



“Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing”

Good Friday
Peace Lutheran Church + Trinity, FL
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Hands of the Passion



“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Good Friday is not a funeral for Jesus, but a pondering of the sacrifice of Christ. It is pondering how great our need is for a Savior. Good Friday is pondering that Jesus’ love for us is even greater than our need. Jesus pierced hands and side won forgiveness for us! Glory be to Jesus!

OPENING HYMN: “Stricken Smitten and Afflicted” (127)

**1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.**

**2 Tell me, as you hear him groaning, Was there ever grief like his?
Friends through fear his cause disowning, Foes insulting his distress,
Many hands were raised to wound him, None would intervene to save,
But the deepest stroke that pierced him Was the stroke that Justice gave.**

**3 If you think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great,
Here you see its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed; See who bears the awful load—
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.**

**4 Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt—
None shall ever be confounded Who on him their hope have built.**

SPOKEN CONFESSION

P: Heavenly Father, you are a just God who accepts nothing less than perfection. All too often we fail to realize how much our sins offend you. We forget that the wages of sin truly is death. We forget that there actually is a hell. Lead us to recognize the seriousness of our sinfulness. Lead us also to admit our inability to make things right with you.

C: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault. God Almighty, have mercy on me. Forgive me all my sins and bring to everlasting life.**

VISUAL CONFESSION OF SINS

Worshippers are ushered forward to place their nail in the cross, reminding us that “he was pierced for our transgressions.” During the visual confession of sins, the hymn is introduced, “Were You There.” After the hymn is introduced, the congregation joins in singing. May we all reflect on the fact that it was our sins there at the cross that caused our Savior to pay such a price.

HYMN: "Were You There" (119)

**1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**2 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?**

**3 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?**

A MESSAGE OF FORGIVENESS – *Isaiah 52:13 – 53:13*

See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. ¹⁴Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness— ¹⁵so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. ⁴Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. ⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

P: Heavenly Father, today we are reminded not only of your justice but also of your love. You did not spare your own Son but gave him as a ransom for each one of us. Comfort us with the knowledge of this great love. Give us the peace that forgiveness of sins brings.

C: **When we feel our guilt, point us to the cross, where our guilt was washed away in Jesus' blood.**

P: Lord Jesus, thank you for paying the debt that we could not pay. Thank you for coming to earth so that we could be with you forever in heaven.

C: **For being our perfect substitute, we thank you, Lord Jesus.**

P: Son of God, you offered up your body as an unblemished sacrifice for sin and commended your spirit into the hands of your Father. Teach us to cast the cares of this brief life on our heavenly Father and commit our bodies and souls to his love.

C: **Give us courage to face death, knowing that it is the gate to paradise.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we offer our personal thanks for the forgiveness that you have won for us and the home that you have won for us.

Worshippers silently offer their prayers of thanksgiving.

P: In the name of him who paid the price for our sins, we pray,

C: **Amen.**

Psalm 22 (spoken responsively)

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

Why are you so far from saving me?

I am a worm and not a man,

scorned by men and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me;

they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

“He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him.

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

you lay me in the dust of death.

A band of evil men has encircled me,

they have pierced my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments among them

and cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O Lord, be not far off;

O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL: John 19:17-30

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” ²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did. ²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister,

Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. ²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN: "Upon the Cross Extended" (113)



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, See, world, your Lord sus -
 2 How God at our trans - gres - sion To an - ger gives ex -
 3 'Tis I who should be smit - ten, My doom should here be
 4 A crown of thorns you're wear - ing, My shame and scorn you're
 5 Your cords of love, my Sav - ior, Bind me to you for -



pend - ed; Your Sav - ior yields his breath. The Prince of
 pres - sion, How loud his thun - ders roll, How fear - ful -
 writ - ten: Bound hand and foot in hell. The fet - ters
 bear - ing That I might ran - somed be. My bonds - man,
 ev - er; I am no long - er mine. To you I



life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly giv - en
 ly he smites him, How sore - ly he re - quites him—
 and the scourg - ing, The floods a - round you surg - ing,
 ev - er will - ing, My place with pa - tience fill - ing,
 glad - ly ten - der All that my life can ren - der



To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
 All this your suf - f'rings teach my soul.
 'Tis I who have de - served them well.
 From sin and guilt has made me free.
 And all I have to you re - sign.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.
 Tune: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN (776 778) Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517, alt.

SERMON – Luke 23:32-34

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Theme: Hands of the Passion – Nail Pierced Hands

OFFERING

As we bring offerings, we do so out of gratitude for our Savior, who made the perfect offering when he gave his life as our substitute on the first Good Friday.

*“I have learned the secret to being content”-Philippians 4:11. God wants us to give our best to him and be content through the gift of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Peace Lutheran offers a secure Give by Text option. To donate via text, send the dollar amount you wish to give, including a dollar sign, to 888-314-2975. Example: \$40. You will receive a secure registration link.***



The Sacrament



A PRAYER FOR THOSE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

M: Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

*Peace Lutheran practices the historical and Biblical practice of Close Communion, following Jesus' instructions to first **instruct**, then **invite** people to this special meal. Read more about this in your Bible in I Corinthians 11:20-34.*

To honor him we ask...

- *Members who are a part of our church (affiliated with the WELS or ELS) approach the altar for the meal as directed by the ushers.*
- *Visitors please remain seated during the meal, using the time to reflect on the themes of the service and to pray for those in need. If you'd like to participate in the meal, speak with our pastor after the service to learn more about becoming part of our faith family at Peace Lutheran.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed Savior, you came to this world to fully share in our sinfulness, our suffering, and our death. As our gracious Lord, you have given us in your Word and in your Meal full fellowship in your grace, your righteousness, and your Spirit. Bless our fellowship with you and with one another, so that we might look with eyes of faith to your marriage feast in heaven, where we will live with you, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, throughout all ages.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING EXHORTATION

M: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C: **By the cross he has redeemed the world.**

M: Remember his words,

C: **For they are light.**

M: Remember his work,

C: **For they are our example.**

M: Remember his grace,

C: **For it is ours to receive.**

M: Remember his glory

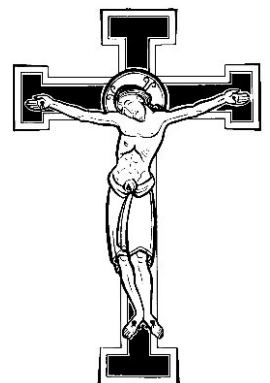
C: **For it is the brilliance of God.**

M: Remember his pain,

C: **For it was not deserved.**

M: Remember his sorrow,

C: **For it is was for our hardness of heart.**



M: Remember his life,
C: **For it was perfect before God.**

M: Remember his death,
C: **For it was ours.**

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C: **By the cross he has redeemed the world.**

CLOSING ANTHEM & HYMN: The Power of the Cross, by: Townend and Getty

The congregation joins in singing verse 4 and the final refrain,
As well as the two stanzas of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1 Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten,
Then nailed to a cross of wood.

2. Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of the sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
Crowning your blood stained brow.

3. Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath
Quakes as it's Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life-
"Finished!" the victory cry.

**4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love!**

Refrain

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Final Refrain

**This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.
What a love, What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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We exit worship today with the quiet confidence the grave was not the end. Three days later Jesus triumphantly rose from the dead. We exit thankful that Jesus is still present with us through his Word and Sacrament. In these things he promises forgiveness, new life and salvation.

There is no blessing at the close of our Good Friday service. This is not the end. Our worship continues on Easter Sunday morning. Join us for Easter Festival worship here at 9:00 AM or 10:15 AM.