

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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***Good Friday***

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# Welcome to St. Mark's, we are so glad you are with us today!

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. ***This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.*** We are a church that shares a living and daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person - questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

**Children are always welcome** to participate in worship. We invite all children to try to be in worship through the children's sermon (about 20 minutes) and then invite the children, if they want, to head to the nursery, but we love to have the children with us through the whole worship service! To help our youngest worshipers, "Little Lutheran Activity Bags" are located in the rear of the sanctuary which have crayons and worship appropriate coloring pages. We offer a children's bulletin that has puzzles and activities for little worshipers to work on during the service, and we offer a "Soft Space" for infants and toddlers to spread out a bit in during worship. Worshiping with children is important to us, and so we hope you find these things helpful so that you may worship together as a family.

**Restrooms** are located through the back left – exit the sanctuary, go up the stairs, through the first room to the end of the hallway. If you need assistance, please see the attendants (ushers) at the back of the sanctuary.

**Cell phones** and other electronic devices are welcome to be used to Post, Tweet and Instagram the Good News you hear today, but we kindly ask you to turn the sound off on them so that they do not cause a distraction to other worshipers.

**Our team of ushers** is available throughout the service to be of any assistance you might need. Assistive Listening devices are available. Please see an usher.

**Are you new or visiting St. Mark's?** If you would like to receive more information about St. Mark's, we have several methods where you can leave your information with us. At the entry ways to the sanctuary, you will find our guest books in which you can leave your name and contact information, or in the pews we have blue cards that you can fill and place in the offering plate, or if you like, you can sign our electronic guest book. We'd be delighted to keep you informed about the many events and opportunities here at St. Mark's and hope you will join us again. For the electronic book, open your mobile device to the bar code scanner and take a picture of this square QR code; it will take you to our electronic guest book.



*Instructions*

Leader says

**We all say together**

## **+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us together for worship*

**Introduction** *At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day - the triumph of the cross - reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died.*

**Welcome** *The Assembly gathers in silence.  
The Assembly stands when the ministers stand.*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray,  
Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross  
to draw all people to himself.  
Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side  
may at all times find mercy in him,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Assembly may be seated*

## + Word +

### *God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, song and prayer*

#### **First Lesson**

Isaiah 52:13-

53:12

*The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The early church saw in the servant's pouring himself out to death and being numbered with the transgressors important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.*

A reading from the book of Isaiah,

- <sup>1</sup> <sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.
- <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—
- <sup>15</sup>so 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.
- <sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- <sup>2</sup>For 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.
- <sup>3</sup>He 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.
- <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.
- <sup>5</sup>But 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.
- <sup>6</sup>All 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.

<sup>7</sup>He 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.

<sup>8</sup>By 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.

<sup>9</sup>They 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.

<sup>10</sup>Yet 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.

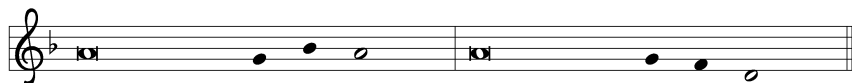
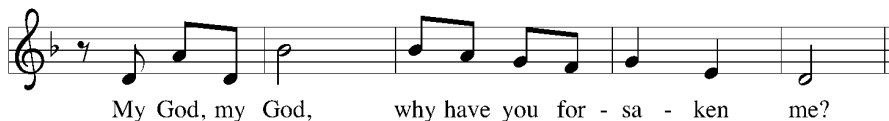
<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore 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.**

**Psalmody**  
*Psalm 22*



- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>**My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;  
by night, but I | find no rest.**
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are the | Holy One,  
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>**Our ancestors put their | trust in you,  
they trusted, and you | rescued them. R**
- <sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and | were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>**But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,  
scorned by all and despised | by the people.**
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh | me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.
- <sup>8</sup>**“Trust in the Lord; let the | Lord deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.” R**
- <sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my | mother’s breast.
- <sup>10</sup>**I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my | mother’s womb.**
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,  
and there is no | one to help.
- <sup>12</sup>**Many young bulls en- | circle me;  
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me. R**
- <sup>13</sup>They open wide their | jaws at me,  
like a slashing and | roaring lion.
- <sup>14</sup>**I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**
- <sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the  
roof | of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.
- <sup>16</sup>**Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round  
me;  
they pierce my hands | and my feet. R**

<sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones  
 while they stare at | me and gloat.

