



Good Friday Service of Light and Darkness
March 29, 2024

We gather in silence, a continuation from Maundy Thursday....

Gathering

*Prayer of the Day:

ALL Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Gospel:

P The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The assembly is seated.

(The following hymns are found in the red ELW hymnals.)

John 18:1-11

First candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" ELW 345

John 18:12-27

Second candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (verse 1) ELW 347

John 18:28-40

Third candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (verses 2-3) ELW 347

John 19:1-7

Fourth candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus" (verses 1-2) ELW 349

John 19:8-16a

Fifth candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus" (verses 3-5) ELW 349

*Please stand as you able

John 19:16b-22

Sixth candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (verses 1-2) ELW 351

John 19:23-30

Seventh candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (verses 3-4) ELW 351

John 19:31-42

Eighth candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: "Were You There" ELW 353

Meditation

Silence for reflection follows.

Bidding Prayer

P 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.

C Amen.

P Let us pray for Julius and Bill our bishops, for Jerry, Teri and Mackenzie 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.

C Amen.

*Please stand as you able

P 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.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

P 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.

***Procession of the Cross:**

A pastor carries a large cross in procession through the church and places it before the assembly. The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.

The following dialogue is sung on a tone three times, the assembly echoing the leader, at the beginning, midpoint, and end of the procession.

After securing the cross in its stand, the pastor continues.

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

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

***Hymn:** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ELW 803

At the conclusion of the hymn, worshipers are invited to come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.

All depart in silence.

Serving in Worship Today:

Presiding: Pastors Jerry O'Neal, Teri Crouse and Mackenzie Phillips

Accompanist: Parikesit (Perry) Tanudjaja

Usher: John Huff

Altar Guild: Kathy McCauliff and Linda Reynolds

Holy Trinity Easter Services:

Easter - March 31

7:30am - Sunrise Service Begins Outdoors in the parking lot by the front doors and we will transition inside to the Sanctuary

(No live streaming available for this service.)

8:45am - Easter Continental Breakfast

10am - Easter Worship Service

(Live Streaming will be available for this service.)

High Street United Methodist Church Easter Service at 10am