

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
***Good Friday Worship Service***  
March 29, 2024  
12:00pm

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*Each person is asked to enter the pew in complete silence and bow in silent prayer to God concerning the crucifixion of our Lord.*

***Silent Meditation***

***Silent Procession*** (Congregation rise)

***Opening Prayer***

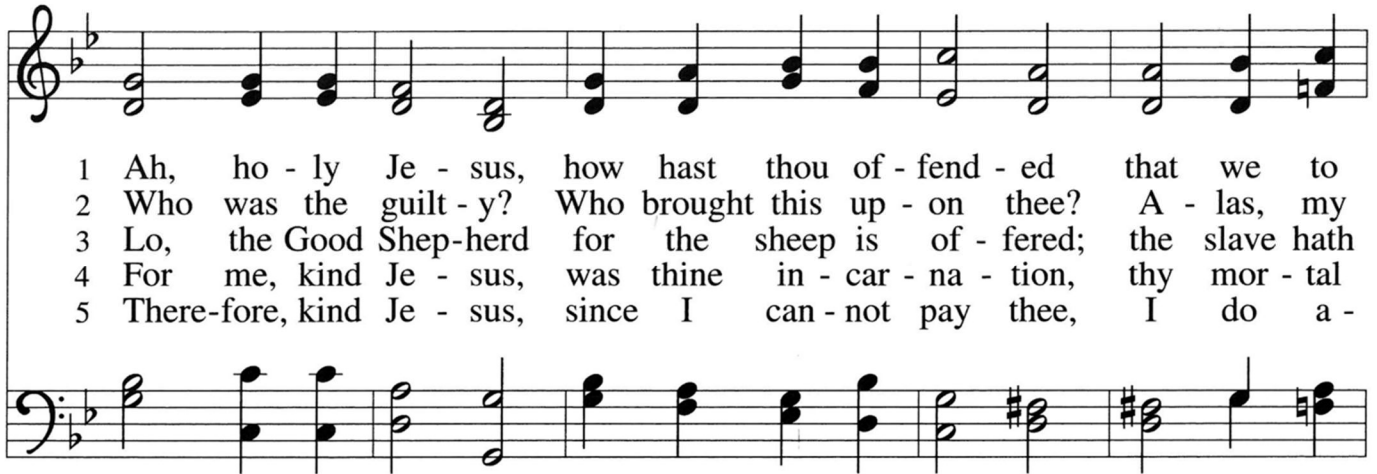
***Gracious God, whose boundless love has brought us to this place of refuge, the foot of your cross, we come in thanksgiving for the generosity of your love. We seek your compassion and forgiveness for our sins of omission and commission. We confess our weak wills even as we look to you for strength. In the crucifixion, may we receive power and wisdom and the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen***

***The Call to Worship***

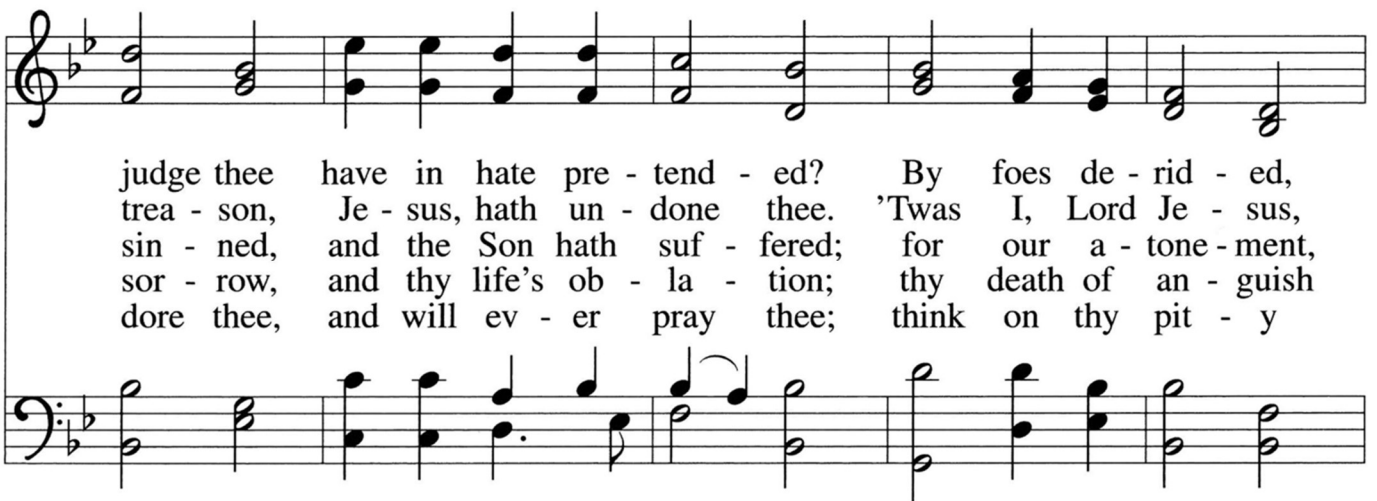
Leader: Our Christ has taken upon himself the sins of the whole world.  
**People: He was wounded for our wrongdoing.**  
Leader: Our Savior was oppressed and afflicted that we might be saved.  
**People: He was bruised for our sins.**  
Leader: Our Lord has made himself an offering for sin and makes intercession for sinners.  
**People: With His stripes we are healed.**

