



**Friday, April 18, 2025 - Good Friday**

*Enter to worship. Worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.*



Let us pray. 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.**

## **THE READINGS**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 52:13 - - 53:12

*The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The servant pours himself out to death and is numbered with the transgressors, images that the early church saw as important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.*

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**P:** The Word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God

## Isaiah 52:13- - 53:12

### Chapter 52

13 See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up  
and shall be very high.

14 Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—

15 so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him,  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

### Chapter 53

1 Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 For he grew up before him like a young plant  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity,  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

4 Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases,  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

8 By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

9 They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

11 Out of his anguish he shall see;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out himself to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors,  
yet he bore the sin of many  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 51

*The piano will play the refrain once, then the choir will sing the refrain, then the assembly will join the choir in singing the refrain once and after each verse. The choir will sing the verses and the congregation will join in on the refrain.*

Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

Refrain

Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be  
mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

### Verses

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness,  
in your compassion, blot out my offense.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow,  
and cleanse me from all of my sin. **Refrain**
2. My offenses, truly I know them, and my sins are always before me;  
against you alone have I sinned, O Lord, what is evil in your sight I have done. **Refrain**
3. Create in me a clean heart, O God, put your steadfast spirit in my soul.  
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your spirit from me. **Refrain**
4. Give back to me the joy of your salvation, let your willing spirit bear me up  
and I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered,  
and bring them all home to your side. **Refrain**

Text: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-15; Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL  
Music: Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

*The assembly stands.*

## Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



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## Gospel: John 18:1--19:42

**Choir**      *Ah, Holy Jesus* HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Craig Courtney  
(2006 Lorenz Publishing)

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

**HYMN 803**    **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

### Bidding Prayer

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

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 our bishops, for our pastor, for and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, 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.**

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

**O, come, let us worship him.**

### **Reflection and Prayer at the Cross**

*During this time of silence and organ music, members of the assembly are invited to come to the cross for a brief time of reflection or prayer.*

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*      Dietterich Buxtehude

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

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

### **Hymn of Triumph**

**HYMN 637    Holy God, Holy and Glorious**

*We leave in silence and return on Sunday for the Easter Service at 9:30am*