

TRE ORE

THREE HOURS OF DEVOTIONS RECALLING
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ON GOOD FRIDAY



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Menasha, Wisconsin

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at

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GOOD FRIDAY AFTERNOON

12:00 to 3:00 PM

Based on the traditional reading of the Passion According to St. John

"Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour."

– St. Matthew 27:45

According to the ancient and venerable tradition of the Church, we reverently join in the commemoration of the Passion and Death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Upon entering the church, we bow toward the altar as we come to our pew, and then reverently prepare our hearts for participation by a short prayer. Then, disposing our minds and hearts by thoughtful meditation, we await the coming of the Holy Spirit through the Word, to bring us to repentance and faith.

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When the bell tolls, rise according to the instructions and follow the service, changing position as instructed, making the sign of the Cross at the symbol ✙. The Lord bless our meditation this day to the good of our souls. Amen!

+ PART ONE – AT 12:00 NOON +

(When the bell tolls, the Faithful shall rise.)

THE PREPARATION

THE OPENING VERSICLE

- P** Make haste ✠, O God, to deliver me:
C **Make haste to help me, O Lord!**
P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
C **A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

THE ANTIPHONAL PRAYER

- P** Behold us prostrate before You, O Lord Jesus Christ, imploring Your mercy:
C **In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek help but of You, O Lord, who for our sins are justly displeased?**
P Yet, O Lord, most merciful Savior, we beseech You to apply to our souls the infinite merits of Your Holy Passion and Death:
C **That being brought to true repentance and a firm resolve to amend our sinful lives, we may be partakers of eternal life;**
P You, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen!**

THE GOOD FRIDAY CANTICLE (Isaiah 53)

- P** Who has believed our message?:
C **And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?**

P For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot:
C **And like a root out of parched ground.**
P He had no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him:
C **Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.**
P He was despised and forsaken of men:
C **A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.**
P And like one from whom men hide their faces:
C **He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.**

P Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried:
C **Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.**
P But He was pierced through for our transgressions:
C **He was crushed for our iniquities.**
P The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him:
C **And by His scourging we are healed.**

P All of us like sheep have gone astray:
C **Each of us has turned to his own way.**
P But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all:
C **To fall on Him.**
P He was oppressed and He was afflicted:
C **Yet He did not open His mouth.**
P Like a lamb that is led to slaughter:
C **And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.**

P By oppression and judgment He was taken away:
C **And as for His generation,**
P Who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living:
C **For the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?**
P His grave was assigned with wicked men:
C **Yet He was with a rich man in His death,**
P Because He had done no violence:
C **Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.**

P But the LORD was pleased To crush Him:
C **Putting Him to grief.**
P When He renders His soul as a guilt offering:
C **He will see His offspring.**
P He will prolong His days:
C **And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.**
P As a result of the anguish of His soul:
C **He will see and be satisfied.**
P By His knowledge the Righteous One, my Servant, will justify many:
C **And He will bear their iniquities.**
P Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great:
C **And He will divide the booty with the strong.**
P Because He poured out His soul to death:
C **And was numbered with the transgressors.**
P Yet He Himself bore the sin of many:
C **And interceded for the transgressors.**

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" – LSB 438

SILENT MEDITATION (5 Minutes)

(The Faithful meditate on the following thoughts:

How did it come about? How did it happen that He whom heaven and earth adore was despised and rejected of men, a Man of sorrows, acquainted with grief? Let us trace the events of that first Good Friday, when Jesus was betrayed into the hands of sinful men. See them all turn on Him:

*Betrayed by a disciple;
 Bound before the High Priest;
 Denied by another disciple;
 Rejected by His people;
 Scourged by the soldiers;*

*Condemned by the judge;
 Crucified with criminals;
 Robbed of His clothing;
 Expired on the cross;
 Pierced by a lance;
 and Buried by secret adherents.*

*Who is guilty of this great crime? The Jews? Judas? Pilate? The soldiers? All of these?
 Or is it I?)*

BETRAYED

A LITANY OF REPENTANCE

(Stand)

- P** O Lord:
C **Have mercy on us.**
P O Christ:
C **Have mercy on us.**
P O Lord:
C **Have mercy on us.**
P O Lord, who came to call sinners to repentance:
C **Call them still and make them answer Your call.**
P Be merciful to those who have no cloak for their sin:
C **But have seen and hated both You and Your Father.**
P You who melts the hardness of the thief:
C **Soften the hearts of all who are impenitent.**
P You who recovered the woman that was a sinner:
C **Recover all those who have fallen away from You.**
P You who called Zacchaeus from the sycamore tree:
C **Arouse the careless and arrest the curious.**
P You who spoke the words of spirit and life:
C **Enlighten the ignorant and teach the unlearned;**
P Dispel all prejudices, correct all error:
C **Establish Your people in the truth of the Gospel.**
P You who called St. Matthew from the receipt of custom:
C **Deliver many souls from the slavery of the world.**
P You who prayed for Your murderers:
C **Pity those who oppose Your rule and persecute Your servants.**
P You who cast out many devils:
C **Set free many by the power of Your grace, who are possessed by the devils of drink and lust.**

