



Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
& Early Childhood Center



Good Friday

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

# Triduum



During Holy Week, we join with Christians around the world in observing the Three Days, known by their Latin name, the Triduum. They are the pinnacle of the church year, beginning with the evening service on Maundy Thursday, and continuing through the Sunday evening of Easter. We travel with Jesus from last supper, to his betrayal and trial, to the moment of the cross, to his burial, and finally to the joy and promise of the empty tomb. These three days are observed not only in remembrance of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, but so that we might be able to enter these experiences ourselves. We remember that through baptism we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection. As we move through these three days, we ponder the depth and the mystery of God's love, we reflect on the meaning of Christ's presence in our lives, and we give thanks for all that God has done. We are again raised with him and, brimming with hope, we are empowered and sent as messengers and servants into the world.





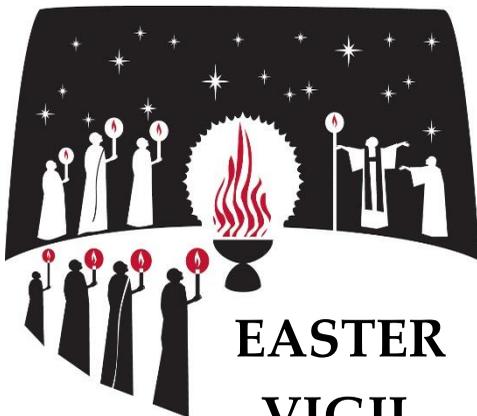
## MAUNDY *Thursday*

**Maundy Thursday** centers on Jesus' commandment to love one another, and is the origin of two of the church's most ancient, and sacred acts. The symbolic act of foot-washing helps to remind us that we are called to a life of service and love. At the Lord's Table we remember Jesus' sacrifice. We receive God's grace, forgiveness, and love through bread and wine; and we are strengthened so that we might offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

## *+* *Good* Friday



**Good Friday** is a somber celebration as we travel with Jesus through the final hours of his life by way of his seven last words, read within the story of the passion. This is intended to be a time of personal meditation and reflection. Good Friday is the day we contemplate the cross, and the lengths to which our God would go to save us all. God's love, grace, and promise all meet in the moment of the cross, and we receive God's promise to show up in all of the crucifixion moments of our own lives.



## EASTER VIGIL

The **Easter Vigil** is the earliest service of the church, with portions of the liturgy dating back to the 4th century. The church has always vigiled all Saturday night, "because we do not know at what hour our Lord arose from the tomb." The Vigil is also the traditional time of baptism, with the newly baptized coming immediately into their first service of Holy Communion at Easter dawn. Easter Vigil at Bethlehem is joyous and raucous and full of resurrection hope.

# GATHERING

## TOLLING OF THE BELL

### HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me – ELW 325

vs. 1 – all, vs. 2 – solo, vs. 3 – all



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

### PASSION NARRATIVE

In the Garden – Matthew 26:36-41

Jesus is Betrayed – Mark 14:43-46

## PRAYER

L: God of silent prayer,

**C: Our spirits are willing but we are human and imperfect. Help us to find the strength to keep awake though the night darkens around us. Guide us on our journey, O Holy One.**

## HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane – ELW 347 vs. 1-3



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.  
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

## PASSION NARRATIVE

Jesus Before the Council – Luke 22:66-71

Peter's Denial – Matthew 26:69-75

Crucify Him! – Matthew 27:1-2, 11-25

## PRAYER

L: Merciful Lord,

**C: Too often we join the crowd in their cries of, "Crucify him!" Fill our hearts with the compassion and love that defined your time here on earth. Guide us on our journey, O Holy One.**

## HYMN

Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed vs. 1, 2, & 5



- 1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
- 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
- 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
- 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
- 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

## PASSION NARRATIVE

Hail, King of the Jews – John 19:1-3

Bearing the Cross – Matthew 27:31-33

## PRAYER

L: King of kings,

**C: You came to us as a king unlike any we had ever seen before. Teach us that power need not come in the form of a clenched fist, but rather, can be found in the diligent hands of a servant. Guide us on our journey, O Holy One.**

# OFFERING

Who Is This King? – Quartet

## PASSION NARRATIVE

Father, Forgive Them – Luke 23:33-34

Jesus, Remember Me – Luke 23:29-43

Jesus and Mary – John 19:25-27

## PRAYER

L: Source of infinite mercy,

**C: Even in the face of death and humiliation, you sought forgiveness on our behalf. May we learn to forgive as we have been forgiven.**

**Guide us on our journey, O Holy One.**

## HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus – ELW 338



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

## PASSION NARRATIVE

I Thirst/It is Finished – John 19:28-30

My God, My God – Matthew 27:45-46

Into Your Hands – Luke 23:45-47

## PRAYER

L: Steadfast God,

**C: We know that no matter how great our sin, you will not forsake us. Be our anchor that holds us steady when the storms of life seek to sink us. Guide us on our journey, O Holy One.**

## HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded – ELW 351 vs. 1 & 3



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weigh'd down,  
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

PRAYER

L: God of new beginnings,

C: Through Jesus you defeated the powers of sin and death. Help us to linger at the tomb as we marvel at your love for the world. But always, may we remember that death does not have the final word. Lift our tear-filled eyes towards the promise of new life that is the empty tomb. Guide us on our journey, O Holy One. Amen.

HYMN

Were You There – ELW 353



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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 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.



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 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**The Good Friday worship concludes without a benediction.**

**The three days of the Triduum are meant to be treated as three parts of one worship service.**

**Our Easter Vigil service will be at 3 pm tomorrow. We will gather in-person and the service will be livestreamed as well.**

**We thank you for your participation in this unique way of celebrating Holy Week this year, as we explore new understandings of what it means to be a community of faith.**

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# All Are Welcome!

We live in a diverse world. We are hurting, broken and heavy hearted. We are loving, celebrating, and above all — we are welcoming. Regardless of the color of your skin or the color of your hair, regardless of your gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, or political affiliation — you are welcome here.

If you are a believer, a doubter or a seeker after Christ — you have a place here.

If you own, rent, or have nothing at all — you are welcome here.

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person of differing abilities, if you have regrets, fears, addictions, or afflictions — you have a place here.

All who are wise and all who are confused, all who have found love and all who have lost it, all who celebrate this welcome statement and all who fear it — are welcome here.

For these are all of the things that make you who you are: the person God loves. Come as you are and be celebrated for who you are. The time is now. Your place is here. Bethlehem Lutheran Church is an all-inclusive church.

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