

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7, 2023

7:15pm

St. John Lutheran Church & School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Champaign, Illinois

Tenebrae Vespers

All enter in silence.

Stand as the pastor enters the sanctuary.

Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

(Sit)

Psalmody

Psalm 27 - Antiphon: ***“Forsake me not, O God of my salvation.”***

(The Gloria Patri at the conclusion is omitted.)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn 450 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (sts. 1-3 congregation, st. 4 choir)

P: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

Reading: John 19: 1-16a

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³ They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” ⁵ So Jesus came

out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

¹² From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

A candle is extinguished.

(Stand)

Reading: John 19:16b-42

^{16b} So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there

was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to God.

A candle is extinguished.

Responsory

P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

(Sit)

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn 450 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (sts. 5-7)

(st. 7 is sung to the setting of Hymn 449, where it is st. 4)

Sermon “*Passion Personified*” John 19:1-42

A candle is extinguished.

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

“*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*”

Organ & Oboe

(Stand)

Prayers

(During the prayers all but one of the remaining candles are extinguished.)

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

**C: 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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed
and delivered in the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross;
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.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pain of the cross
and so remove from us the power of the adversary.
Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion

that we may receive forgiveness of sin
and redemption from everlasting death,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The final candle is extinguished.

Strepitus (“Loud noise” signifying the death of Christ and the closing of the tomb.)

The congregation leaves in silence with minimal light.

Serving Tonight:

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist & Director: Keith Williams

Elders: Matt & Jeremy

Instrumentalist: Oboe – Lou Ann

Easter Sunday

6:00am Sunrise Service

7:00am Easter Coffee Cake Breakfast

8:00am Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:30am Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

10:45am Divine Service with Holy Communion