P You who satisfied the doubts of St. Thomas:
C **Deal gently with those who can scarcely believe.**
P You who lifted up the sinking St. Peter:
C **Support all those who are weak and unstable.**
P You who came to proclaim deliverance to captives:
C **Pity all prisoners and loosen the chains of their sins.**
P You who raised the dead to life:
C **Quicken dead souls to the life of righteousness.**
P O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:
C **Have mercy on us!**
P O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:
C **Have mercy on us!**
P O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:
C **Have mercy on us!**
P O Lord:
C **Hear us!**
P O Christ:
C **Have mercy on us!**
P O Lord:
C **Have mercy on us!**
ALL **Lord, have mercy on us. Amen!**

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "Go to Dark Gethsemane" – LSB 436

SILENT MEDITATION (5 minutes. *The Faithful meditate on the words of the hymn.*)

(Stand)

THE PROPHECY (Psalm 41:5, 7, 9; Ps. 55:12-14, 20, 21)

P My enemies speak evil against me:
C **"When will he die, and his name perish?"**
P All who hate me whisper together against me:
C **Against me they devise my hurt.**
P Even my close friend, in whom I trusted:
C **Who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.**

P For it is not an enemy who reproaches me:
C **Then I could bear it.**
P Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me:
C **Then I could hide myself from him.**
P But it was you, a man my equal:
C **My companion and my familiar friend.**
P We who had sweet fellowship together:
C **And walked in the house of God in the throng.**
P He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him.
C **He has violated his covenant.**
P His speech was smoother than butter:
C **But his heart was at war.**
P His words were softer than oil:
C **Yet they were drawn swords.**

THE PASSION (St. John 18:1-11)

P *(Reads the Scripture concerning the base betrayal by Judas.)*

(Sit)

SILENT MEDITATION (until 12:30)

(Those who must leave please do so quietly. You may leave your offering at the door, along with this folder.)

(The Faithful meditate on the following thoughts, and what our Lord suffered in the Garden of Gethsemane:)

"The Arrest"

*"Arise! Arise! They come! Look how they run!
 Alas, what haste they make to be undone!
 How with their lanterns do they seek the Sun!
 Was ever grief like mine?"*

*With clubs and staves they seek me as a thief,
 Who am the Way of Truth, the true Relief,
 Most true to those who are my greatest grief;
 Was ever grief like mine?"*

(continued)

*Judas, dost thou betray me with a kiss?
Canst thou find hell about my lips, and miss
Of life just at the gates of life and bliss?
Was ever grief like mine?*

*See, they lay hold on me, not with hands
Of faith, but fury; yet at their commands
I suffer binding, Who have loos'd their bands:
Was ever grief like mine?*

*All my disciples flee; fear puts a bar
Betwixt my friends and me; they leave the Star
That brought the wise men of the East from far:
Was ever grief like mine?*

– George Herbert

How often have I betrayed Jesus for far less than 30 pieces of silver? O Lord, have mercy on me! Amen!

+ PART TWO: AT 12:30 PM +

(When the bell tolls, the Faithful shall rise.)

BOUND

THE VERSICLE

- P** Make haste ☩, O God, to deliver me:
- C** **Make haste to help me, O Lord!**
- P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
- C** **A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

THE PRAYER FOR HOLY MOTHER CHURCH

- P** Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the Holy Church of God, that our Lord and God may deign to give her peace, keep her in unity, and protect her throughout the world, and may grant to us that, leading a peaceful and quiet life, we may glorify God, the Father Almighty.

Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ has revealed Your glory to all nations, guard the works of Your mercy; that Your Church, spread over the whole world, may with constant faith persevere in the confession of Your name; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE RESPONSIVE READING (Hosea 6)

- P** Come, let us return to the LORD; for He has torn us, but He will heal us:
C **He has wounded us, but He will bandage us.**
P He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day:
C **That we may live before Him.**
P So let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; His going forth is as certain as the dawn:
C **And He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain watering the earth.**
P What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah?
C **For your loyalty is like a morning cloud, and like the dew which goes away early.**
P Therefore I have hewn them in pieces by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth:
C **And the judgments on you are like the light that goes forth.**
P For I delight in mercy rather than sacrifice:
C **And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.**
P But like Adam they have transgressed the covenant:
C **There they have dealt treacherously against Me.**
P Gilead is a city of wrongdoers:
C **Tracked with bloody footprints.**

- P** And as raiders wait for a man, so a band of priests murder on the way to Shechem:
- C** **Surely they have committed crime.**
- P** In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing:
- C** **Ephraim's harlotry is there, Israel has defiled itself.**
- P** Also, O Judah, there is a harvest appointed for you:
- C** **When I restore the fortunes of my people.**
- P** Come, let us return to the LORD; for He has torn us, but He will heal us:
- C** **He has wounded us, but He will bandage us.**
- P** He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day:
- C** **That we may live before Him.**

