

but I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
a stranger and you did not welcome me,  
naked and you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

Final candle is extinguished

*(After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.)*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*You are invited to stay and meditate as you choose. Please exit in silence.*

**Join us:**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>—Easter Worship Service of Holy Communion: 10:00 am**  
*(Live & Online Worship)*



**Notice of live streaming:**

Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with  
video coverage of leaders and worshippers.



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# Good Friday

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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

## Introduction to the Day

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in Easter.

*(Gather in silence.)*

**PRELUDE**            *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*     *Anna Laura Page*  
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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Isaiah 52:13--53:12**

*The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The servant pours himself out to death and is numbered with the transgressors, images that the early church saw as important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.*

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.

<sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—

<sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

<sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;  
I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

My peace I gave to you, but you draw the sword,  
my peace I left with you, not as the world gives, but you begin wars and take my  
name in vain,

and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land,  
but you opened my side with a spear;  
I washed your feet as a sign of my love,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I lifted you up to the heights,  
but you lifted me high on a cross;  
I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I grafted you into my people Israel,  
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters,

Narration (Isaiah 53:2-5)  
*The Crucifixion*

*Near the Cross*

6<sup>th</sup> candle is extinguished

### SOLEMN REPROACHES

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you?  
How have I offended you?

Answer me.

I led you out of slavery into freedom,  
and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

Forty years I led you through the desert,  
feeding you with manna on the way;

I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire,  
but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;

I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit;  
I made you branches of the vine and never left your side,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I poured out saving water from the rock,  
but you gave me vinegar to drink;

I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood,

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## We Remember Calvary

a tenebrae service  
by Joel Raney

Narration

*Here I Am to Worship*

***Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.***

Narration

*We Remember (with When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)*

***Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small,  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.***

Narration

*Bread of Life*

Narration (Matthew 26:27-29)

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

***My faith looks up to thee, thou lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!***

1<sup>st</sup> candle is extinguished

Narration (Matthew 26:30-35)

*Change My Heart, O God*

2<sup>nd</sup> candle is extinguished

Narration (Matthew 26:39)

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

***Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with your Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!***

3<sup>rd</sup> candle is extinguished

Narration

*The Old Rugged Cross*

***So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it someday for a crown.***

4<sup>th</sup> candle is extinguished

Narration

*Lord, Remember Me (with Just As I Am)*

***Just as I am without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come. I come!***

5<sup>th</sup> candle is extinguished

## 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 spoken as the procession begins, the assembly echoing the leader.*

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

*The dialogue is spoken a second time at the midpoint of the procession.*

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

*The dialogue is spoken a third time at the end of the procession.*

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

*(The assembly may be seated.)*