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Good Friday

Noon

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.**

GOOD FRIDAY ADDRESS

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, at this hour, the Church remembers the unfathomable death our Lord Jesus willingly took upon Himself to take away our sins. It is a reminder of the magnitude of our sin and, at the same time, the great value He places on us and our salvation. Let us therefore ponder His suffering and death with sober reflection and resolute joy.

C **Amen.**

OPENING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HOMILY – *The Old Rugged, Wooden Cross*

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THE FIRST STATION

Jesus Is Condemned to Death

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;

C **by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**

FIRST READING – Isaiah 53:8

By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

SECOND READING – Matthew 27:1-2

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

There is a time of silence to reflect on the readings and collect to follow.

P God did not spare His own Son,

C **but gave Him up for us all.**

P Let us pray…Almighty and merciful God, You freely forgive those who acknowledge and confess their sins. Create in us pure hearts and wash away all our sins in the blood of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LSB 436 – Go to Dark Gethsemane – Verses 1 & 2

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from him to bear the cross.

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THE SECOND STATION

Jesus Takes Up His Cross

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;

C **by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**

First Reading – Isaiah 53:4

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Second Reading – John 19:16b-17

So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of the skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

There is a time of silence to reflect on the readings and collect to follow.

P The Lord has laid on Him the guilt of us all.

C **He was stricken for My people's transgression.**

P Let us pray…Almighty God, Your dear Son our Lord did not go up to joy before first He suffered pain; He did not enter into glory before He was crucified. Mercifully grant that we in faith may walk the way of His cross and find in it the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LSB 427 – In the Cross of Christ I Glory – Verses 1 & 2

In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story, Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

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THE THIRD STATION

Jesus Falls

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**

First Reading – Isaiah 42:1, 4

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not grow faint or discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Second Reading – Hebrews 2:14, 15

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power over death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

There is a time of silence to reflect on the readings and collect to follow.

P Surely He has borne our griefs
C **and carried our sorrows.**

P Let us pray…O God, You know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

LSB 449 – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded – Verses 1 & 2

O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory And bliss till now was Thine!
Yet though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine!

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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THE FOURTH STATION

The Cross is Laid on Simon of Cyrene

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**

First Reading – Isaiah 53:6
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Second Reading – Luke 23:26
And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.

There is a time of silence to reflect on the readings and collect to follow.

P You who take up your cross and follow Me,
C **you are My disciples indeed.**

P Let us pray…Almighty and everlasting God; in Your tender love towards us You have sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His patience and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

LSB 439 – O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken – Verses 1 & 3

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

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THE FIFTH STATION

Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:13b
I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

Second Reading – Luke 23:27-28
And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

There is a time of silence to reflect on the readings and collect to follow.

P Those who sow in tears
C **shall reap with shouts of joy.**

P Let us pray...Almighty and ever-living God, You hate nothing You have made, and You forgive the sins of all who turn to You. Create and make in us new and honest hearts, so that truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

LSB 435 – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain – Verses 1 & 3

Come to Calvary's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.

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THE SIXTH STATION

Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**

First Reading – Isaiah 53:2b-3

He had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Second Reading – John 19:23-24

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

There is a time of silence to reflect on the readings and collect to follow.

P They divide My garments among them,
C **and for My raiment they cast lots.**

P Let us pray…O Lord, God, Your blessed Son our Lord gave His back to the smiters and did not hide His face from shame. Grant us grace to rejoice in the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

LSB 440 – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now – Verses 1 & 3

Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy Passion;
With Your spirit me endow, For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death, That I may not perish.

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see your Passion;
But its cause to me make known, And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been Of your crucifixion.

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THE SEVENTH STATION

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;

C **by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**

First Reading – Isaiah 53:12b

Yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Second Reading – Luke 23:33-34a

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

There is a time of silence to reflect on the readings and collect to follow.

P They have pierced My hands and feet.

C **I can count all My bones: they stare and gloat over Me.**

P Let us pray…O God, by the Passion of Your blessed Son You have made the instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life and peace. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LSB 451 – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted – Verses 1 & 3

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See him dying on the tree!
This is 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.

Ye who think of sin but lightly, Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view 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.

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THE EIGHTH STATION

Jesus Dies on the Cross

Please stand.

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**

First Reading – Lamentations 1:12

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the LORD inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

Second Reading – Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

✠ ***There is a time of silence to reflect on the readings and collect to follow.*** ✠

P Christ for our sake became obedient unto death,
C **even the death of the cross.**

P Let us pray…O God, for our redemption You gave Your only Son to die the death of the cross, and by His resurrection You have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

LSB 426 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – Verses 1 & 2

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.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

Please be seated.

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THE NINTH STATION

Jesus Is Taken Down From the Cross

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;

C **by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**

First Reading – Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

Second Reading – John 19:38-40

After these things Joseph of Arimithea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

There is a time of silence to reflect on the readings and collect to follow.

P Do you work wonders for the dead?

C **Shall the dead rise up to praise You?**

P Let us pray…Grant, we pray, merciful Lord, to Your faithful people pardon and peace; cleanse us from all our sins, so we may serve You with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LSB 433 – Glory Be to Jesus – Verses 1, 2, & 6

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life-blood, From his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal, In that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion, Infinitely kind!

Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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THE TENTH STATION

Jesus Is Laid in the Sepulchre

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**

First Reading – Isaiah 53:9-10a

And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of God to crush him; he has put him to grief.

Second Reading – John 19:41-42

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

There is a time of silence to reflect on the readings and collect to follow.

P You will not abandon Me to hell
C **nor let Your faithful servant see the pit.**

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 given over to the hands of sinful men to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
C **Amen.**

LSB 421 – Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing – Verses 1 & 5

Jesus, grant that balm and healing In Your holy wounds I find.
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me from its first beginning.

O my God, my rock and tower, Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power Since you crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection, Light and life and resurrection.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

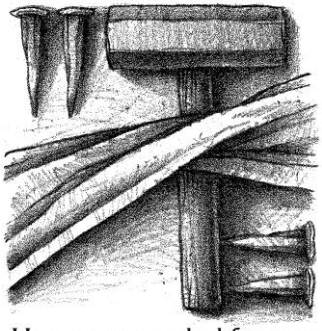
P God forbid that I should glory

C **except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P Let us pray.
O Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author and Finisher of our faith: Bring to completion in us that good work which You have accomplished for us in Your life and death, Your resurrection and ascension, so that we may have the triumphant joy of accomplishing our life in You, through Your mercy, O our God, who lives victorious now and always.

C **Amen.**

*After time of **silent prayer**, please depart in **silence.***



He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities...

Isaiah 53:5, NRSV

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Easter Vigil – April 8
8 pm *at Faith*

Easter Sunday – April 9

8 & 10:30 am Festival Worship (Holy Communion & special music)
5 pm Worship with Holy Communion

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