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "Savior, When in Dust to Thee" – LSB 419

(Stand)

THE PROPHECY (Psalm 89:50, 51)

- P** Remember, O Lord, the reproach of Thy servants:
- C** **How I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many peoples.**
- P** With which Thine enemies have reproached, O Lord:
- C** **With which they have reproached the footsteps of Thine anointed.**

THE PASSION (St. John 18:12-14, 19-24)

- P** *(Reads the Scripture concerning the appearance of Jesus bound before the High Priest.)*

(Sit)

SILENT MEDITATION (5 Minutes)

(The Faithful meditate on what our Lord suffered before the High Priest:

The Church of His Father accuses the Son of disrespect for the High Priest. The true High Priest has taught openly in His Temple, and now is accused of teaching blasphemy. They know that what He taught was true, but they refused to accept it. . . . Is there perhaps some corner of my heart which still harbors unbelief? Do I refuse to accept some doctrine which is clearly taught in Scripture? Does my trust in the Lord suffer in stressful and fearful times? O Lord, help my unbelief!)

THE COLLECT FOR FAITH

(Stand)

P Let us pray:

ALL: Almighty and ever-living God, who has given to those who believe exceedingly great and precious promises, grant us so perfectly and without all doubt to believe all which You have revealed to us in Holy Scripture, that our faith, in Your sight, may never be reproved; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

DENIED

THE ANTIPHON

P As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked:

C But that the wicked turn from his way and live.

THE PSALM (Psalm 51)

P Be gracious to me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness:

C According to the greatness of Thy compassion blot out my transgressions.

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity:

C And cleanse me from my sin.

P For I know my transgressions:

C And my sin is ever before me.

P Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done evil in Thy sight:
C **So that Thou art justified when Thou dost speak, and blameless when Thou dost judge.**

P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity:
C **And in sin my mother conceived me.**

P Behold, Thou dost desire truth in the innermost being:
C **And in the hidden part Thou wilt make me know wisdom.**

P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
C **Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

P Make me to hear joy and gladness:
C **Let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice.**

P Hide Thy face from my sins:
C **And blot out all my iniquities.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God:
C **And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

P Do not cast me away from Thy presence:
C **And do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

P Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation:
C **And sustain me with a willing spirit.**

P Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways:
C **And sinners will be converted to Thee.**

P Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation:
C **Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Thy righteousness.**

P O Lord, open my lips:
C **That my mouth may declare Thy praise.**

P For Thou dost not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it:
C **Thou art not pleased with burnt offering.**

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
C **A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.**

P By Thy favor do good to Zion:
C **Build the walls of Jerusalem.**

P Then Thou wilt delight in righteous sacrifices, In burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings:
C **Then young bulls will be offered on Thine altar.**

THE ANTIPHON

P As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked:
C **But that the wicked turn from his way and live.**

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" – LSB 423

THE PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED

(Stand)

P Let us pray:

ALL: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose property it is always to have mercy, we most earnestly beseech You to visit with Your Fatherly correction all who have erred and gone astray from the truth of Your Holy Word, and to bring them to a due sense of their error that they may again with hearty faith receive and hold fast Your unchangeable truth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

THE VERSICLE (Psalm 1:1)

P How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked:
C **Nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!**

THE PASSION (St. John 18:15-18, 25-27)

P *(Reads the Scripture concerning the shocking denial by Peter.)*

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" – LSB 440

SILENT MEDITATION (Until 1:00)

(Those who must leave please do so quietly. You may leave your offering at the door, along with this folder.)

(The Faithful meditate on the following thoughts concerning the denial:

Peter, the "Rock," denies his Lord! How can this be? For the sake of his own safety he sold out to the enemy. Thus his boastful words that he would never deny Christ were turned to ashes in his mouth. But have I not also done the same many times? By my actions, by my words, and by my silence, I too am guilty of denying Jesus! O Lord, look with compassion on me.)

(If you finish with the previous meditation, or are just coming in, you may turn to the hymnal and meditate on Psalm 16 until the next part begins.)

+ PART THREE: AT 1:00 PM +

(When the bell tolls, the Faithful shall rise.)

REJECTED

THE VERSICLE

P Make haste ✠, O God, to deliver me:

C **Make haste to help me, O Lord!**

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

C **A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

THE PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE JEWS

P Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the unfaithful Jews, that our God and Lord may remove the veil from their hearts; that they also may acknowledge our Lord Jesus Christ.