The Opening Hymn

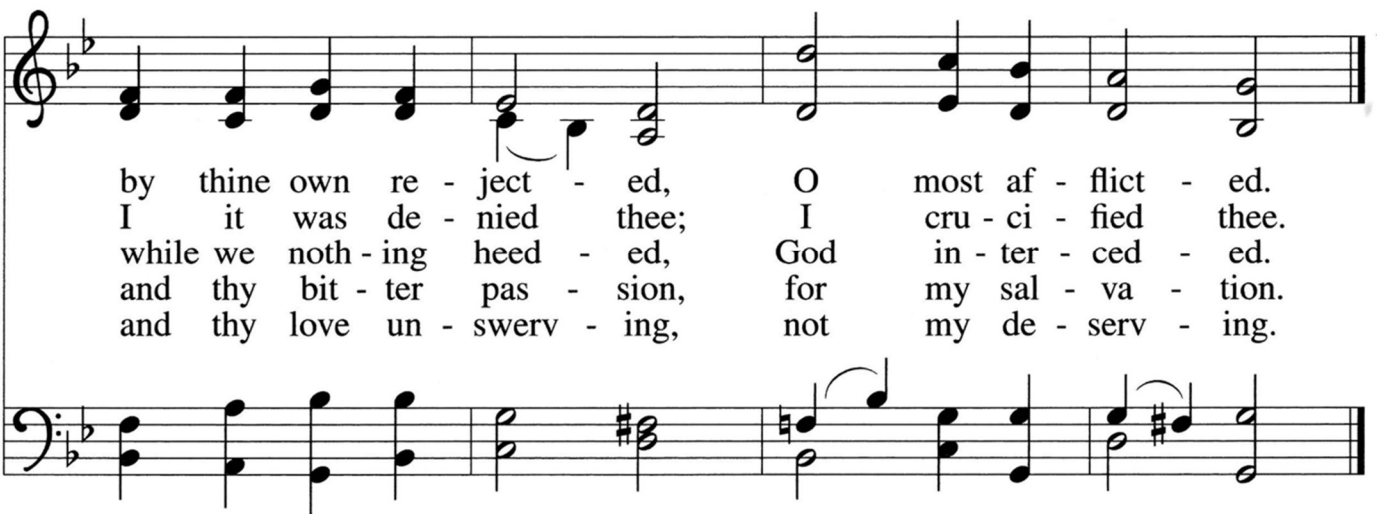
#349 "Ah, Holy Jesus" (verses 1-3)



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
treason, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
sorrow, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

## The Invocation

L: Holy God, open us to the depths of your love hidden in the mystery of the cross. Let us hear your cries and whispers in the voices of all who suffer. Let us know your comforting hope in the midst of painful Good Fridays. Let us feel your forgiveness when we betray, deny and run away. And help us to learn what to hold on to in the face of death.

Holy One, walk with us through the valleys and shadows until we come face to face with the radiant joy of the Risen Christ. Bring us to your Easter.

C: Amen.

## The Prophecy

Isaiah 53:1-9

## Hymn

### #347 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (Verses 1,2)

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.  
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

