

# St. Paul's Lutheran "Blue" Church

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**Good Friday ✦ April 19, 2019**

*The pastor and assistant enter in silence and go to their places.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...Almighty God, we ask you to look with 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; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON:       ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

*Silence for prayer and meditation follows the reading.*

## PSALM 22   *Spoken responsively*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

**2My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.**

**3**Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**4Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.**

**5**They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

**6But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.**

**7**All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

**8"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him."**

**9**Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

**10I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

**11**Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

**12Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

**13**They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

**14I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

**15**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.

**16Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet.**

**17**I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

**18They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.**

**19**But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

**20Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

**21**Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

**22I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

**23**You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

**24For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

**25**From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**26The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

**27**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 over the nations.**

<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 before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

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

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

*Silence for prayer and meditation follows the reading.*

### SERMON

#### THE BIDDING PRAYER

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God  
throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it  
and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace  
and tranquility.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all  
nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it  
to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation  
to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our LORD.

**Amen**

A: Let us pray for [name] and [name], ... for all servants of the  
Church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church  
and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors and our  
leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the  
Church, and help each of us to do faithfully the work to which  
you have called us. We ask this through Christ our LORD.

**Amen**

A: Let us pray for those preparing for Baptism, that God make  
them responsive to his love, and give them new life in Jesus  
Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you continually bless the Church  
with new members. Increase the faith and understanding of  
those preparing for Baptism. Give them a new birth as your  
children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your  
holy Church. We ask this through Christ our LORD. **Amen**

A: Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our  
faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and keep together  
in one Church all those who know Christ as LORD.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your Church its unity.  
Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. We are all  
consecrated to you by our Baptism; make us one in the  
fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love. We  
ask this through Christ our LORD. **Amen**

A: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word  
of God, that they may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's  
promises.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise  
to Abraham and his posterity. Hear the prayers of your Church  
that the people you first made your own may arrive with us at  
the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our  
LORD. **Amen**

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the  
light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the Gospel. Help us, your people, to grow in love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of your Godhead, and so to become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people. We ask this through Christ our LORD. **Amen**

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God, that they may find him who is the author and goal of our existence.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all might long to know you and have peace in you. Grant that, in spite of the hurtful things that stand in their way, they may all recognize in the lives of Christians the tokens of your love and mercy, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God and Father of us all. We ask this through Christ our LORD. **Amen**

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our LORD. **Amen**

A: Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. 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**

A: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our LORD would have us ask.

**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**

**HYMN #353 - "WERE YOU THERE"**

***Approach the Cross with your blood drop, pick up a nail and hammer it into the cross. Return to your seat and wait for the Solemn Reproaches***

*Silence is kept for meditation on the mystery of the crucified Savior, the mystery of redemption.*

**SOLEMN REPROACHES**

P: O my people, O my Church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

*Stand*

**HYMN #347**

**“GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE”**

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

*There is no benediction. Worshipers may remain for prayer and meditation and then should leave in silence. You may place your offering in the plate as you exit.*



Thank you for coming to worship at Blue Church. It is especially good to have you here on this holy day. Along with Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday, Good Friday is part of the three holy days known as the “Triduum.” With Easter, Good Friday is the holiest day in the Christian year. It is on this day that Christ died on the cross, forgiving our sins, and winning for us eternal life.

In keeping with the solemn nature of this holy day, the altar is left bare of paraments, linens, and ornaments; they are not used at this service. The chancel, having been stripped on Maundy Thursday, is left bare until it is dressed for the Great Vigil of Easter.

PLEASE DEPOSIT YOUR OFFERING IN THE BASKET AT  
THE BACK OF THE CHURCH WHEN YOU LEAVE

Worship Leaders

**CELEBRANT** The Rev. James Hammond  
**ORGANIST** Dr. Jennifer Dodd  
**ASSISTING MINISTER** Dick Storat  
**LECTOR** Dick Storat  
**COUNCIL REP**

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The Resurrection of our Lord – Easter Day

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal.

9 – 10 AM Easter Breakfast.

10 AM Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 AM Worship/Festival Service of Holy  
Communion

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GOOD FRIDAY

*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. Today’s liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.*

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.

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.