



Good Friday

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AS WE GATHER

Nothing could be more natural than seeking revenge against one who has wronged you. Even the youngest child's untrained sense of fairness demands payback. God's children, however, are not to submit to human thinking but to the Word of God. What do the Scriptures say about our desire for revenge? When King David's enemies rose against him, the Holy Spirit inspired him to pray in Psalm 41:10, "But You, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!" David prays for vengeance, and God ordains vengeance. Yet the Scriptures also tell us not to "resist the one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). What are we to make of this paradox? As with all matters of the faith, we must look to our Lord's crucifixion for the answer. For only by the cross is God gracious to you; only at the cross does He demand payment for every injustice.

PRAYER**HYMN****STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED****LSB 451, vs. 1, 2*****INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCESPhilippians 2:8–9; Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a, adapted*

- P Christ Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
C **Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.**
P Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,
C **thus securing an eternal redemption.**
P Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,
C **so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Confident of His redeeming love, let us confess our sins to our gracious God.
C **Almighty God, we confess that we are sinful by nature and through our words, thoughts, and deeds. Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. As you believe, so let it be. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

***SALUTATION**

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

***COLLECT OF THE DAY**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:3–4

³He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

HYMN

O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

LSB 449, vs. 2

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:5–8

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.
⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.
⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

HYMN

O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

LSB 449, vs. 3

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 53:9–12

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;

the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

LSB 449, vs. 4

PSALM

Psalm 41

P Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

C **In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;**

P the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;

C **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

P The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.

C **As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"**

P My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"

C **And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**

P All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

C **They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."**

P Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

C **But You, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!**

P By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

C **But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . .

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 19:17-30

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 19th chapter.

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

¹⁷[Jesus] went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A 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. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

SERMON

GOD BE GRACIOUS TO ME!

Psalm 41:10

OFFERING

BIDDING PRAYER

After our petitions:

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

TENEBRAE

HYMN O DEAREST JESUS, WHAT LAW HAST THOU BROKEN **LSB 439, vs. 1–3**

THE FIRST WORD *Luke 23:34*

³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

HYMN JESUS IN YOUR DYING WOES **LSB 447, vs. 1, 3**

The first candle is extinguished.

THE SECOND WORD *Luke 23:43*

⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

HYMN JESUS IN YOUR DYING WOES **LSB 447, vs. 4, 5**

The second candle is extinguished.

THE THIRD WORD *John 19:25-27*

²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and

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Serving our Lord this evening

Officiant: Rev. James Kroonblawd
Organist: Merlin Simon
Altar Guild: Roxanne Foley
Acolyte: Isaac Koch
Projectionist: Jean Peterson

Reader: Keith Prusak
Cantor: Andrew Koch
Usher: Andy Olson
Greeter: Lynn Kroonblawd
Live Stream: Jim Nicklas

Easter Sunday | March 31

Worship with Holy Communion – 8:00*am and 10:30am
Food and Fellowship – 9:15am (*no adult Bible study; no Sunday school*)



**Livestream at trinityloneoak.org*



Food and Fellowship

Easter Sunday, March 31 | 9:15-10:15am | TLO Gym

Thank you to the TLO Quilters for their work to prepare the food. Menu includes scrambled eggs and sausage, biscuits with sausage gravy, fruit, rolls, coffee and juice. Invite a friend to come with you!