

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

1100 E Murdock Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54901

Good Friday

April 2, 2026 • 6:30 pm



P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister L: Lector **C: Congregation/All**
** Invitation to stand*

We Gather

This evening's service begins in quiet solitude and prayer, as a continuation of last evening's Maundy Thursday service.

*Call to Worship

P: Come, let us worship and bow down.

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

P: Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord,

C: Lord, hear my voice.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: And renew a right spirit within me.

P: Let us pray. Bless us, Heavenly Father, as on this holy day we remember the sufferings and death of our dear Lord. Keep his holy example ever before us. Grant that we may follow him in willing obedience and learn his gracious humility. Fill us with his love and spirit of self-sacrifice that we may learn the lessons of a life pleasing to you and helpful to all others. This we pray through him who loves us and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

***Hymn:**

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LBW 301



1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, sin - ners, ru - ined by the fall;
2 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, im - po - tent, and blind;
3 Those who drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul re - new - ing flood.



here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain flows to you, to me, to all,
here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion, here the trou - bled peace may find.
God is faith - ful; God will nev - er break his cov - e - nant of blood,



in a full per - pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
Health this foun - tain will re - store; those who drink shall thirst no more.
signed when our re - deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: NAAR MIT ÖIE, Ludwig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

The Passion According to St. Matthew

The Betrayal

Matthew 26:14-16

L: ¹⁴Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Silence for reflection

Hymn:

Ah, Holy Jesus, verses 1 & 2

ELW 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



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,



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.

Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

The Agony

Matthew 26:36-46

L: ³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." ⁴⁰ Then he

came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

Silence for reflection

Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane, verse 1 ELW 347



I Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.

The Arrest

Matthew 26:47-50

A: ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹ At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

Silence for reflection

Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane, verse 2

ELW 347



2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;



Oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!



Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss: learn from him to bear the c'ross.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

The Sentence

Matthew 27:11-26

A: ¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³ Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

Silence for reflection

*Lamb of God Most Holy – text Anonymous: tune J. Ruiz
St. Andrew’s Choir*

The Crucifixion

Matthew 27:32-44

P: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they

compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Silence for reflection

Hymn: Were You There, verses 1 and 2 Greg Egner & John Selk

The Death

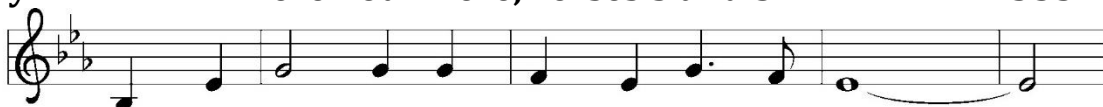
Matthew 27:45-54

P: ⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Silence for reflection

Hymn: **Were You There, verses 3 and 5**

ELW 353



3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

Bidding Prayers

*The assisting minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid. The congregation may kneel or sit. The presiding minister will lead each petition, which will end with "We ask this through Christ our Lord." **The congregation responds with "Amen."***

A: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

**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.**

***Procession of the Cross**

*Please stand and turn to face the cross as it is brought forward. The cross is carried in procession through the church and placed at the altar. **The dialogue is spoken three times as the cross is carried in.***

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

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

There is no benediction and dismissal.

Those who wish, may remain in the sanctuary for prayer and meditation. Worshippers may also come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence before they depart. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayers or touching it.

All depart in silence.

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:00 am Holy Communion

8:00 to 9:00 am Easter Breakfast

9:30 am Holy Communion

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