all knowing  
From His great heart came flowing Sighs welling from its deepest core.**

**Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so sore abused You  
And caused You all Your woe? We all must make confession  
Of sin and dire transgression While You no ways of evil know.**

*Isaiah 53; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Peter 2:21-25*

PSALMODY - Psalm 22

P: “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

**C: Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?**

P: O My God, I cry in the daytime,

**C: but You do not hear;**

P: And in the night season,

**C: and am not silent.**

P: But I am a worm, and no man;

**C: a reproach of men, and despised by the people.**

P: For dogs have surrounded Me;

**C: the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet.**

P: I can count all My bones. They look at me and stare.

**C: They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.**

P: But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me.

**C: O My strength, hasten to help Me!”**

HYMN

““Upon the Cross Extended”

LSB 453 vs 4-7

**I caused Your grief and sighing By evils multiplying  
As countless as the sands. I caused the woes unnumbered  
With which You soul is cumbered, Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.**

**Your soul in griefs unbounded, Your head with thorns surrounded,  
You died to ransom me. The cross for me enduring,  
The crown for me securing, You healed my wounds and set me free.**

**Your cords of love, my Savior, Bind me to You forever,  
I am no longer mine. To You I gladly tender  
All that my life can render And all I have to You resign.**

**Your cross I place before me; Its saving pow'r restore me,  
Sustain me in the test. It will, when life is ending,  
Be guiding and attending My way to Your eternal rest.**

*Isaiah 53; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Peter 2:21-25*

### **THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**

*For this hymn, the Passion Narrative is read, followed by the CANTOR, followed by the congregation singing the appropriate hymn stanzas for each section.*

#### **The First Word: Luke 23:34**

*When they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.*

#### **Meditation on The First Word**

CANTOR

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447 vs 1-3

**Jesus, in Your dying woes, Even while Your lifeblood flows,  
Craving pardon for Your foes; Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Savior, for our pardon sue When our sins Your pangs renew,  
For we know not what we do: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Oh, may we, who mercy need, Be like You in heart and deed,  
When with wrong our spirits bleed: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

#### **The Second Word: Luke 23:43**

*One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

#### **Meditation on The Second Word**

CANTOR

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447 vs 4-6

**Jesus, pitying the sighs Of the thief, who near You dies,  
Promising him paradise; Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and mercy claim,  
Calling humbly on Your name: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**May our hearts to You incline And their thoughts Your cross entwine.  
Cheer our souls with hope divine: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**The Third Word: John 19:26-27**

*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.*

**Meditation on The Third Word**

CANTOR

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447 vs 7-9

**Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,  
And Your dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**May we in Your sorrows share, For Your sake all peril dare,  
And enjoy Your tender care: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**May we all Your loved ones be, All one holy family,  
Loving, since Your love we see: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**The Fourth Word: Matthew 27:46**

*Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

**Meditation on The Fourth Word**

CANTOR

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447 vs 10-12

**Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, With our evil left alone.  
While no light from heav'n is shown: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems far away,  
In the darkness be our stay: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Though no Father seem to hear, Though no light our spirits cheer,  
May we know that God is near: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**The Fifth Word: John 19:28**

*Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.*

**Meditation on The Fifth Word**

CANTOR

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447 vs 13-15

**Jesus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,  
Thirsting more our love to gain: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Thirst for us in mercy still; All Your holy work fulfill;  
Satisfy Your loving will: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**May we thirst Your love to know; Lead us in our sin and woe  
Where the healing waters flow: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**The Sixth Word: John 19:30**

*When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

**Meditation on The Sixth Word**

CANTOR

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447 vs 16-18

**Jesus, all our ransom paid, All Your Father's will obeyed;  
By Your suff'rings perfect made: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Save us in our soul's distress; Be our help to cheer and bless  
While we grow in holiness: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Brighten all our heav'nward way With an ever holier ray  
Till we pass to perfect day: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**The Seventh Word: Luke 23:46**

*It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.*

**Meditation on The Seventh Word**

CANTOR

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447 vs 19-21

**Jesus, all Your labor vast, All Your woe and conflict past,  
Yielding up Your soul at last: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**When the death shades round us low'r,  
Guard us from the tempter's pow'r,  
keep us in that trial hour: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**May Your life and death supply Grace to live and grace to die,  
Grace to reach the home on high: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

LORD'S PRAYER (whispered)

THE BOOK IS SLAMMED SHUT

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Please leave the sanctuary in silence. The service continues on Sunday*

+++ It is Finished! +++