



# GOOD FRIDAY

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School, Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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**~Preservice Prayer for Good Friday:** *O Christ, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. We thank and praise You that on this day You prayed the Father for our forgiveness; You promised us Paradise; You placed us in loving relationship with each other; You were forsaken of God, that we may never be forsaken; You finished all things necessary for our salvation; You committed Your spirit to the Father that we may die in peace. Give us faith to glory in Your cross, by which we may overcome every evil and finally gain full and complete victory in Your name. Amen.*

**Welcome!** In the name of our crucified Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping with us this evening. If you are a guest, please fill out a guest card (found in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary.

*Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41)*



I. The Service of Preparation

*(We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with thanks and joy.)*

~**Prelude** — *Preservice music & opportunity for prayer*

*(See "Prayers for Worship"  
—ELH p. 40)*

~**Opening Prayer**

*(ELH p. 41; p. 154, #58)*

P: Almighty God, we pray that You would graciously behold this Your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

~**Hymn 332, vv. 1-3, 6 O Darkest Woe**

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

*(ELH p. 41-42, II)*

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed, so that You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity.

Therefore we come before You with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of Your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

O merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, and implore You, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification:

Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

**C: We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

~ **Kyrie Eleison** – *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

*(ELH p. 42-43)*

**C: ✠ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

~**Individual Absolution** — *God’s declaration of forgiveness to you*

*(ELH p. 43, III)*

P: Upon this your confession, come forward to the altar of the Lord and receive the declaration of the forgiveness of all your sins. *(The penitents come forward and kneel at the altar rail.)*

By the authority of God and of my holy office *(then, with the laying on of hands, saying to each one)* I declare to you the gracious forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May He who has begun the good work in you perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Peace be with you. Amen.

~**Absolution Hymns:**

**Hymn 495 *I Come to Thee, O Blessed Lord***

**Hymn 453 *Out of the Deep I Call***

**Hymn 455 *With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh***

~ **General Absolution**

*(ELH p. 43, II; Mt 11:28, Jn 3:16)*

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Collect** — *The congregation’s prayer of the day*

*(ELH p. 45; p. 154, #59)*

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross, that You might remove from us the power of the adversary: Help us to remember and give thanks for our Lord’s Passion that we may obtain remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

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## II. The Service of the Word



*(After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God's Word is applied to our lives today.)*

### ~Old Testament Lesson

**Isaiah 53:1-7:** Who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot and like a root from dry ground. He had no attractiveness and no majesty. When we saw him, nothing about his appearance made us desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man who knew grief, who was well acquainted with suffering. Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at, he was despised, and we thought nothing of him. Surely he was taking up our weaknesses, and he was carrying our sufferings. We thought it was because of God that he was stricken, smitten, and afflicted, but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced. He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all have gone astray like sheep. Each of us has turned to his own way, but the LORD has charged all our guilt to him. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent in front of its shearers, he did not open his mouth.

### ~Men's Choir — Psalm 22

*(from Christian Worship, p. 71)*

*Refrain: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me? I am a worm and not a man, Scorned by men and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; They hurl insults, shaking their heads: "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him." (Refrain)*

*My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; You lay me in the dust of death. A band of evil men has encircled me; They have pierced my hands and my feet. They divide my garments among them And cast lots for my clothing. But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son And to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, Is now, and will be forever. Amen. (Refrain)*

### ~Epistle Lesson

**Hebrews 10:19-23** Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus. It is a new and living way he opened for us through the

curtain, that is, his flesh. We also have a great priest over the house of God. So let us approach with a sincere heart, in the full confidence of faith, because our hearts have been sprinkled to take away a bad conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

~**Nicene Creed** — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 47)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. ♪ Amen.**

~**Chief Hymn 339** *The Lord into His Father's Hands*

~**Holy Gospel & Sermon Text**

**John 19:28-30** After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" Then, bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

~**Sermon Theme**

*Three Words of Truth: "It Is Finished!"*

~**Prayer**

(ELH p. 48)

~Offering & Men's Choir – *The Man in the Middle*

arr. P. Bloedel

*(The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. We ask you to fill out a "Get Connected!" card and place that in the offering plate.)*

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III. The Service of Holy Communion



*(Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)*

*Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal, pp. 38–40.*

**Guests & Visitors:** *We practice "Close" or "Closed Communion". We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*

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~Exhortation

*(ELH p. 52)*

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sin," you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "For the remission of sins," you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "This do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

~**Lord's Prayer**

*(ELH p. 53; Mt 6:9-13)*

**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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

~**Words of Institution**

*(ELH p. 54; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

~**Agnus Dei** — *"Lamb of God"*

*(ELH p. 55; Jn 1:29)*

**C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

~**Distribution**

**Hymn 302 *The Tree of Life***

**Hymn 334, 335 vv. 1-6 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded***

**Hymn 297 *Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted***

~**Dismissal** — *Assurance of blessing for those who have communed*

*(ELH p. 56)*

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

## ~Collect of Thanksgiving

(ELH p. 57-58, 1)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank You, Lord, the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation, except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## ~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 59; Num. 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.**

## ~Hymn 593 *On My Heart Imprint Thine Image*

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*Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John J. Petersen*

*Organist: Mark DeGarmeaux*

*Men's Choir Director: Carl Bloedel*  
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## Easter Sunday, April 21

7:30AM: Sunrise Service

8:30 - 9:30AM: Easter Breakfast by the

Mt. Olive Sr. Youth Group

10AM: Festival Service with Holy Communion

Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 2:8

Theme: *Three Words of Truth: "He Has Risen!"*

*There is no evening service on April 22. Join us on April 28 for Sunday morning services (8:30AM or 10:45AM) or on April 29 for our Monday evening service at 6:30PM.*

*Confirmation service is Sunday, April 28, at 10:45AM.*