P Let us pray:

ALL: **Almighty and everlasting God, who does not drive even the faithless Jews away from Your mercy, hear our prayers, which we offer for the blindness of that people, that acknowledging the Light of Your truth, which is Christ, they may be rescued from their darkness; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

THE LITANY OF THE PASSION

- P** O Lord God, Father in Heaven:
C **Have mercy on us.**
- P** O Son of God, Redeemer of the world:
C **Have mercy on us.**
- P** O Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
C **Have mercy on us.**
- P** By that great love whereby You elected to restore man when he fell:
C **Spare us, O Christ.**
- P** By Your holy Nativity, wherein You condescended to be born of a woman:
C **Spare us, O Christ.**
- P** By Your painful Circumcision, and shedding of Your precious Blood:
C **Spare us, O Christ.**
- P** For Your flight into Egypt, and all that You suffered there; for Your coming again from Egypt to Nazareth, and Your obedience to Your father and Your mother; for Your lowly and meek conversation for thirty three years on earth:
C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For Your holy Baptism; for Your holy fasting, meditation, and temptation:
C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For Your holy tears and lowly entrance into Jerusalem:
C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** By that great lowliness which You showed in washing the feet of the disciples, and of Judas, who betrayed You; by Your most noble and worthy Institution of the Sacrament of Your most precious Body and Blood:
C **Save us, good Lord.**
- P** For those holy bonds wherewith You were bound; for the blow You endured in the presence of the High Priest Annas; for the false witnesses and shameful treatment before Caiaphas the High Priest:
C **Forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** For Your presentation before Pilate, and the accusations brought against You; for the contempt and mockery that You suffered when Herod arrayed You in a gorgeous robe and sent You again to Pilate:
C **Forgive us, O Lord.**

- P** For Your scourging and cruel beatings; for the purple garment, and the Crown of Thorns violently pressed down upon Your Head; for the scornful worshipping of the soldiers:
- C** **Forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** By Your bearing of the heavy Cross to the place where You suffered Your most painful Passion:
- C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** By the labor, anguish, slanders and beatings You suffered on the way; by Your bloody steps as You went to Your death:
- C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** By the nailing of Your right Hand; by the nailing of Your left Hand; by the nailing of Your most holy Feet, and the precious Blood flowing out of them:
- C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** For that wonderful charity when You prayed for Your enemies; for Your tender mercy in that You promised Paradise to the penitent thief; for the tender care which You showed toward Your mother:
- C** **We praise You, O Lord.**
- P** By that great and piteous cry to Your Father; by Your thirst and tasting of the vinegar; by the cry "It is finished" ; by the commending of Your Soul into the hands of the Father:
- C** **Lord, hear our cry.**
- P** By Your bitter death; by the spear wound in Your side; by Your solemn burial in the grave of Joseph:
- C** **Save us, O Lord.**
- P** O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world:
- C** **Have mercy on us.**
- P** O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world:
- C** **Have mercy on us.**
- P** O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world:
- C** **Have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.**
- P** O Lord:
- C** **Graciously hear us.**

P O Christ:
C **Have mercy on us.**

P O Lord:
C **Have mercy on us.**

ALL: Lord, have mercy on us. Amen!
(Sit)

THE HYMN – "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" – LSB 434

(Stand)

THE PROPHECY (Isaiah 1:2-4)

P Listen, O heavens, and hear, O earth; for the Lord speaks:
C **Sons I have reared and brought up, but they have revolted against Me.**
P An ox knows its owner, and a donkey its master's manger:
C **But Israel does not know, My people do not understand.**
P Alas, sinful nation, people weighed down with iniquity:
C **Offspring of evildoers, sons who act corruptly! :**
P They have abandoned the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel:
C **They have turned away from Him.**

THE PASSION (St. John 18:28-40)

P *(Reads the Scripture concerning the tragic rejection.)*

(Sit)

SILENT MEDITATION (5 Minutes)

(The Faithful meditate on the tragic rejection of Jesus by His people:

He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. Just the Sunday before this Jesus had stood on Mount Olivet and looked over the city of Jerusalem, and He had wept over it. "How often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, AND YOU WOULD NOT!" Now they have completed their folly. They have chosen a murderer and rejected the Prince of Life. . . . But, am I any better? Have I not often chosen the evil rather than the good? Such is the corruption of this sinful human nature!

SCOURGED

(Stand)

THE ANTIPHON (Isaiah 50:6)

P I gave My back to those who strike Me, and My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard:

C **I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.**

THE PSALM (Psalm 130)

P Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O LORD:

C **Lord, hear my voice!**

P Let Thine ears be attentive:

C **To the voice of my supplications.**

P If Thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities:

C **O Lord, who could stand?**

P But there is forgiveness with Thee:

C **That Thou mayest be feared.**

P I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait:

C **And in His Word do I hope.**

P My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchmen for the morning:

C **Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.**

P O Israel, hope in the LORD, for with the LORD there is lovingkindness:

C **And with Him is abundant redemption.**

P And He will redeem Israel:

C **From all his iniquities.**

THE ANTIPHON

P I gave My back to those who strike Me, and My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard:

C **I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.**

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "Christ, the Life of All the Living" – LSB 420, st. 1, 4, 5, 6

THE COLLECT FOR THE CONSECRATION

(Stand)