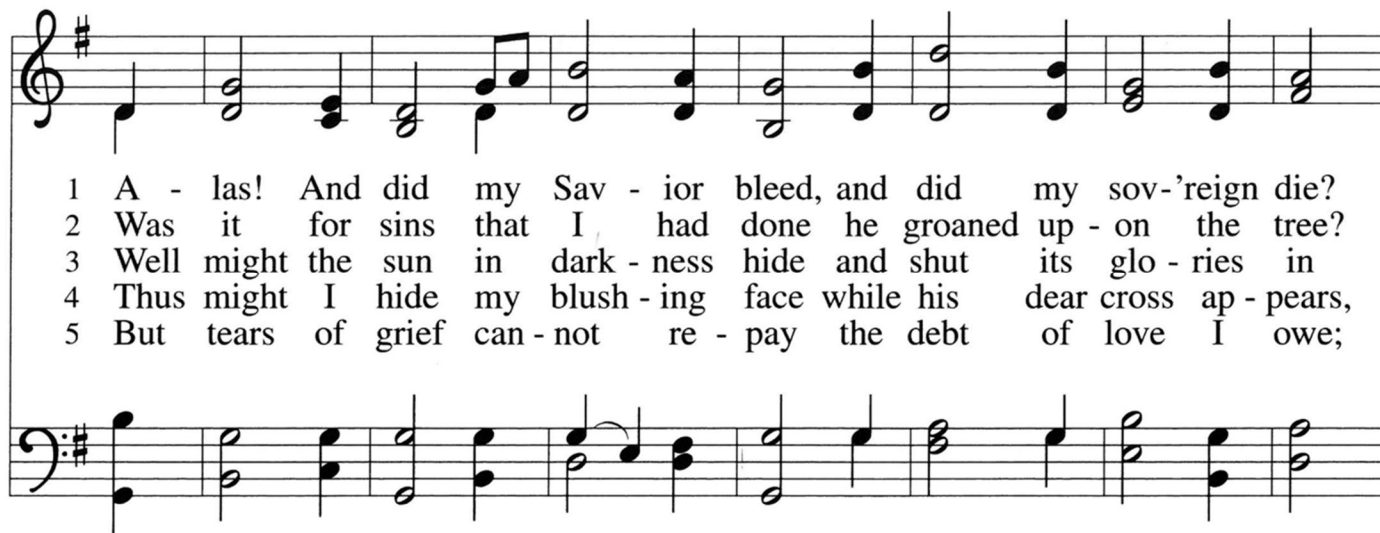
turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

## THE FIRST WORD

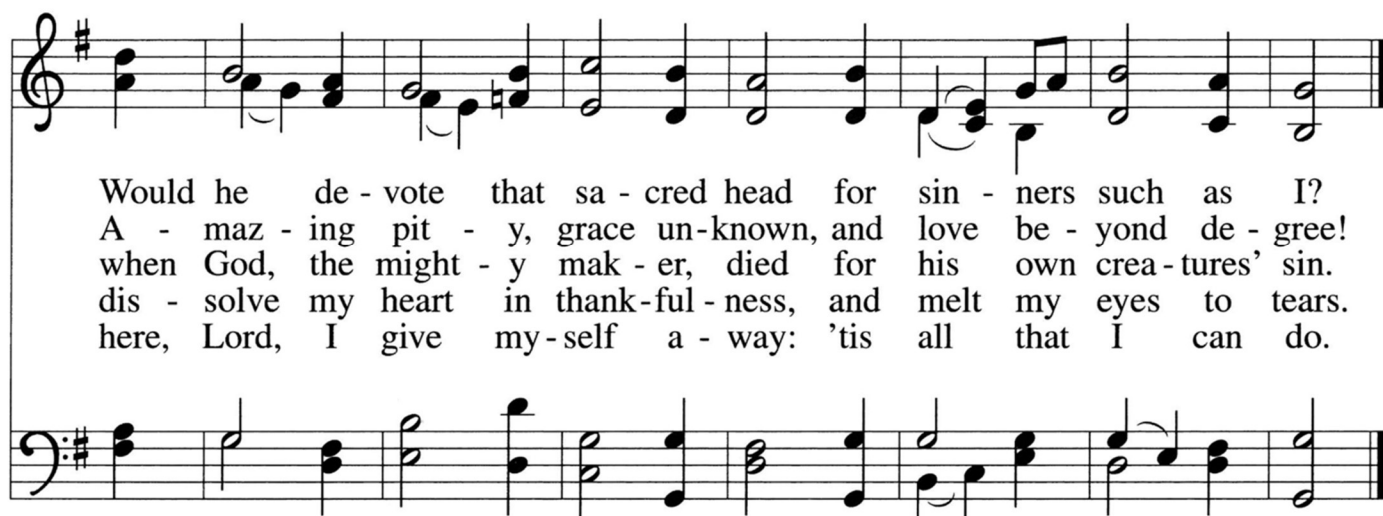
*"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."*

Hymn

#337 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (Verses 1 and 2)*



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?  
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

*Scripture Lessons*

**Matthew 5:43-48 and Luke 23:33-34**

*Meditation on the First Word*

**Prayer:** Compassionate and forgiving God. You continue to love us even when we persist in straying from the path you have set for us. In your mercy, you bless us even as we allow our human weakness to betray your love. We acknowledge our wayward disobedience and seek your intercession for the salvation of our souls. Amen.

*Silent Meditation*



## **THE FOURTH WORD**

**"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

**Hymn**                      **#351 O Sacred Head Now Wounded (verse 2)**

*How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
How does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!  
They grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.*

**Scripture Lessons**

**Matthew 27:45-50**

**Meditation on the Fourth Word**

**Prayer:** We gather at the foot of your cross, gentle Savior, brought together from the empty places of our scattered lives. Too often we wander away from you, only to cry out in anguish as we find our-selves in wilderness places. We hide from you, only to discover that we are lost without you. Open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear you and our hearts to love you, as you gather us to yourself. Help us to be mindful of your holy presence in our lives always. Amen.

