

## 2020 04 10 Good Friday Service

### IN THE NAME

P: God forbid that I should boast of anything

**C: But the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;

**C: By Him we are redeemed and set free.**

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us,

**C: And make His face shine upon us.**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us prepare for our confession. (*With the words of Psalm 51:1-12*)

Have mercy on me, O God,

according to your steadfast love;

**according to your abundant mercy**

**blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**and cleanse me from my sin!**

For I know my transgressions,

**and my sin is ever before me.**

Against You, You only, have I sinned

and done what is evil in Your sight,

**so that You may be justified in Your words**

**and blameless in Your judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

**and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,

**and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

**wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear joy and gladness;

**let the bones that You have broken rejoice.**

Hide Your face from my sins,

**and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from Your presence,

**and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

**and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask Him to forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Lord God, our heavenly Father, I am a sinner and I have sinned against You, not only in my words and actions, but also in my secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully know or understand, but which You know completely. I am sorry that I have displeased You, and repent of the evil I have done. For the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy on me, forgive my sins, and graciously help me in my weakness. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession and prayer I, as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

**C: Amen.**

### **GREETING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty and merciful God, we thank You for bringing life and peace for us through the shame, suffering, and death of Your Son. Teach us to boast about nothing but the cross of Christ, and be willing to suffer gladly for His sake. For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

P: Our Gospel reading for today comes from gospel according to John, chapter 19.

“After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to You, O Christ!**

### **APOSTLES CREED**

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose**

**again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

*(Luther's Small Catechism)*

**SERMON** based on John 18 and 19.

P: Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Sermon “Remember these words!”**

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray!

**C: Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what You have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions — as signs of Your goodness and symbols of our love. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered Himself for us. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

On this most sacred day when our Lord, who has been lifted up to draw all people to himself, has gone before us to the Father, we his body stand with him before the Father and intercede for his church and his world.

Let us pray for the holy church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father will grant peace to his church, preserve it in unity, and protect it throughout the world. Almighty Father, you have shown your glory to all nations in Christ your Son: Guide the work of your church; help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring your salvation to people everywhere.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our bishops, for all pastors and servants of the church, and for all the people of God. Almighty Father, you guide the church and keep it holy. Help all of us to work faithfully for you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all Christians, that God will gather us by his Spirit and keep us united in faith and love. Almighty Father, you have made us your holy people by our common baptism. Make us one in our confession of faith, increase our love for each other, and help us to work together in your mission to the people of the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who do not yet believe in Jesus Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit will show them the way of salvation. Heavenly Father, remember those who do not remember you. Have mercy on those who have rejected your grace. Guide those who seek to make sense of their lives, so that they may find their salvation in Your Son Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who serve us in public office, that God may use them to curb what is evil and work for the wellbeing of our nation. Heavenly Father, guide all the nations of the earth, so that they may promote international justice and peace. Bless our country and all who hold positions of responsibility. Direct the parliaments of our commonwealth and state, so that we may enjoy good government, and live together in freedom and harmony.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all the needy people of the earth, that God will provide for them according to their needs. Heavenly Father, heal those who are physically sick and mentally disturbed. Support those who are aged and dying. Comfort those who are hungry and lonely. Relieve those who are oppressed, and free those who are unjustly imprisoned.

For into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour †, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**