

Service of Holy Communion



Wednesday in Holy Week

Patterned after the Good Friday Chief Liturgy

17 April 2019

Chapel of St. Timothy & St. Titus | Concordia Seminary

—Please enter the nave in silence in reverence for the solemnity of Holy Week—

Service of the Word

Bell Toll

—Kneel if able—

Prayer of the Day

Silence is kept following the invitation to pray to allow time for the assembly to pray individually for the concerns of this day.

P Let us pray... Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into 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.

—Sit—

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

—Stand if able—

The Passion According to St. John

John 19:1-42

—Sit—

Homily

—Kneel if able—

The Bidding Prayer

A Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend the church throughout the world against all assaults and temptations and keep her on the true foundation, Jesus Christ, especially the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay led by President Eugenio Wentzel and the Southeastern District led by President John Denninger:

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ, keep in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God, especially Vice President Christopher Esget, Missionaries Steven Oliver and his family, Antonio Lopez and his family, and Joanna Johnson, and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League:

P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your Church that every member may serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for our catechumens preparing for baptism, that God may give them new life and that they may be found always in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

P Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

P O merciful Father in heaven, because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard the peoples and governments of the world, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, that all who receive the sword may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A 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, and grant a safe journey to all who travel and health to the sick, especially in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Alabama, Iowa, Nebraska, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Indonesia, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Mozambique, Grace Lutheran Church in Wood River, Nebraska, and France in view of the fire at Notre Dame

Cathedral, and for those battling mental illness, especially PTSD, and the sick, hospitalized or recovering, especially — Erich, Trevor, Roger, Elias, Bob, Jim, Shaon, Bonnie, Garen, Robert, Chris and Aly, Edgar, Russell, Robin, Gene and Anita, Jett, Renee, Bob, Andreas and his family, and in thanksgiving for Melanie's healing.

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A 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, consoling with hope those who mourn, especially John and his family:

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A 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, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance 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.**

Hymn

LSB 455

Brief Silence

Reproach

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.

Assembly Response

Ho-ly Lord God, holy and might-y God, holy and most merciful Re -

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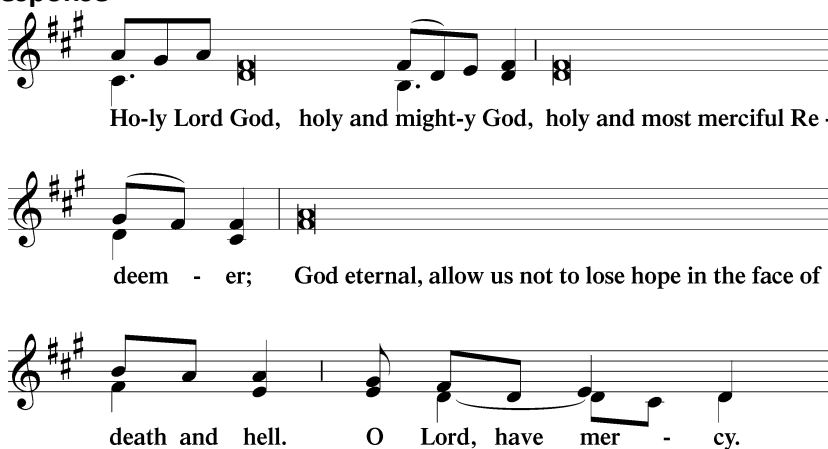
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Brief Silence

Reproach

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 have been done for My vineyard than 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.

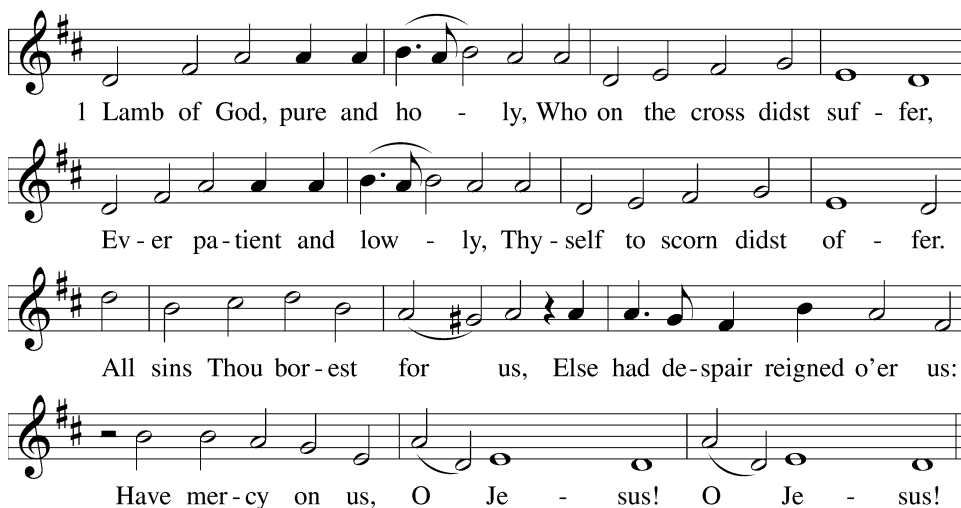
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Hymn