P Let us pray:
O loving Savior and Redeemer, who not only pled the cause of mankind before the tribunal of supreme justice, and was by Your Father stricken, smitten, and afflicted for our sins, but also willingly gave Yourself over into the cruel hands of men, permitting them to take, bind, and shamefully abuse You: enlighten our eyes to see the wonders of Your love, the depths of Your patience, and the meekness in Your sufferings, that we may acknowledge You to be the Lamb of God who takes away our sins, accept Your merits by faith, and willingly follow You in all our trials; all of which grant us for Your mercy's sake:

C **Amen!**

THE PROPHECY (Psalm 129:3)

P The plowers plowed upon my back:

C **They lengthened their furrows.**

THE PASSION (St. John 19:1-7)

P *(Reads the Scripture concerning the terrible scourging, the crowning with thorns, and the mocking by the soldiers.)*

(Sit)

SILENT MEDITATION (Until 1:30)

(Those who must leave please do so quietly. You may leave your offering at the door, along with this folder.)

(The Faithful meditate on the following thoughts:

The rough soldiers do not know what they are doing. They make mockery of the true King of Heaven and Earth, scourging Him cruelly, then putting a crown of thorns on His brow, a purple robe on His back, and bowing down as though He were an earthly king. Yet He is silent in the face of their torments. Ah, dear Jesus, how often have You looked with silence upon me, as I mocked You with my sins! Let my reverence before You never again be tainted with derision, but cause me to repent of all the pains I have made You suffer! Amen!)

(If you finish with the previous meditation, or are just coming in, you may turn to the hymnal and meditate on Psalm 56 until the next part begins.)

+ PART FOUR: AT 1:30 PM +

(When the bell tolls, the Faithful shall rise.)

CONDEMNED

THE VERSICLE

- P** Make haste ✠, O God, to deliver me:
C **Make haste to help me, O Lord!**
P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
C **A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

THE PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE HEATHEN

- P** Let us pray for the pagans, that Almighty God may remove iniquity from their hearts, that, putting away their idols, they may be converted to the true and living God, and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our God and Lord:

P Let us pray:

ALL: Almighty and everlasting God, who always seeks not the death, but the life of sinners, mercifully hear our prayer, and deliver the heathen from the worship of idols, and join them to Your holy Church, for the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" – LSB 439,
st. 1, 5, 6, 7

(Stand)

THE PROPHECY (Isaiah 53:7)

P He was oppressed and He was afflicted,

C Yet He did not open His mouth;

P Like a lamb that is led to slaughter,

C And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

THE PASSION (St. John 19:8-16)

P (*Reads the Scripture concerning the unfair condemnation of our Lord.*)

(Sit)

SILENT MEDITATION (3 Minutes)

(The Faithful meditate on the unjust condemnation of our Lord by Pontius Pilate:

Think how it would feel to be unjustly accused of a crime, and then have the judge turn you over to be executed, even though he knew that you were innocent. What a weak and spineless man this Pilate was! Yet, how often have I condemned Jesus by not taking a stand against evil? My sins of omission have also condemned Him! O Jesus, forgive me, and give me the courage of my convictions! Amen!)

CRUCIFIED

(Stand)

THE LAMENTATION (Lamentations 1:12-14)

- P** Is it nothing to all you who pass this way?
- C** **Look and see if there is any pain like my pain**
- P** Which was severely dealt out to me:
- C** **Which the LORD inflicted on the day of His fierce anger.**
- P** From on high He sent fire into my bones:
- C** **And it prevailed over them;**
- P** He has spread a net for my feet; He has turned me back:
- C** **He has made me desolate, Faint all day long.**
- P** The yoke of my transgressions is bound:
- C** **By His hand they are knit together; They have come upon my neck;**
- P** He has made my strength fail;
- C** **The Lord has given me into the hands Of those against whom I am not able to stand.**

THE PASSION (St. John 19:17-22)

- P** *(Reads the Scripture concerning the Crucifixion of our Lord.)*

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "Lord Jesus, Thou Art Going Forth" – TLH 150

(See next page)

150

Lord Jesus, Thou art Going Forth

John 19: 16-17

8. 7. 8. 7. 4. 4. 7. 4. 4. 7.

So gehst du nun, mein Jesu, hin

St. 1-3, 5, Kaspar F. Nachtenhöfer, 1651

St. 4, Magnus D. Omeis, 1699

Tr., W. Gustave Polack, 1940

So gehst du nun

"Geistreiches Gesangbuch"

Darmstadt, 1698

1 (*The Soul*.) Lord Je - sus, Thou art go - ing forth For me Thy
2 (*Jesus*.) O Soul, at - tend thou and be - hold The fruit of

life to of - fer; For me, a sin - ner from my birth, Who
thy trans-gres - sion! My por - tion is the curse of old And

caused all Thou must suf - fer. So be it, then, Thou Hope of men;
for man's sin My Pas - sion. Now comes the night Of sin's dread night,

Thee I shall fol - low weep - ing, Tears flow - ing free
Man's guilt I here am bear - ing. Oh, weigh it, Soul;

LENT

Lord Jesus, Thou art Going Forth

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music consists of a single melodic line with a few chords in the bass. The lyrics are: 'Thy pain to see, Watch o'er Thy sor-rows keep - ing. I make thee whole, No need now of de - spair - ing. A - men.'

