



Reformation Lutheran Church

April 3, 2026 | 12:00 pm

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.

[All gather in silence.]

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; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

The Psalm

Psalm 22:1-5

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

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

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;

by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Our ancestors put their trust in you,

they trusted, and you rescued them.

They cried out to you and were delivered;

they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

The Passion of Our Lord According to St. John

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

Hymn 349



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.

The Bidding Prayer

Let us pray . . .

Silent prayer

[after each prayer]

. . . 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.

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

**[Silence for meditation on the mystery of the crucified Savior,
the mystery of redemption]**

Adoration of the Crucified Christ

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

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4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

[The ministers leave in silence.

Please remain as long as you wish to be in prayer with the Lord this day.

When you are ready to leave, do so in silence, respecting those who remain in prayer.

The omission of benedictions at the end of the liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other and with the Vigil of Easter, one celebration of the paschal mystery of our redemption.]

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The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 4

7:30 pm

Festival Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day

Sunday, April 5

6:15 am “Sonrise” service in the Pavilion

8:30 & 11:00 am in the sanctuary and online

(no Sunday School classes will be held)

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