<sup>18</sup>**They divide my gar- | ments among them;  
 for my clothing, | they cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup>But you, O Lord, be not | far away;  
 O my help, hasten | to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>**Deliver me | from the sword,  
 my life from the power | of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the | lion's mouth!  
 From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>**I will declare your name | to my people;  
 in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you. R**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give  
 glory.

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off- | spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their  
 poverty; neither is the Lord's face hid- | den from them;  
 but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,  
 Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live  
 forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;  
 all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the Lord,  
 who rules o- | ver the nations. R**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
 all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel  
 be- | fore the Lord.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the Lord,  
 whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
 saying to them, "The | Lord has acted!" **R**



## Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:16-25

*In the death of Jesus, forgiveness of sins is worked and access to God is established. Hence, when we gather together for worship and when we love others we experience anew the benefits of Jesus' death.*

A Reading from the book of Hebrews,

[After the Holy Spirit says,] <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

### Acclamation

*The assembly may remain seated.*

Glorify and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

**Therefore God raised him on high**

**And gave him a name above other names.**

Glorify and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel Reading

*John 18:1-19:42*

*On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion—from his arrest to his burial—is read in its entirety from the Gospel of John.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus] went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.<sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” <sup>5</sup> They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Again he asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.” <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup> Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

<sup>12</sup> So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The woman said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” <sup>18</sup> Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup> Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered, “I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those

who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.”<sup>22</sup>When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?”<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?”<sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.”<sup>26</sup>One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?”<sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

<sup>28</sup>Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate’s headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover.<sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?”<sup>30</sup>They answered, “If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.”<sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.” The Jews replied, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death.”<sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”<sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?”<sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”<sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”<sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him.”<sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”<sup>40</sup>They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a bandit.

<sup>19:1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.<sup>2</sup>And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe.<sup>3</sup>They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face.<sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I

am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.”<sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”<sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.”<sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”

<sup>8</sup> Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. <sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” <sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”

<sup>13</sup> When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!” <sup>15</sup> They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.” <sup>16</sup> Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus;<sup>17</sup> and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup> Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.”

<sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup>(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup>These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” <sup>37</sup>And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

<sup>38</sup>After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn  
of the  
Day

ELW 351

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

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

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

## Bidding Prayer

*The assembly kneels or sits. The assisting minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid. The presiding minister leads the prayers that conclude the silence.*

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

*Silent prayer.*

*Petition will end with*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for Elizabeth and Claire our bishops, for Bryan our pastor, for Emily our director of music, Lenny our Vicar, Dolores and all servants of the church and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

*Petition will end with*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

*Silent prayer.*

*Petition will end with*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silent prayer.*

*Petition will end with*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silent prayer.*

*Petition will end with*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

*Petition will end with*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silent prayer.*

*Petition will end with*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

*Petition will end with*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer*

*Petition will end with*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer.*

*Petition will end with*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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**

## Procession of the Cross

*The following dialogue is sung as the procession begins.*

Leader

Be-hold the life-giv-ing cross, on which was hung the Sa-vior of the whole world.

Assembly

Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

*The dialogue is sung a second time at the midpoint of the procession.*

Leader


Be-hold the life-giv-ing cross, on which was hung the Sa-vior of the whole world

Assembly

Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.


*The dialogue is sung a third time at the end of the procession.*

Leader



Be-hold the life-giv-ing cross, on which was hung the Sa-vior of the whole world.