3 (*The Soul:*) 'Tis I, Lord Jesus, I confess,
Who should have borne sin's wages
And lost the peace of heavenly bliss
Through everlasting ages.
Instead 'tis Thou
Who goest now
My punishment to carry.
Thy death and blood
Lead me to God;
By grace I there may tarry.

4 (*Jesus:*) O Soul, I take upon Me now
The pain thou shouldst have suffered.
Behold, with grace I thee endow,
Grace freely to thee offered.
The curse I choose
That thou mightst lose
Sin's curse and guilt forever.
My gift of love
From heaven above
Will give thee blessing ever.

5 (*The Soul:*) What can I for such love divine
To Thee, Lord Jesus, render?
No merit has this heart of mine;
Yet while I live, I'll tender
Myself alone,
And all I own,
In love to serve before Thee;
Then when time's past,
Take me at last
To Thy blest home in glory.

(Stand)

(All bow at the places indicated below.)

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

P *(Unveiling the top of the Cross)*

Behold, the Wood of the Cross, on which hung the Savior of the world:

C *(Bow)*

Come, let us adore!

P *(Unveiling the right Transept)*

Behold, the Wood of the Cross, on which hung the Savior of the World:

C *(Bow)*

Come, let us adore!

P *(Unveiling the whole Cross)*

Behold, the Wood of the Cross, on which hung the Savior of the World:

C *(Bow)*

Come, let us adore!

THE REPROACHES

**ALL: My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you?
Answer Me! Because I brought you up from the land of Egypt, you have
prepared a cross for your Savior.**

P Holy God:

C **Holy God;**

P Holy and mighty One:

C **Holy and mighty One;**

P Holy, immortal One, have mercy on us:

C **Holy, immortal One, have mercy on us!**

**ALL: Because I brought you up through the wilderness forty years, and fed
you with manna, and brought you into a land exceedingly good, you
have prepared a cross for your Savior.**

P Holy God:
C **Holy God;**
P Holy and mighty One:
C **Holy and mighty One;**
P Holy, immortal One, have mercy on us:
C **Holy, immortal One, have mercy on us!**

ALL: **What more ought I to have done for you than I have done? I planted you, indeed, My most beautiful vineyard; and you have become exceedingly bitter to Me; for in my thirst you gave Me vinegar to drink; and with a spear you have pierced the side of your Savior.**

P Holy God:
C **Holy God;**
P Holy and mighty One:
C **Holy and mighty One;**
P Holy, immortal One, have mercy on us:
C **Holy, immortal One, have mercy on us!**
P For your sake I scourged Egypt with its firstborn; and you have scourged Me and delivered Me up:
C **My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you? Answer Me!**
P I brought you up out of Egypt, having drowned Pharaoh in the Red Sea; and you have delivered Me to the chief priests:
C **My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you? Answer Me!**
P I opened the sea before you; and you with a spear have opened My side:
C **My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you? Answer Me!**
P I went before you in a pillar of cloud and you have led Me to the judgment hall of Pilate:
C **My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you? Answer Me!**
P I fed you with manna in the wilderness; and you have beaten Me with blows and scourges:

C My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you?
Answer Me!

P I gave you the water of salvation from the rock to drink; and you have given Me gall and vinegar:

C My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you?
Answer Me!

P For your sake I struck the kings of the Canaanites; and you have struck My head with a reed:

C My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you?
Answer Me!

P I gave you a royal scepter; and you have given to My head a crown of thorns:

C My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you?
Answer Me!

P I exalted you with great strength; and you have hung Me on the gallows of the Cross:

C My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you?
Answer Me!

ALL: We adore Your Cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection; for behold, by that wood joy came into the whole world.

P May God have mercy on us, and bless us; may He cause His face to shine on us; may He have mercy on us, and grant us peace.

ALL: We adore Your Cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection; for behold, by that wood joy came into the whole world.

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" – LSB 451

SILENT MEDITATION (Until 2:00)

(Those who must leave please do so quietly. You may leave your offering at the door, along with this folder.)

(The Faithful meditate on the Crucifixion scene.)

(If you finish with the previous meditation, or are just coming in, you may turn to the hymnal and meditate on Psalm 40 until the next part begins.)

+ PART FIVE: AT 2:00 PM +

(When the bell tolls, the Faithful shall rise.)

