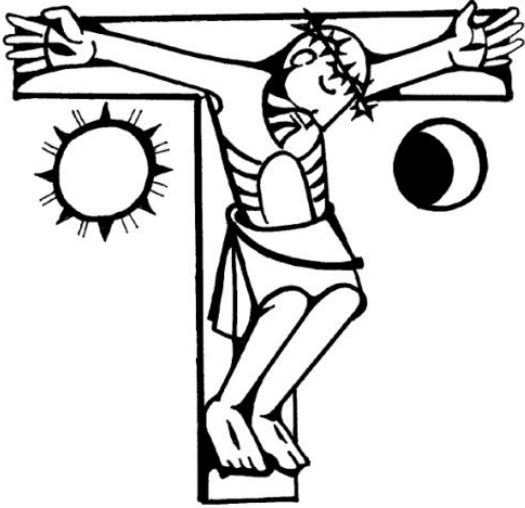


Good Friday – April 10, 2020



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
look with loving mercy on your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to
be betrayed,
and to be given over to the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death on the cross;
we pray in the name of that same Jesus
Christ, who now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13--53:12

¹³See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—

¹⁵so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with
infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no
account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us
whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,



he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

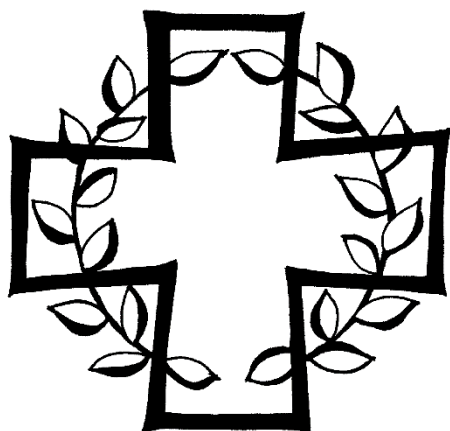
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION OF JESUS ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, Chapters 18 and 19



*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (ELW #351) will
be sung throughout the reading)*

**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.**

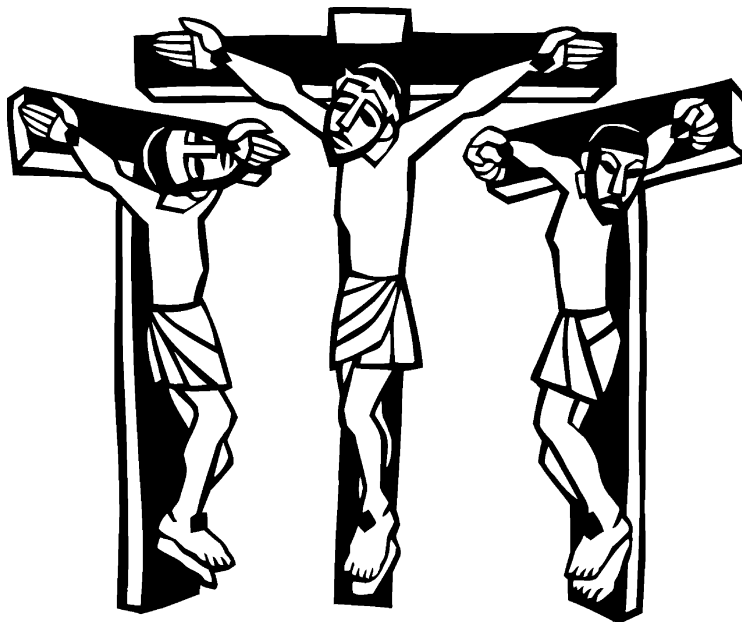
**How pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish,
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;**

mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

Lord, be my consolation;
shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion
when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing
die safely in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite



HYMN OF THE DAY – Were You There (ELW #353, verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

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 nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

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?

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

Text: African American spiritual

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Let us pray, sisters and brothers:

- for the church throughout the world, for pastoral caregivers and for all those who work for spiritual and physical healing during troubled times...

- For those who hold public office, that they would have wisdom and foresight to lead through the days ahead...

- For those who live with injustice... and for those who work to bring justice and peace for all people...

- For all those in need, especially those who are ill and whom we name before you now....and for those who are hurt physically, spiritually, mentally, financially, and socially by COVID-19....

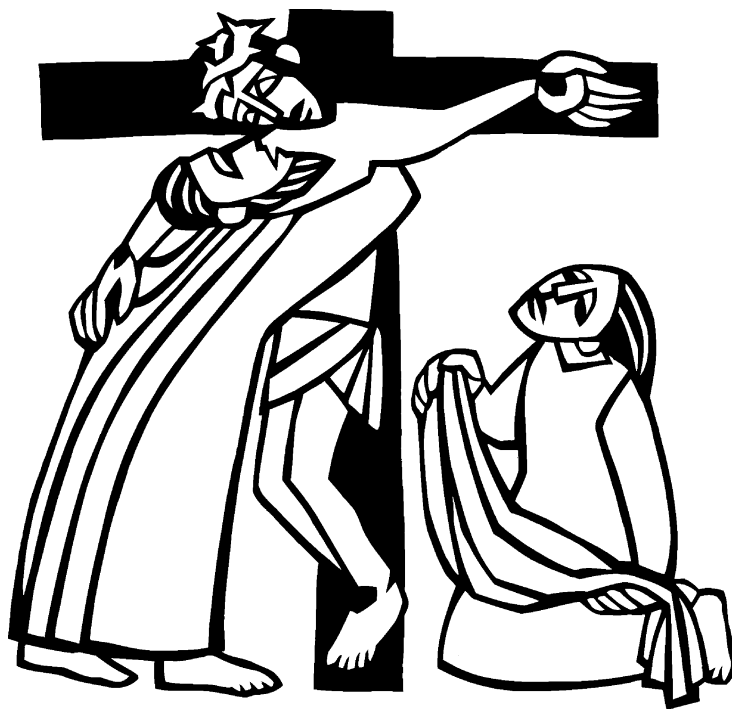
- For all health-care workers and staff persons who risk their own health to care for others... and for scientists and researchers who work for vaccinations and treatments...



- For those who are alone; for those with no homes, for those in prison, for those who are refugees...
- For those who are confused, anxious, and afraid in these times...
- For those who question their faith...
- For those who are preparing for baptism...
- For those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ, but who seek to be faithful in other ways...
- For those who do not believe in God; those who are sisters and brothers in the human family
- For all of creation...

And finally, we pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask:

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power, And the
glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

SENDING HYMN – There in God's Garden (ELW #342, verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

**There in God's garden
stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth
the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge,
Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.**

**Its name is Jesus,
name that says, "Our Saviour!"
There on its branches
see the scars of suff'ring;
see where the tendrils
of our human selfhood
feed on its lifeblood.**

**See how its branches
reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says,
"Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness,
give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessing."**

**All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!**



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