AUGSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

Winston-Salem, North Carolina



GOOD FRIDAY

March 30, 2018 Noon

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+ GATHERING +

Paraments, banners, flowers, and other decorations have been removed from the worship space.

All gather in silence.

We stand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:13—53:12

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22 sung by soloists

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:16-25

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL John 18:1—19:42

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The assembly may be seated as the passion account is read. Stanzas of the Hymn of the Day will be sung during the reading of the Gospel at the leading of the organ. The assembly will be invited by the pastor to stand for the final verses of the reading.

HYMN OF THE DAY 351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

We sit.

BIDDING PRAYER

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.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for Elizabeth and Timothy, our bishops; for Paul and Lori, our pastors; for Emily, our Vicar; for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them 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.

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

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. 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.

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the world in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. 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.

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

A large cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the assembly. The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.

The following dialogue is interspersed with sung verses of "Were You There" (ELW 353)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? 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?

Pastor: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world. **Assembly: Oh, come, let us worship him.**

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

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P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

A: Oh, come, let us worship him.

Were you there when they pieced him in the side?

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P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

A: Oh, come, let us worship him.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

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P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

A: Oh, come, let us worship him.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.

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

A: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

+ SENDING+

All depart in silence.

If they have not done so earlier, worshipers may reverence the cross before they depart.

Offerings to support Augsburg's mission in the world may be placed in the baskets as you depart.

You Walked through Crowded Streets

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You walked through crowded streets toward skull-shaped Calvary.

How could they know your way would run to all eternity.

They nailed you to a cross; with thorns they crowned your head. How could they know new life was born from ev'ry drop you bled?

They mocked you as a king whose reign was fantasy.

How could they know your kingdom stretched to ev'ry land and sea?

The sun concealed its face, and day was turned to night. How could they know no dark could hide your mercy's healing light?

They took your body down and laid it in a cave.

How could they know earth's fairest flow'r would blossom from the grave?

O Jesus, crucified, before your cross we kneel. Unveil for us the mystery of love you there reveal.

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Good Friday – March 30, 2018 7:00 P.M. – Service of Tenebrae

Vigil of Easter – March 31, 2018 7:00 P.M.

In collaboration with Christ's Beloved Community (please note: this service begins in the columbarium)

Easter Day – April 1, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 A.M. – Festival Services of Holy Communion *There will be no choir rehearsals or youth activities on Easter evening.*



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