ROBBED

THE VERSICLE

P Make haste ☩, O God, to deliver me:

C **Make haste to help me, O Lord!**

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

C **A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

THE PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

P Blood of Jesus:

C **Wash me!**

P Passion of Jesus:

C **Strengthen me!**

P Wounds of Jesus:

C **Heal me!**

P Heart of Jesus:

C **Receive me!**

P Spirit of Jesus:

C **Quicken me!**

P Love of Jesus:

C **Enfold me!**

P Mercy of Jesus:

C **Spare me!**

P Cross of Jesus:

C **Support me!**

P Thorns of Jesus:

C **Crown me!**

P Sighs of Jesus:

C **Pray for me!**

P Agony of Jesus:

C **Atone for me!**

P Lips of Jesus:

C **Plead for me!**

ALL: In life and in death; for time and for eternity. Amen!

(Sit)

Behold the Savior of Mankind

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Luke 23: 46

Samuel Wesley, Sr., c. 1709, cento

C. M.

Windsor

Christopher Tye, 1553

1 Be - hold the Sav - ior of man-kind Nailed to the shame-ful tree!
2 Hark how He groans while nature shakes And earth's strong pil-lars bend!
3 'Tis done; the pre-cious ran-som's paid; "Re-ceive My soul!" He cries.
4 But soon He'll break death's envious chain And in full glo - ry shine.

How vast the love that Him in-clined To bleed and die for thee!
The Tem-ple's veil in sun-der breaks, The sol - id mar-bles rend.
See where He bows His sa-cred head; He bows His head and dies.
O Lamb of God, was ev - er pain, Was ev - er love, like Thine? A-men.

THE ANTIPHON

(Stand)

P They divide my garments among them:

C **And for my clothing they cast lots.**

THE PSALM (Psalm 22)

P My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?

C **Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.**

P O my God, I cry by day, but Thou dost not answer;

C **And by night, but I have no rest.**

P Yet Thou art holy,

C **O Thou who art enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**

P In Thee our fathers trusted;

C **They trusted, and Thou didst deliver them.**

P To Thee they cried out, and were delivered;

C **In Thee they trusted, and were not disappointed.**

P But I am a worm, and not a man,

C **A reproach of men, and despised by the people.**

P All who see me sneer at me;

C **They separate with the lip, they wag the head,**

P Saying, "Commit yourself to the LORD; let Him deliver him;

C **Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him."**

P Yet Thou art He who didst bring me forth from the womb;

C **Thou didst make me trust when upon my mother's breasts.**

P Upon Thee I was cast from birth;

C **Thou hast been my God from my mother's womb.**

P Be not far from me, for trouble is near;

C **For there is none to help.**

P Many bulls have surrounded me;

C **Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me.**

P They open wide their mouth at me,

C **As a ravening and a roaring lion.**

P I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out of joint;

C **My heart is like wax; It is melted within me.**

P My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
C **And Thou dost lay me in the dust of death.**
P For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me;
C **They pierced my hands and my feet.**
P I can count all my bones.
C **They look, they stare at me;**
P They divide my garments among them,
C **And for my clothing they cast lots.**
P But Thou, O LORD, be not far off;
C **O Thou my help, hasten to my assistance.**
P Deliver my soul from the sword,
C **My only life from the power of the dog.**
P Save me from the lion's mouth;
C **And from the horns of the wild oxen Thou hast answered me.**
P I will tell of Thy name to my brethren;
C **In the midst of the assembly I will praise Thee.**
P You who fear the LORD, praise Him; All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
C **And stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel.**
P For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
C **Neither has He hidden His face from him; But when he cried to Him for help, He heard.**
P From Thee comes my praise in the great assembly;
C **I shall pay my vows before those who fear Him.**
P The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
C **Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!**
P All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD,
C **And all the families of the nations will worship before Thee.**
P For the kingdom is the LORD's,
C **And He rules over the nations.**
P All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship, All those who go down to the dust will bow before Him,
C **Even he who cannot keep his soul alive.**
P Posterity will serve Him;
C **It will be told of the LORD to the coming generation.**

- P** They will come and will declare His righteousness To a people who will be born,
C **that He has performed it.**

THE ANTIPHON

- P** They divide my garments among them:
C **And for my clothing they cast lots.**

THE PASSION (St. John 19:23-27)

- P** *(Reads the Scripture concerning the taking of His garments by the soldiers and of His words of tender care for His Mother.)*

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" – LSB 447, st. 1-3, 7-9

SILENT MEDITATION (5 Minutes)

(The Faithful meditate on the anguish which our Lord felt while hanging on the Cross, the parting of His garments among the soldiers, and His compassion for His dear Mother.)

EXPIRED

THE VERSICLE

(Stand)

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You:
C **Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.**

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" – LSB 449

(Stand)

THE PROPHECY (Genesis 3:14, 15)

P And the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly shall you go, And dust shall you eat All the days of your life; And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."
This is the Word of the Lord:

C **Thanks be to God!**

THE VERSICLE

P They also gave me gall for my food,
C **And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.**

THE PASSION (St. John 19:28-30)

P *(Reads the Scripture concerning the last words and expiration of our Lord on the Cross.)*

THE VERSICLE (Isaiah 60:2)

P Behold, darkness will cover the earth,
C **And deep darkness the peoples.**

(Sit)

SILENT MEDITATION (Until 2:30)

(Those who must leave please do so quietly. You may leave your offering at the door, along with this folder.)