LSB 434, "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Adoration of Christ

Sung by the assembly in unison



We adore You, | O Lord,*
and we praise and glorify Your holy resur- | rection.
For behold, by the wood | of Your cross*
joy has come into | all the world.
God be merciful to us and | bless us,*
and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy up- | on us.
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During the following hymn the assembly is invited to come forward, kneel, touch, pray, and meditate around the cross

—Please sit—

Hymn during Adoration

LSB 454

Brief Silence

—Please stand if able—

Offertory

LSB 453 sts. 1-3

Sacrament of the Eucharist

Preface

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Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us...

Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

—Please sit—

The Lord's Supper will be distributed at six stations, instead of the altar rails, on each side of the chancel, two on the chancel level, two on the nave floor, and one in each transept. Please proceed to whichever station is available on your side as you approach the altar.

Communion Music

LSB 453, sts. 4-7

LSB 451

Concluding Collect

P Let us pray. . . We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; 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.**

Bell Toll

Silence

—Please leave the nave in silence in reverence for the solemnity of Holy Week—

The Servants of the Word

Presider: Chaplain Paul Sieveking

Preacher: Provost Douglas Rutt

Assistants: Dean of the Chapel Kent Burreson, Director of Admissions Bill Wrede,
Seminarians Kyle Ronchetto, Nathaniel Brown, Brenden Harrell, Will Fredstrom, Thomas
Gustafson, Ian Heinze, Mason Vieth

Organist: Director of Musical Arts Jim Marriott

In Preparation for Communion

To Our Guests:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on our campus in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

-Kent J. Burreson, Dean of the Chapel

Notes Regarding Communion

- The campus Lord's Supper is sponsored and hosted by the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew and Pastor Mark Hricko of Silver Spring, Maryland.
- The bread was baked by Beth Hoeltke.
- When receiving the cup to partake of Christ Jesus' blood, please place your hand on the cup in some way to assist the server in guiding it to your mouth. Depending upon how those distributing the cup are holding it, you can either take hold of the cup at the base on the bottom OR on the stem of the chalice OR at the bowl itself on the upper part. By doing so you will assist the server and help to prevent any unwelcome spillage.
- The Reliquary (unconsecrated, additional bread) will be distributed after the service in the narthex if there is sufficient quantity. You are invited to take a piece with you.
- If illness leads you not to drink wine directly from the chalice, you may intinct the bread by dipping it into the chalice.
- If you have a gluten allergy or any other special need, please contact Dean of the Chapel Kent Burreson.

Private Confession and Absolution

Contact Chaplain Sieveking to arrange for confession and absolution.

