



Welcome to St. Luke's Church **Sunday, April 18, 2025**

Good Friday

Our Vision: **To Know God and To Make Him Known**

*Visitors are not expected to participate in the offering.
We hope you enjoy visiting with us today. Please come again soon.*

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Call to Worship

Celebrant: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way,

All: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts
No power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

O sacred Head now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns thine only crown
O sacred Head what glory what bliss till now was Thine
Yet tho' 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
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace

Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee
Thou noble countenance
Though mighty worlds shall fear Thee
And flee before Thy glance
How art Thou pale with anguish
With sore abuse and scorn
How doth Thy visage languish
That once was bright as morn

The joy can never be spoken above all joys beside
When in Thy body broken I thus with safety hide
O Lord of life desiring thy glory now to see
Beside Thy cross expiring I'd breathe my soul to Thee

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The Lessons

At the end of each reading the lector says:

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Genesis 22:1-18

Psalm 22:1-21

Hebrews 10:1-25

The Gospel

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 19:16-30.

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

At the end of the reading:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Solemn Collects

Celebrant: Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

“Believe: Pilate” by Skit Guys

Celebrant: Let us pray for the holy Church throughout the world: that the Lord our God may preserve her in unity, peace, and safety, bringing into divine subjection all powers and principalities; and that he may grant us to dwell in such peace and tranquility that we may show forth the glory of God.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth, with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray for Mark Engle, our Bishop, and for Foley Beach, our Archbishop, that the Lord our God, who has appointed them to this office, may preserve them in health and safety for the governance of God’s holy people.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholds all things both in heaven and on earth: as you have appointed these your servants to be our Bishops, so also defend them by your mercy against all adversities; that we, acknowledging you as the great Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, may so prosper by their care that we may bring forth the fruit of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

“Believe: Solider” by Skit Guys

Celebrant: Let us pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; and for all God’s holy People.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray for Joe Biden, our President, and for all in Civil Authority; that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek God’s honor and glory: and that we, remembering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them in accordance with God’s holy Word.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and whose power is infinite: We commend our nation to your merciful care, that being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to our President, and to all in authority, wisdom, and strength to know and to do your will.

Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray for those who are preparing for Holy Baptism: that the Lord our God may open their hearts to his grace and mercy; that by the washing of regeneration they may obtain the remission of all their sins and be found faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you multiply your Church in every generation: Grant the gifts of faith and understanding to those being instructed in your holy Word; that being washed in the waters of Baptism, they may be born again and numbered among your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

“Believe: Mary and Martha” by Skit Guys

Celebrant: Let us pray to God the Father Almighty, that he would cleanse the world from all evil; deliver it from pestilence and famine; set free those who are in captivity; restore the sick to health; and bring those who travel to a haven of safety.

Silence

Celebrant: Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray for all who are in heresy or schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrine and restore them to the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Silence

Celebrant: O God of truth and love, who desires not the death of sinners but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live: Look with mercy on those who are deceived by the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that the hearts of those who have gone astray may be restored to wisdom and return to the way of truth in the unity of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Jewish people: that the Lord our God may look graciously upon them, and that they may come to know Jesus as the Messiah, and as the Lord of all.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you established your covenant with Abraham and his seed: Hear the prayers of your Church, that the people through whom you brought blessing to the world may also receive the blessing of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

“Believe: Jarius’ Daughter” by Skit Guys

Celebrant: Let us pray for all those who do not believe in Christ, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten them through the Gospel and bring them into the way of salvation.

Silence

Celebrant: Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

Celebrant: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Devotion Before the Cross

Celebrant: Behold the wood of the Cross, on which was hung the world's Salvation.

All: O come, let us adore him.

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The Reproaches

Celebrant: O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Testify against me. I brought you forth from the land of bondage, and led you through the waters of salvation, and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

**Sung: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with the bread of heaven; I brought you into the land of promise, and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

**Sung: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: What could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my vineyard, to bear sweet fruit; but you have become very bitter to me and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

**Sung: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: I passed over your first-born and delivered them from death, and you have delivered me into the hands of my enemies; I led you in the pillar of cloud, and you have led me into the judgment hall of Pilate. O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**Sung: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: I struck down the kings of the Canaanites for your sake, and you struck my head with a reed; I gave you a royal inheritance, and you have crowned my head with thorns. O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**Sung: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us.**

I opened the rock and gave you to drink from the water of life, and you have opened my side with a spear. I raised you on high with great power, and you have hanged me high upon the Cross. O my church, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**Sung: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us.**

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Anthem

**All: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

Celebrant: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

**All: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against
you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by
what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our
whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your
Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may
delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your
Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great
mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely
repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen
you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as 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 the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen**

Closing Hymn

“Jesus Paid It All”

I hear the Savior say thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus:

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone. (Chorus)

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb (Chorus)

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat (Chorus)

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Concluding Prayer

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, Cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; peace and rest to the dead; to your holy Church unity and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

[Please exit in silence.]