Assembly



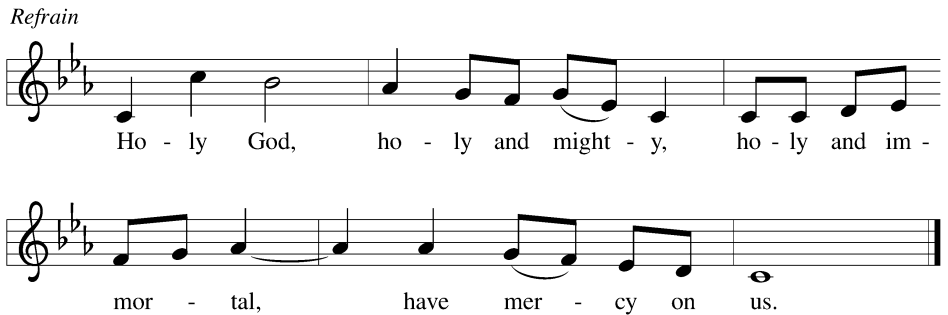
Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.

**Reverence  
of the  
Cross**

*During this time worshipers may come forward to reverence the cross. You may take personal time at the cross to either write a prayer of hope on the cross, touch the cross and reflect on its meaning in your own life, or kneel at the foot of the cross for silent prayer for yourself. While we are taking time for this the assembly will sing.*

**Solemn Reproaches**

Refrain



Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im -  
mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

**Solemn  
Reproaches**

*The cantor will intone the verses and the assembly is invited to sing the refrain*

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you?  
How have I offended you? Answer me.  
I led you out of slavery into freedom,  
and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

Forty years I led you through the desert,  
feeding you with manna on the way;  
I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of  
heaven,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire,  
but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;  
I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit;  
I made you branches of the vine and never left your side,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I poured out saving water from the rock,  
but you gave me vinegar to drink;  
I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;  
I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

### **Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed;  
I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

### **Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land,  
but you opened my side with a spear;  
I washed your feet as a sign of my love,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

### **Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I lifted you up to the heights,  
but you lifted me high on a cross;  
I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

### **Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

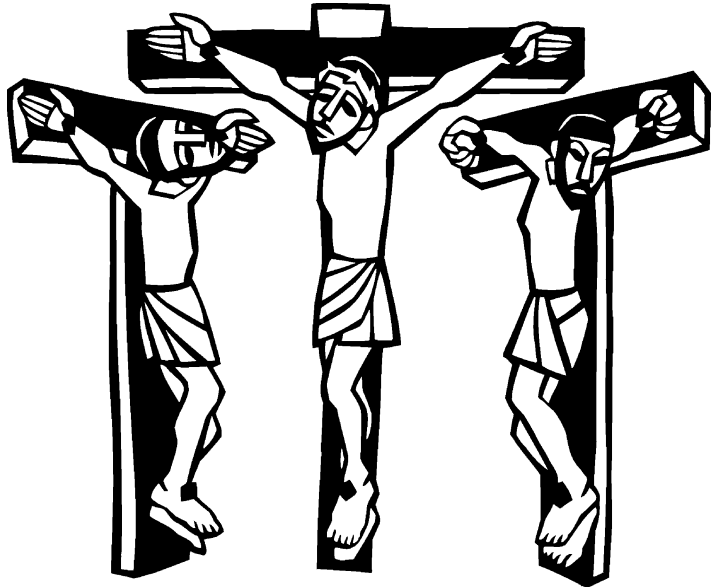
I grafted you into my people Israel,  
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

### **Refrain**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters,  
but I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
a stranger and you did not welcome me,  
naked and you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Refrain**



# Closing Hymn

## There in God's Garden



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!"



