



FAITH-LILAC WAY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Good Friday

April 15, 2022



# Welcome to Worship!

We are now in a green zone - which means a low transmission rate for Covid. You are welcome to wear a mask at your own discretion but it is not required.

**The congregational spoken parts are printed in bold.**

*The Service of Tenebrae is an ancient form of worship for commemorating the suffering and death of Christ and as such, the mood is somber and reflective. The service begins in silence.*

## Call to Worship

Let us remember

**how the sky went dark.**

Let us remember

**how his mother was there.**

Let us remember

**how people mocked him.**

Let us remember

**how his friends fled.**

Let us remember

**how in the midst of all that, Jesus still chose love.**

Let us worship holy God. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Call to Confession

Good Friday belongs to confession. For on this day, we hold up to the light everything that went wrong 2,000 years ago; and as we do, we are reminded of everything that is going wrong in the present day. So we breathe deeply. We bow our heads. We speak the truth out loud about who we long to be, and we trust that God is already reaching out for us as we speak. Knowing that, let us pray together.

## Prayer of Confession

**God of unfathomable mercy, if we were there, we'd like to think that we would have defended you. We'd like to think that we would have stopped the guards and silenced the mockery, protected your body and defended your name. But like the people of that day, we too need forgiveness both**

# Announcements & Opportunities!

## **EASTER BREAKFAST RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP!**

The Faith Lilac Way, First Lutheran, and Valley of Peace youth are going on a Youth Mission trip to serve in Puerto Rico. This Easter Sunday, April 17th, Faith Lilac Way will serve a continental breakfast in the Narthex. Stay and enjoy or take some treats to go. Proceeds support the Youth Mission trip to Puerto Rico.

## **EARTH DAY WEEKEND EVENT - ALL ARE WELCOME!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

As a community outreach and support event, along with our dedication to the earth, FLW is launching an Earth Day clean up event. Knowing that Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is a work day, we are planning this event for Saturday, April 23, 2022.

- Gather for a continental breakfast at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall at FLW
- Clean up begins at 9 AM around the church grounds, Robbins Way, and surrounding area. Bring gloves!

We need your help! Please contact Sue Ferkingstad to sign up for cleaning up God's green earth and to participate in this community event! Fill out the green contact sheet, email [sueferk@msn.com](mailto:sueferk@msn.com), or call 763-226-5833 if you would like to sign up.

## **WILDFIRE MIDSUMMER NIGHT PARTY FOR EVERY MEAL!**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>

The Every Meal Teams are planning a pig-roast with each Wildfire congregation providing another course for a progressive meal to be held at House of Hope. Complete with bonfire, music, and Wildfire friends! Watch for ticket sales and more details!

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Let us pray for those in need.

*Silence*

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (2x)**

### **Blessing**

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

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

*Offering tonight is for EveryMeal, a program supported by Faith-Lilac Way, First Lutheran, and our Wildfire partners to fight child hunger through community and school partnerships.*

*Offering plates are by the door.*

**Worship will continue on Sunday, April 17 at 9:30 AM  
with a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at both  
First Lutheran and at Faith-Lilac Way.**

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor Colin Grangaard, First Lutheran 3 PM

Deacon Kirsten Kessel, First Lutheran 3 PM

Intern Pastor Raul Garcia, First Lutheran

Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane, Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran

Intern Pastor Kyle Anderson, Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran

Mary Weilage, Usher 7 PM

Lydia Foster, Acolyte 7 PM

### **Faith-Lilac Way Musicians**

Anne Ng, Music Director

Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson, organist/pianist

FLW Chancel Choir, 7pm

**for the wrongs that we have done and the good words and actions that we have left undone and unsaid. Forgive us Lord. Amen.**

### **Words of Forgiveness**

From his place on the cross, even while being met with cruelty and violence, Jesus overflows with truth and grace. He sees those around him. He speaks connection and belonging into existence. He offers forgiveness. Friends, if this is true from the cross, it is certainly true here. We are surrounded by grace.

**We are held in love. We are forgiven—over and over again.  
That truth never changes. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Grieving God, on the cross your Son embraced death even as he had embraced life: faithfully and with good courage.

**Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side  
may hold fast to our faith in him exalted and may find mercy  
in all times of need. Amen.**

**Hymn** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* ELW #335:1-2

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.  
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

## **THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**

**The First Word** Luke 23:32-38 (NRSV)

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

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers

also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

### **Reflection**

#### **Silence**

**Hymn** *Ah, Holy Jesus ELW #349:1-2*

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.

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.

**The Second Word** Luke 23:39-43 (NRSV)

*"Today you will be with me in paradise."*

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

### **Reflection**

#### **Silence**

**Hymn** *What Wondrous Love Is This ELW #666:1-2*

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?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

### **Bidding Prayer**

**Prayer Response** *Jesus, Remember Me ELW #616*

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (2x)**

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silence*

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus, your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

*Silence*

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

*Silence*

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (2x)**

Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silence*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

**Reflection**  
**Silence**

**Hymn** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ELW #338:1-2  
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 noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

**The Seventh Word** Luke 23:44-49 (NRSV)

*“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”*

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. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

**Reflection**  
**Silence**

**Hymn** *Were You There* ELW #353:1, 3, 4  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

**The Third Word** John 19:23-27 (NRSV)

*“Woman, behold your son . . . behold your mother.”*

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.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

“They divided my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 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.

**Reflection**  
**Silence**

**Hymn** *Lamb of God* ELW #336:1-2

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod  
and to become the Lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.  
Your gift of love we crucified.

We laughed and scorned him as he died.  
The humble king we named a fraud  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**The Fourth Word** Matthew 27:45-49 (NRSV)

*“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”*

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

**Reflection**

***Silence***

**3 pm Hymn** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* ELW #351:1-2

**7 pm Anthem** *O Sacred, Wondrous Love*

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.

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 passions were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

**The Fifth Word** John 19:23-29 (NRSV)

*“I thirst.”*

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.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

“They divided my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 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.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

**Reflection**

***Silence***

**Hymn** *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many souls to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

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**The Sixth Word** John 19:30-37 (NRSV)

*“It is finished.”*

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another