

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA Reconciling in Christ, Rejoicing Spirits, and Handicap Friendly Congregation

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**Good Friday**  
**March 29, 2024**  
**12:00 noon and 7:00 pm**

## **The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life**

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

Welcome to worship. Today's liturgy includes a series of Bible Readings telling the story of Jesus' journey to the cross on Good Friday.

Each Bible passage will be depicted through art on the screens. You are invited to meditate on the art as you hear the Readings and listen to the message that follows.

Please participate in the responses at the beginning and end of each station:

At the beginning of each station:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you  
**BECAUSE, BY YOUR HOLY CROSS,  
YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.**

Following the prayer at the conclusion of each station:

God in your mercy,  
**HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

## THE STATIONS

### First Station: Jesus is condemned to death

Reading – Mark 15:1–5,11–15

#### Hymn

We Praise You, Lord

LBW 190



1 We praise you, Lord, for Je - sus Christ, who died and rose a - gain;  
he lives to break the pow'r of sin and o - ver death to reign.

### Second Station: Jesus takes up his cross

Reading – Mark 15:16–20

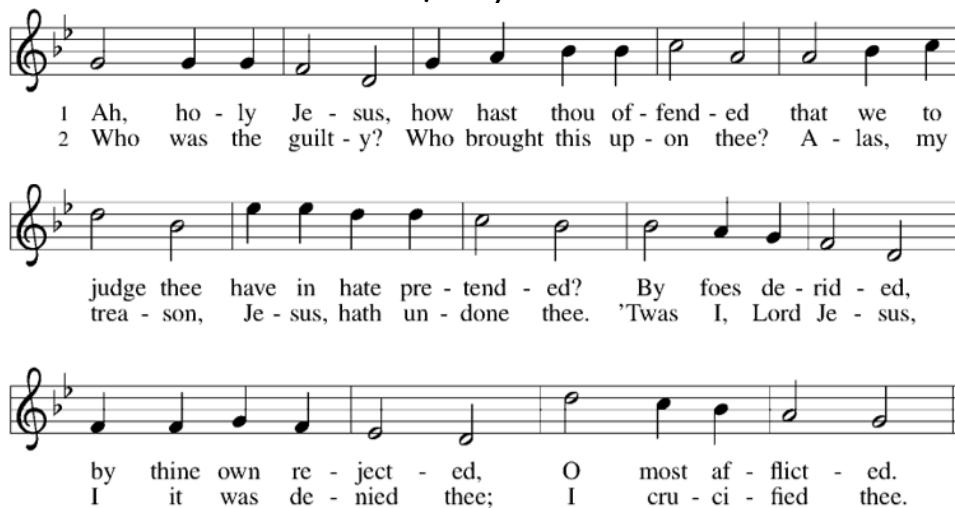
### Third Station: Jesus falls the first time

Reading – Isaiah 53:1-3

#### Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.

## Fourth Station: Jesus meets his mother

Reading – Luke 2:22,25,34,35

## Fifth Station: Simon helps Jesus to carry his cross

Reading – Mark 15:21

## Hymn

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

HFW 158



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "if you would  
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till



my dis - ci - ple be; for - sake the past, and  
death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



come this day, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
bear the cross may hope to wear a gold - en crown.

## Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Reading – Matthew 25:35–36, 40

## Seventh Station: Jesus falls the second time

Reading – Isaiah 53:7



1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;  
2 They nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;



they cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;  
they nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;



not a word, not a word, not a word.

### **Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem**

Reading – Luke 23:27, 28

### **Ninth Station: Jesus falls the third time**

Reading – Isaiah 53:4–5

# Hymn

# O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

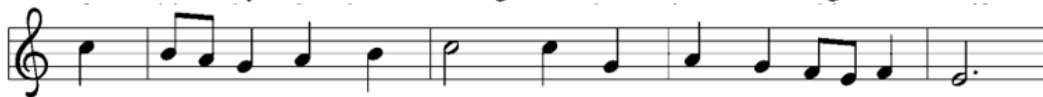
ELW Hymn 351



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;



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!



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;



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.

## Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of his clothes

Reading – Mark 15:22–24

## Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross

Reading – Luke 23:35, 49



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, blest re - deem - er, whom we love,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, breath - ing no re - pen - tant vow,  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent love for you;



foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove:  
 though we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing, see your thorn - en - cir - cled brow?  
 may our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be - hold your cross a - new;



of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed, gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall;  
 Yet your sin - less death has brought us life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest;  
 till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er from the bless - ed Sav - ior's side,



yet up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, you have borne the pain of all.  
 on - ly what your grace has taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er, dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

### Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the cross

Reading – Luke 23:44–46

### Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the cross

Reading – Mark 15:42–46



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?



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!

### Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

Reading – Mark 15:46–47

### Fifteenth Station: The resurrection

Reading – Mark 16:1–7

*You are invited to remain in prayer as long as you wish,  
 or you may leave in silence.*

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Liturgy: **Eggs and Ashes: Practical & liturgical resources for Lent and Holy Week**,  
 Ruth Burgess & Christ Polhill, Compilation © 2004, reprinted 2007, 2010 by  
 Wild Goose Publications. **Music Permissions:** Public Domain

### Worship Helpers:

**Greeters** - Noon: Linda Black; 7:00 pm Carol Walrod

**Ushers** – Noon: Dean Black; 7:00 pm Don Walrod

### **Readers:**

Noon: Rick Doty, Nancy Pfeffer, Linda Devine, Carole Wetherhold, Julie Timmcke,  
 Craig Kauffman, Renee Wetherhold

7:00 pm: Jen Schmoyer, Hannah S., Tim Vink, Lorie Stout Sherman, Bob Mueller,  
 Marian Harrison, Tom Bradley