

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LADYSMITH, WISCONSIN  
PASTOR: REV. CHRISTOPHER MARTIN



GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 18, 2025

6:30PM

*The Congregation Assembles in Silence*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this day, the Church remembers the unfathomable death our Lord Jesus willingly took upon Himself to take away our sins. It is a reminder of the magnitude of our sins and, at the same time, the great value He places on us and our salvation. Let us therefore ponder His suffering and death with sober reflection and resolute joy.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 27:24-44

♪Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" v.1-2 #351

- 1 O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**
- 2 How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn; how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn! Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.**

THE FIRST WORD: Luke 23:33-34

♪HYMN: "Ah, Holy Jesus" v.1 #349

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your sinlessness You never needed forgiveness and yet You forgave those who sinned against You without cause. Give us grace and courage to forgive those who wrong us, that we may so draw attention to Your forgiving glory on the cross.

**C: Amen.**

THE SECOND WORD: Luke 23:39-43

♪HYMN: “Ah, Holy Jesus” v.2

#349

- 2 **Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**

PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom that we, too, may be with You in Paradise.

**C: Amen.**

THE THIRD WORD: John 19:26-27

♪HYMN: “Ah, Holy Jesus” v.3

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- 3 **Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.**

PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, even in Your death, You put those who are lonely and neglected into families. Draw many into Your family that we may praise You together with them forever.

**C: Amen.**

THE FOURTH WORD: Mark 15:34

♪HYMN: “Ah, Holy Jesus” v. 4

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- 4 **For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.**

PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, You were forsaken by Your Father so that we would not be forsaken. Give us grace to rely on Your complete sacrifice, that we may always trust our heavenly Father's love for us.

**C: Amen.**

THE FIFTH WORD: John 19:28

♪HYMN: “Ah, Holy Jesus” v. 5

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- 5 **Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee; think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.**

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Jews and King of the nations, You have promised that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness would be satisfied. Give us faith to trust that Your thirst on the cross supplies all that we need.

**C: Amen.**

THE SIXTH WORD: John 19:30

♪HYMN: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” v.1

#803

1 **When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, You could have found the pain to be too much. You could have come down from the cross. But You remained until all was finished. Give us confidence to follow You completely through our trials and crosses because You are the author and finisher of our faith.

**C: Amen.**

THE SEVENTH WORD: Luke 23:44-46

♪HYMN: “What Wondrous Love is This” v.1,3

#666

1 **What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, when You had finished all, You handed Your spirit over to Your Father, that He would then give His spirit back to You. Keep us in the one true faith, that on the last day, Your spirit may be given back to our mortal bodies and we may rise to serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Lisa Borman

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 27:51-54

♪HYMN OF THE DAY: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” v.3-4 #351

- 3 **What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**
- 4 **Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die; remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh. These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move; for all who die believing die safely in thy love.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

*Congregation Stands*

THE BIDDING PRAYER

*The Bidding Prayer is a form of prayer that is traditionally prayed in the church on Good Friday. A reader announces each bid, or part of the prayer, and the Pastor leads the congregation in each prayer.*

- L: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:
- P: Almighty and everlasting God...and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.**
- L: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God:
- P: Almighty and everlasting God...may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.**
- L: Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick, and a safe journey to all who travel:
- P: Almighty and everlasting God...may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.**
- L: Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

P: Almighty and everlasting God...and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

P: Almighty and everlasting God...may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

P: O almighty, everlasting God...and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

P: O Lord, Father Almighty...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Taught by our Lord, and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray...

**All:** *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.*

P: Almighty and everlasting God... may receive remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

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## THE REPROACHES

*The following Reproaches are the words of the Lord against His people, the Church, to which the congregation replies with a plea for mercy.*

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended You? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people. *Micah 6:3-4*

**C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.**

♪HYMN: "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless" v. 1

#357

**1 Lamb of God, pure and sinless, once on the cross an off'ring, patient, lowly, guiltless, forsaken in your suff'ring: from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us. Grant us your mercy, O Jesus.**

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended You? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people. *Jeremiah 2:6-7*

**C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**

♪HYMN: "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless" v. 2

#357

**2 Lamb of God, pure and sinless, once on the cross an off'ring, patient, lowly, guiltless, forsaken in your suff'ring: from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us. Grant us your mercy, O Jesus.**

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended You? Answer Me. What more could I have done for My vineyard that I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people. *Isaiah 5:2-4*

**C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.**

- 3 **Lamb of God, pure and sinless, once on the cross an off'ring,  
patient, lowly, guiltless, forsaken in your suff'ring: from sin's  
grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.  
Your peace be with us, O Jesus. Amen.**

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485-1550; tr. Composite Text © 1978, 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

THE ADORATION

P: We adore You, O Lord,

**C: and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.**

P: For behold, by the wood of Your cross

**C: joy has come into all the world.**

P: God be merciful to us and bless us,

**C: and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.**

P: We adore You, O Lord,

**C: and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.**

P: For behold, by the wood of Your cross

**C: joy has come into all the world.**

P: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

**C: By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

♪HYMN: “Ah, Holy Jesus” v.1

#349

- 1 **Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee  
have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P: Let us pray. We implore You, O Lord...through the same Jesus  
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

♪HYMN: “Ah, Holy Jesus” v.3

#349

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sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we  
nothing heeded, God interceded.**

THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS & SLAMMING OF THE BOOK

VOCAL SOLO: “Were You There”

Pastor Martin

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

*The congregation leaves in silent anticipation of Easter.*