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

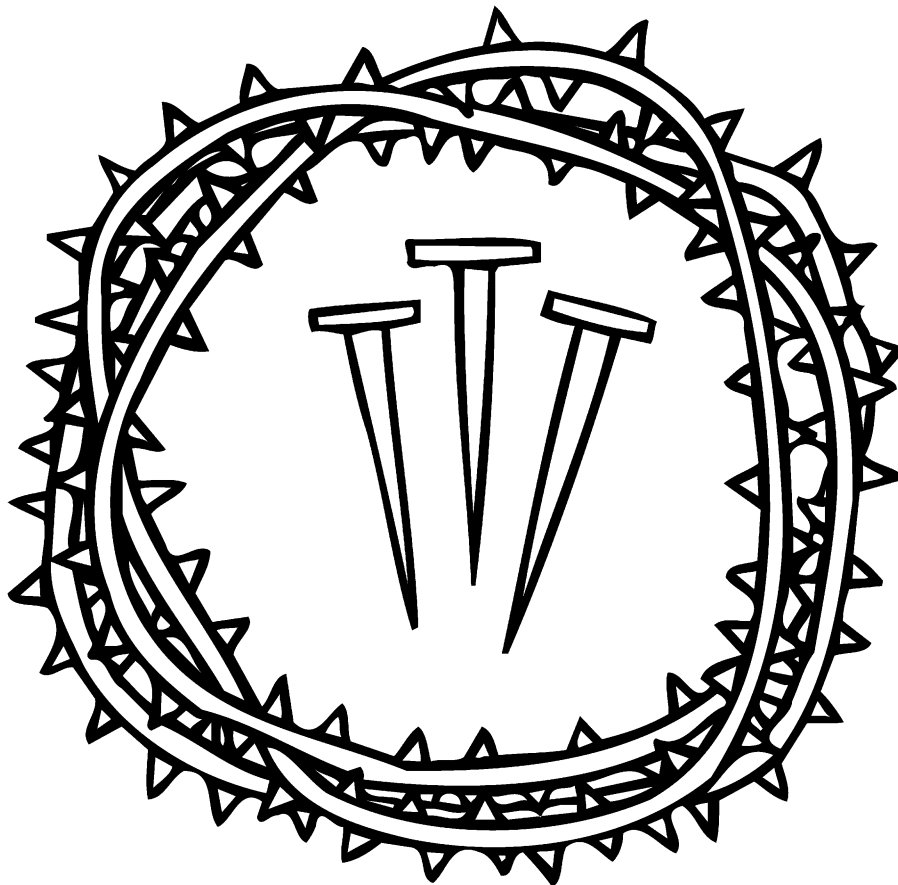
5 This is my ending  
 this my resurrection;  
 into your hands, Lord,  
 I commit my spirit.  
 This have I searched for;  
 now I can possess it.  
 This ground is holy.

6 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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**Dismissal** *After the Hymn is finished, the Christ light will process back into the sanctuary as a sign of hope as we await Easter dawn.  
All depart in silence. If they have not done so earlier, worshipers may reverence the cross before they depart.*

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## This Week @ St. Mark's:

<i>Monday</i>		<i>6am - Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>2pm-8pm Office Hours</i>		<i>7pm – Boy Scouts</i>
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<i>Tuesday</i>		<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>10am-2pm Office Hours</i>	<i>10:30am – Pastor's Bible Study</i>	<i>7pm – Cub Scouts</i>
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<i>Wednesday</i>		<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>		
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<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6pm – Dinner Church</i>	
<i>2-8pm Office Hours</i>	<i>7pm – Adult Choir</i>	<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
	<i>7:30pm-Theology on Tap</i>	
	<i>7:45pm-Bell Choir</i>	
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<i>Friday</i>		<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>10am-2pm-Office Hours</i>		<i>6:30pm – AA / Al-Anon</i>
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<i>Saturday</i>		<i>7pm – AA Group</i>
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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:30am – Worship Service</i>	
	<i>10:30am – Faith Formation Hour</i>	<i>7pm – Venture Crew</i>
	<i>10:30am – Fellowship Hour</i>	

### Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

Assisting Minister	<i>Joe Jacovino</i>
Communion	<i>LJ Kriebel &amp; Sheldon Erb</i>
Assistant	
Reader	<i>Joe Ruggiero</i>
Nursery	<i>Jenna Whitten-Duncan</i>
Acolyte	<i>Gavin Kriebel</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Joe &amp; Susan Dryburgh</i>
Ushers	<i>George Pokalo &amp; Jim Orman</i>
Counters	<i>Joan Holohan &amp; Pam Keebler</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Jeanette Nazaryk</i>
Fellowship Hour	<i>None</i>

### Readings for next week:

#### **Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

*Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David*

#### **Psalms 16**

*In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)*

#### **1 Peter 1:3-9**

*New birth to a living hope through the resurrection*

#### **John 20:19-31**

*Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*