

# GOOD FRIDAY

*Stations of the Cross*



April 2nd, 2021

*6:30 p.m. Radio and Online Worship*  
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## PRELUDE

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 16:24-25)

Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**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**

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Let us follow the way of the cross, in the name of the Lord. **Amen.**

### “O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED” FIRST AND SECOND VERSE

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with four verses. The music is in a common time signature (C) and features a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The accompaniment is also simple, providing a harmonic foundation for the melody.

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

## THE FIRST STATION: JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

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

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

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and

washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." After flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. (Matthew 27:1-2, 22, 24, 26b)

Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior. Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence. I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. (Psalm 27:9, 11-14)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

### **THE SECOND STATION: JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS**

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

**For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face, So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. (John 19:1-2,16b-17)

I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me. (Isaiah 50:6-9a)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**“O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED”**

THIRD AND FOURTH VERSE

## **THE THIRD STATION: JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME**

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

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

Justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us; we wait for light, and there is darkness; and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. We stumble at noon as in the twilight, among the vigorous as though we were dead. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, and was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm brought him victory, and his righteousness upheld him. (Isaiah 59:9,10b,15b-16)

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" (John 12:23-24; 27-28)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I rescued you from bondage in the house of Pharaoh but you have bound my hands and feet. I called you sons and daughters and not slaves but you have prepared a cross for your Savior

## **THE FOURTH STATION: JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER**

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

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

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. (John 19:26-27)

Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." (Job 1:21)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

How have I offended you? Answer me.

I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

## “ADORAMUS TE CHRISTE”

A - do - ra - mus te Chris - te, be - ne - di - ci - mus ti - bi,  
*We a - dore you, Je - sus Christ, and we bless your ho - ly name;*

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

qui - a per cru - cem tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum,  
*tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing,*

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps and a 3/4 time signature. The melody includes a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

qui - a per cru - cem tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum.  
*tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing.*

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps and a 3/4 time signature. The melody includes a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

## FIFTH STATION: SIMON HELPS JESUS

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

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

As the soldiers led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. (Luke 23:26)

A student is not above the teacher, nor the servant above the master. It is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the servant like the master. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 10:24-25a, 37-38; 11:29-30)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you the law and a land and yet you led me away like a common criminal too weak to carry the cross you have placed upon me. I would bless you with rest and peace but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

### **THE SIXTH STATION: VERONICA WIPES JESUS' FACE**

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

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

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (Isaiah 53:1-3)

I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy. I pour out my complaint before him; before him I tell my trouble. When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who know my way. In the path where I walk men have hidden a snare for me. Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life. I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me. (Psalm 142:1-6)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**“ADORAMUS TE CHRISTE”**

## **THE SEVENTH STATION: JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME**

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

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

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. 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. 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. (Isaiah 53:4-6)

O LORD, you have seen this; be not silent. Do not be far from me, O Lord. Awake, and rise to my defense! Contend for me, my God and Lord. Vindicate me in your righteousness, O LORD my God; do not let them gloat over me. Do not let them think, "Aha, just what we wanted!" or say, "We have swallowed him up." (Psalm 35:22-25)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

## **THE EIGHTH STATION: JESUS COMFORTS THE WOMEN**

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

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

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children." (Luke 23:27-28)

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (Luke 13:34-35)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.



## **THE NINTH STATION: JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME**

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

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

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. (Isaiah 53: 10)

I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. I lie down among lions that greedily devour human prey; their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongues sharp swords. They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my path, but they have fallen into it themselves. My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. (Psalm 57:2,4)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

## **THE TENTH STATION: JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS**

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

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

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. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." (John 19:23-24a)

Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe...

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I embraced you on the road with robe and ring and kill the fatted calf to celebrate your return but you have stripped me naked and cast lots for my clothing. I would dress you in robes of right-

eousness but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**“WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS”**      PLAYED BY THE MESSIAH HANDBELL CHOIR

### **THE ELEVENTH STATION: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS**

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

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

It was the third hour when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!" In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him. (Mark 15:25-32)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in you without wavering. Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

O my people, O my church, What more could I have done for you? Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

### **THE TWELFTH STATION: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

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

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

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said

this, he breathed his last. (Luke 23:44-46)

*SILENCE*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**“JESUS, REMEMBER ME”**

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 7/8 time signature. It contains a melody with eighth and quarter notes, including a fermata over the final note. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The top staff continues the melody from the first system, ending with a double bar line. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line.

**THE THIRTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS**

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

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

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. 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and

water came out. 36These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." 37And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced." (John 19:31-34, 36-38)

*SILENCE*

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*SILENCE*

**“JESUS, REMEMBER ME”**

**THE FOURTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS BURIED**

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

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

Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. He and Joseph took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where Jesus was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. (John 19:39-42)

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. "If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. (Luke 6:27-28, 32; 1 John 4:7a-8)

# “WERE YOU THERE”

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

*Refrain*

Oh, 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?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

**YOU ARE INVITED TO 'DEPART' IN SILENCE.**

**WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE SPACE FOR REFLECTION TODAY AND TOMORROW,  
AS WE HEAD TOWARD THE WONDER OF EASTER.**

**EASTER VIGIL WILL BE HELD ON FACEBOOK LIVE AND VIMEO AT 6:30 PM ON SATURDY, APRIL 3RD**

# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church



## Children belong in worship!

Worship kits and a nursery space is available. God rejoices in the joyful noise of children and so do we!



## God calls us to welcome everyone!

Messiah seeks to be a welcoming community and to share the love of God with our neighbors. If you are new, please introduce yourself to our pastors.



## Worship should be accessible!

Hearing devices (and T-Coil) and large print bulletins are available. We invite you to sit or stand as you are comfortable. All gender and family restroom facilities are available on the first level, please see signs in the Narthex.



## All are welcome at Jesus' table!

During communion grape juice and gluten-free options are available. Those not wishing to commune may come forward for a blessing. Those not able to come forward may receive communion in their pew, please notify the usher.



## God calls us to pray!

Private prayer requests may be made by writing them on the back of the Welcome Card. If you would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a pastoral care visit, please contact the church office.

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AS WE  
CELEBRATE  
THE RESURRECTION  
OF  
OUR LORD**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH**

**7:00 AM McCarty's Cove Sunrise Worship—  
in person**

**8:45 AM Traditional Easter Worship—  
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**10:30 AM Lambros Beach Worship—  
in person**