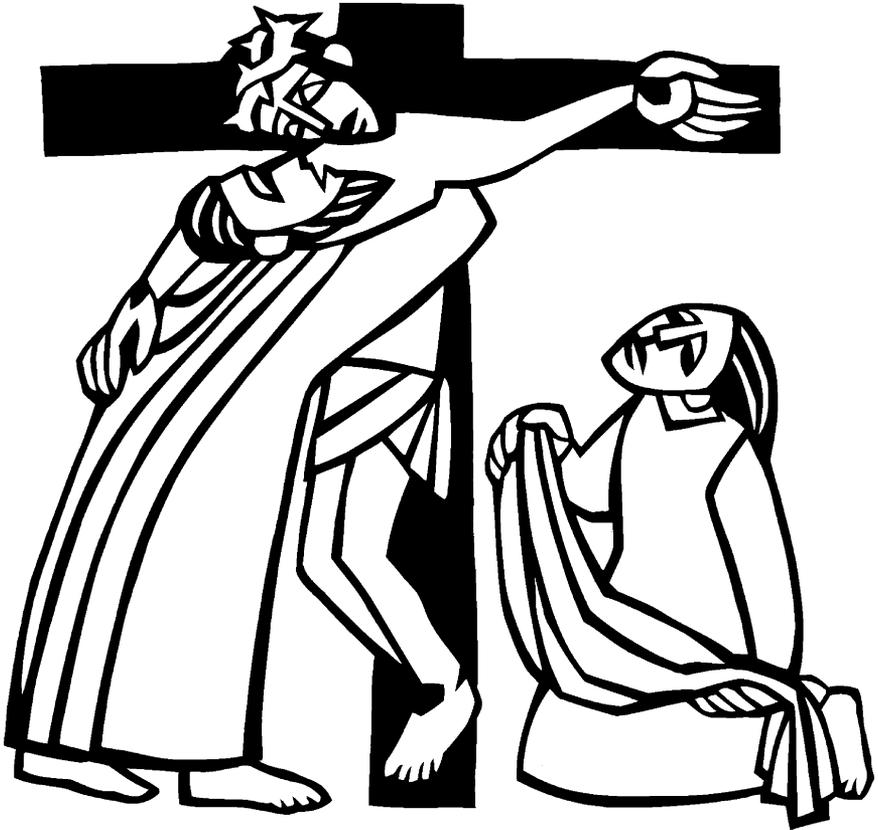


**Welcome To  
Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**GOOD FRIDAY**



**April 2, 2021**

## INTRODUCTION

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. 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 the Easter Vigil.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. . Merciful God,

**C: your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

(52:1-3; 53:1-12)

## A READING FROM HEBREWS

(4:14-16; 5:7-9)

**THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS ACCORDING TO  
St. Mark (15:1-47)**

**MEDITATION:**                    *There, He's Dead!*

**HYMN**

**ELW 343**

*My Song Is Love Unknown  
(stanzas 1-4)*

**BIDDING PRAYER** (each petition ends with)

**P:** We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

**THE 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.**

## PSALM 22

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. <sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup>In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. <sup>5</sup>To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. <sup>7</sup>All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; <sup>8</sup>"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver — let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" <sup>9</sup>Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. <sup>10</sup>On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. <sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. <sup>12</sup>Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; <sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; <sup>15</sup>my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. <sup>16</sup>For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; <sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; <sup>18</sup>they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. <sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far

away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! <sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! <sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. <sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! <sup>24</sup>For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup>To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. <sup>30</sup>Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD, <sup>31</sup>and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

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Were You There

**WE DEPART IN SILENCE**

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