(The Faithful meditate on the Death of our Lord:

"It is finished!" With these words Jesus declares the end of all the work which His Father had given Him to do. At an end are the torments of His persecutors, the jeers of the crowd, the painful hours on the Cross. But of greatest importance was the fact that all the work of Redemption was complete. Now He could lay down His life for the final defeat of death itself. The last enemy is conquered!)

(If you finish with the previous meditation, or are just coming in, you may turn to the hymnal and meditate on Psalm 51 until the next part begins.)

+ PART SIX: AT 2:30 PM +

(When the bell tolls, the Faithful shall rise.)

PIERCED

THE VERSICLE

- P** Make haste ✠, O God, to deliver me:
C **Make haste to help me, O Lord!**
P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
C **A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

THE PRAYER FOR SURRENDER

P Let us pray:
O Lord, our Savior, crucified Victim of Calvary: we praise and bless You that You were obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross, and having finished all, have become our Mediator and Redeemer; and we beseech You, grant that by Your death we may be crucified to the world and henceforth live not unto ourselves, but unto You who died for us, yet who now lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen!**

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "Upon the Cross Extended" – LSB 453

(Stand)

THE PROPHECY (Zechariah 12:10)

P They will look on Me whom they have pierced;
C **and they will mourn for Him,**
P As one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him,
C **like the bitter weeping over a first-born.**

THE PASSION (St. John 19:31-37)

P *(Reads the Scripture concerning the piercing of our Lord's side.)*

(Sit)

SILENT MEDITATION (5 Minutes)

(The Faithful meditate on the piercing of our Lord:

It was not the spear in His side which caused His death; our Lord was already dead. Being completely in charge of the situation, He voluntarily gave up the ghost. No one took His life from Him, but He laid it down of His own free will. Such love as this the world has never seen! Note also what came out of His riven side: blood and water! By these did He signify the means by which we would receive the forgiveness of sins which He had earned for us, namely, Holy Communion and Holy Baptism!)

BURIED

THE VERSICLE (Psalm 16:10)

(Stand)

- P** For Thou wilt not abandon my soul in Hell;
C **Neither wilt Thou allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.**

THE PRAYER FOR REST IN THE LORD

P Let us pray:

ALL: O Lord Jesus Christ, who for my sake not only suffered death, but was laid in the tomb in order by Your burial to hide my sins and hallow my grave: grant that I may not dig up my sins again, but leave them buried in Your tomb. By Your rest in the grave, give me the assurance that after this life my soul shall repose in God's hands, and my body sleep in the ground, and that at the Last Day I shall arise from the dust, and together with all Your saints, praise Your name through all eternity. Amen!

THE LECTION (Genesis 1:31–2:2)

P And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

This is the Word of the Lord:

C **Thanks be to God!**

THE PROPHECY (Isaiah 53:8, 9)

P By oppression and judgment He was taken away;

C **And as for His generation, who considered**

P That He was cut off out of the land of the living,

C **For the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?**

P His grave was assigned with wicked men,

C **Yet He was with a rich man in His death,**

P Because He had done no violence,

C **Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.**

THE PASSION (St. John 19:38-42)

P *(Reads the Scripture concerning the removal and burial of our Lord's body)*

(Sit)

THE HYMN – "On My Heart Imprint Thine Image" – LSB 422

SILENT MEDITATION (5 Minutes)

(The Faithful meditate on the burial of our Lord by His secret adherents:

Now He who had no place to lay His head in life, lays it in a borrowed tomb. And it is fitting that it be borrowed, for it is not to be His final resting place. His friends, however, did not know that. They thought He was dead for good. Gently they lay His dead body in the grave to await a permanent burial after the Sabbath. What sorrow overwhelms their hearts as they part from Him whom they loved so much. And what of the forgiveness of sins and salvation? Had these died with Him?)

THE CONCLUSION

(Stand)

THE VERSICLE (Isaiah 53:11)

P He will see the anguish of His soul

C **and be satisfied;**

P By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify many,

C **And He will bear their iniquities.**

THE FINAL PRAYER

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, we beseech You graciously to behold this Your family for whom Your dear Son was content to be crucified. Grant us, through His blood, the forgiveness of all our sins, that we may come to the promised inheritance laid up for us in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen!**

THE PATER NOSTER

P Our Father:

ALL: (Whisper)

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,

P But deliver us from ✠ evil.

C **Amen!**

THE BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

(You may remain and meditate as long as you wish. When you leave, please do so silently, leaving your offering at the door along with this folder. Over Holy Saturday, ponder these things in your heart, then come again to this holy place to celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord!)

"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know – this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power."

— Acts 2:22-24)