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## ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday Worship 7:00pm

## **Good Friday**

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### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... **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.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

<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. <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.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

[After the Holy Spirit says,] <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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Gospel Acclamation: (ELW Setting 10 page 205)

We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind –  
Slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.

P: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

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P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Our God Reigns” (CCLI 8458 *versus 1-4*)

How lovely on the mountains  
Are the feet of Him  
Who brings good news good news  
Announcing peace  
Proclaiming news of happiness  
Our God reigns our God reigns

**Chorus** Our God reigns our God reigns  
Our God reigns our God reigns

He had no stately form  
He had no majesty  
That we should be drawn to Him  
He was despised  
And we took no account of Him  
Yet now He reigns with the Most High **Chorus**

It was our sin and guilt  
That bruised and wounded Him  
It was our sin that brought Him down  
When we like sheep had gone astray  
Our Shepherd came  
And on His shoulders bore our shame **Chorus**

Meek as a lamb  
That's led out to the slaughterhouse  
Dumb as a sheep before its shearer  
His life ran down  
Upon the ground like pouring rain  
That we might be born again **Chorus**

Bidding Prayer (ELW page 263)

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

*Silent prayer*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, Synodical Bishop, Craig Satterlee, for Pastor Julie Bailey, and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

*Silent prayer*

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*All pray the Lord's Prayer.*

Lord's Prayer

**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 (ELW page 264)

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

**C: Oh, come, let us † worship him.**

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P: 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.

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

P: 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.

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

P: 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.

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

P: 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.

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

P: 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,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

P: 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.

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

P: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed;  
I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

P: 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.

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

P: 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.

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

P: 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.

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

P: 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,

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.

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

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

P: We adore you, O Christ, † and we bless you.

**C: By your holy cross you have re- † deemed the world.**

Song: "Were You There" (ELW 353)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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*Leave in silence*