**Silent Meditation**

## **THE FIFTH WORD**

**"I am thirsty."**

**Hymn**                      **#338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus (verse 1)**

*Beneath the cross of Jesus, I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burdens of the day.*

**Scripture Lessons**

**Isaiah 55:1-2 and John 19:28-29**

**Meditation on the Fifth word**

**Prayer:** We hunger and thirst for your righteousness, O God. You invite us to feast at your heavenly table but we turn instead to the food that sustains the body and withers the soul. Quench our thirsty spirits with the life-giving water of your love. Fill our hearts to over-flowing, so that we may share with others as we have received from you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Silent Meditation**

## **THE SIXTH WORD**

***"It is finished."***

**Hymn**

**#347 *Go to Dark Gethsemane (verse 3)***

*Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.*

**Scripture Lessons**

**John 19:30**

***Meditation on the Sixth Word***

**Prayer:** God of our weary years, we are grateful that you are with us as we struggle through life's toilsome journey. Often the way seems endless and the goal lost to our sight. We are tempted to give up because the journey is long and the road is rough. Guide us when we are lost; lift us up when we fall; strengthen us when we are tempted to give up. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to persevere, that we might endure to the end. Amen.

***Silent Meditation***

## **THE SEVENTH WORD**

***"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit!"***

**Hymn**

**#327 *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow (verse 2)***

*One the light of God's own presence on the ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror, bright'ning all the path we tread.  
one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.*

**Scripture Lessons**

**Psalm 31:1-16 and Luke 23:44-46**

***Meditation on the Seventh Word***

**Prayer:** Most holy Lord and God, we praise and glorify you for the love that we have received through your son Jesus Christ. We thank you, O God, that we can turn to you in all things, that we can commit our whole selves to you. We are yours, O God. All that we have and are come from you. Now we give ourselves to you. Accept our sacrifice of praise for your great love. Receive us to yourself and use us to your glory, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

## ***Silent Meditation***

### ***LITANY OF DELIVERANCE***

Leader: Our Lord and God, you created us in your image, and gave us the joy of your creation, yet we have rejected your love.

**People: *Have mercy upon us, Gracious God.***

Leader: Even when we transgressed your laws and disobeyed your commands, you sent Jesus Christ to be our Savior.

**People: *Save us and help us, merciful Savior.***

Leader: You gave us your Holy Spirit to be our comforter and guide, but we have sought to follow our own way, only to be led astray.

**People: *Redeem us, O Lord.***

Leader: In our times of prosperity and success, we allowed our- selves to be tempted by the world and forgot to return our thanks to you.

**People: *Forgive us, O God.***

Leader: When the troubles of life come upon us, we groan in sickness and pain and are unwilling to claim your healing, whole-making power.

**People: *Deliver us, gracious God.***

Leader: We live in fear and dread of the time when our life on earth will come to an end, even though you promise to receive us into your everlasting kingdom.

**People: *Save and sanctify us, O God.***

Leader: Help us to accept the gift of grace you offer in your death and resurrection, that we may live by faith in your abounding love.

**People: *Hear and bless us, we beseech you, O God.***

### ***Time of Reflection (The church is darkened)***

***Solo***

***“Were You There?”***

***Darci Ketter***

### ***Closing Prayer***

Leader: And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as Christ taught us:

**People: 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.**



## ***BENEDICTION***

May God, who brought Jesus from the dead, who washed you clean by his most precious blood, make you perfect in every good work that you may do the will of God. And may love, joy, and peace from God our Creator, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter be yours now and always. Amen.

## ***Silent Departure***

*The congregation is asked to leave the church in silence.  
Good Friday offerings can be placed in plates in the Narthex.*

### **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**PASTORS:** *Pastor Cristy Schoob & Pastor David Schoob*

**ORGANIST:** *Helene Schrankler*

**SOLOIST:** *Darci Ketter*

**USHERS:** *Diane Ferstadt, Tom Bulin, Daniel Schmidt*

### ***EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP***

*6:30 am Traditional Sunrise Worship Service*

*8:00 am Traditional Worship Service*

*9:30 am Created to Praise Service*

*7:00-11:00 Continental Easter Breakfast  
served Easter Morning by Trinity's High School Youth  
(Free will offering for breakfast)*

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Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner.  
Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or  
racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning.  
Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled.  
Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time.  
On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker.  
Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower  
of Jesus. Regular attendee. Occasional attendee. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box.  
Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe  
in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus  
Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image  
and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and  
way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light  
and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love.  
We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure  
to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry. Saint. Sinner. Democrat.  
Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering.  
We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human. We are all Flawed.  
We are all Beloved. —You are welcome here.**

## COME *as you are.*

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