Notes on the Service

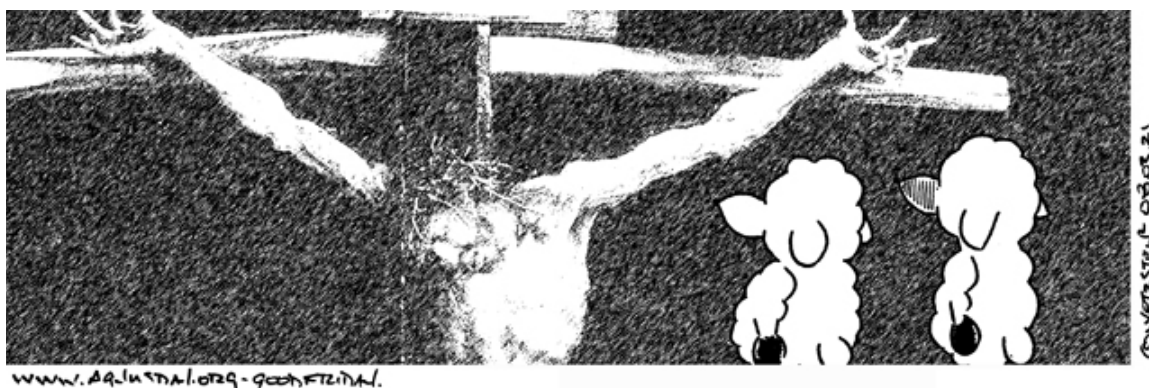
The liturgy is an adapted form of the chief service for Good Friday. It is being used today as a way of preparing for the Three Days of Christ's Pascha and for modeling what the Good Friday liturgy can be. It is truly a stripped-down service, void of basic elements like the Creed, the salutation at the beginning, canticles, including the Sanctus, extensive use of music and chant, particularly in the Lord's Supper rite, and the blessing. Central to the rite is the Word of God, the adoration of the cross and the reproaches, and the ancient Bidding Prayer (abbreviated), and, for our community, the Lord's Supper. May this service lead you to adore the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The rough-hewn wooden cross being used throughout Lent and in liturgies this week was designed and executed by graduate Matthew Rosebrock.

Prayer Requests

- Partner Church Bodies: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay led by President Eugenio Wentzel
- Districts and District Presidents: Southeastern District led by President John Denninger
- Synodical Leaders: Vice President Christopher Esget
- Missionaries: The Steven Oliver Family and Joanna Johnson serving in Taiwan and the Antonio Lopez Family serving in Texas
- The Poor and Those Suffering from Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Alabama, Iowa, Nebraska, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Indonesia, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Mozambique, Grace Lutheran Church in Wood River, Nebraska, home congregation of graduate seminarian Luke Watt, damaged by flooding, and Paris, France and the universal church mourning the loss of significant portions of Notre Dame Cathedral in the destructive fire on Monday
- Those battling mental illness, especially PTSD
- The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), for their mission and in thanksgiving for meeting their 2017-2019 mission goal
- Those who are ill/undergoing surgery: Rev. Erich Kaelberer suffering from ALS; Gillian Bond's friend, Trevor, battling a very serious form of liver cancer and preparing for further chemotherapy; Roger Drinnon, father to graduate student Roger Drinnon, battling cancer; Elias Wyeth, infant son of Roseann and seminarian Dwight Wyeth, facing major health concerns; Professor Emeritus Bob

Weise recovering from a lung biopsy; Jim Campise, brother-in law to Maureen Campise, hospitalized with serious medical conditions; Shaon Shanks, member of the C&W services staff, battling cancer and recovering from surgery; Critter Deneen's mother, Bonnie, recovering from surgery; Rev. Garen Pay, 2012 graduate, pastor at Hope Lutheran, Idaho Falls, Idaho, with a recurrence of thyroid cancer; Robert Ave, father-in-law of staff member Melanie Ave, recovering from hip surgery; 2011 Graduate Pastor Chris and Aly Eldridge, experiencing challenges with conceiving a child; Staff Member Pam Davitz's sister's father in law, Edgar Nolan, who is gravely ill; Liz Pederson's father Russell Ashley recovering from shoulder surgery; Robin Hochgrebe, wife of 2012 graduate Rev. Ryan Hochgrebe, being treated for an aggressive cancer; Gene and Anita Gibson, parents of Seminary Advancement Director of Principal Gifts Mike Flynn, battling health issues; Jett Raj, infant grandson to Professor Victor and Anie Raj, who faces serious heart issues, but has gone home from the NICU; Renee Gibbs, undergoing treatment to cure breast cancer; Bob Hirschbuehler, family friend of staff member Jerrie Oldani, recovering from cancer surgery

- Pastor Andreas Rehr in our partner church in Germany and his family suffering the trauma of an armed robbery of their parsonage
- In thanksgiving that Melanie Ave has returned to work at the seminary following a serious auto accident and surgery following the accident;
- Those Mourning: Seminary President Emeritus John Johnson and his family at the death of his wife, Ruth Ann Johnson



Reflections from the Passion according to St. John, from Ted and Rick (dark nose) by LCMS Pastor James Wetzstein (Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnus.day.org).