



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Good Friday

12p & 6:30p, April 7, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Edwin Aparicio, *Pastoral Intern*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolytes: Anna Marien, Max Stigler

Ushers: Jim Hahn, Paul Maass

Musicians: Braden Zitoun, cello; Kathy Johnson, choir accompanist, Amy James, flute;
Don Malchow, soloist; Suzanne Ignascak, violin

Please silence your cell phones out of respect for the solemn nature of this service.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sonata in C, G. F. Handel
1. Andante

(6:30p) **Beneath the Cross of Jesus**
Getty/Lenox, arr. Forrest

Ascension Choir

OPENING WORDS

P: This day let all stand still

C: In silence and in sorrow.

P: Sun and moon.

C: Be still.

P: Earth

C: Be still.

P: Still the waters.

C: Still the wind.

P: Let the ground groan

C: Into stunned silence.

P: Let it weep as it receives what it thinks it will not give up.

C: Let it whimper as it gathers the One who was thought forever stilled.

P: Time be still.

C: Watch and wait.

P: Let us pray...O God, we pray this day: for all who have a song they cannot sing, for all who have a burden they cannot bear, for all who live in chains they cannot break, for all who wander homeless and cannot return, for those who are sick and for those who tend them, for those who wait for loved ones and wait in vain, for those who live in hunger and for those who will not share their bread, for those who are misunderstood and for those who misunderstand, for those whose words of love are locked within their hearts and for those who yearn to hear those words. Have mercy upon these, O God. Have mercy upon us all.

C: Amen.

READING

John 18:1-14

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?" So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane (*v. 1, 2*)

ELW 347

READING

John 18:15-24

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus (*v. 1*)

ELW 349

READING

John 18:25-27

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

READING

John 18:28-40

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

ANTHEM

(12p) Ah, Holy Jesus (v. 3)

ELW 349

(6:30p) Ah, Holy Jesus

Ascension Ringers

Arr. Brenda Austin

READING

John 19:1-16

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out,

"Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (*v. 1, 2*)

ELW 351

READING

John 19:17-27

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

HYMN

What Child Is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

READING

John 19:28-30

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane (*v. 3*)

ELW 347

READING

John 19:31-42

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the

truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced." After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

HYMN (12p) **Were You There?** **ELW 353**
(v. 1 soloist; v. 2-4 congregation; v. 5 soloist)

ANTHEM (6:30p) **Were You There?** **Ascension Choir**
African Amer. Spiritual, arr. Brian L. Hanson

REFLECTION **All You Who Pass This Way Look and See** **Pastor Chris**

MUSICAL REFLECTION (12p) **Sonata No. 5, Antonio Vivaldi**
1. Largo

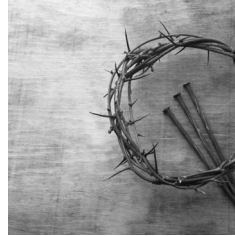
ANTHEM (6:30p) **Arise, My Soul, Arise** **Ascension Choir**
Dan Forrest

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please leave the church in silence.

Holy Week ~ Semana Santa



April 2, Palm Sunday, Domingo de Ramos

8:30a & 10:45a (English), 10:45a (en español)

April 6, Maundy Thursday, Jueves Santo

6:30p (English), 6:30p (en español)

April 7, Good Friday, Viernes Santo

12p & 6:30p (English), 6:30p (en español)

April 9, Easter Sunday, Domingo de Resurrección

Worship 8:30a & 10:45a (English), 10:45a (en español)

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus, the Christ. Continental potluck breakfast reception between services.

Worship Support		
Easter Sunday, Apr. 9	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Maggie Miller, Mikael Wagner	Aidan Poling, Alina Ward
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Jim Hahn, Marge and Todd Schroeder	Lynn Cleppe, 3 needed
Media	Kurt Werner	Joe Morgenroth
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Brian Novotny	Cathy and Mike Rapp

CALENDAR

See the complete calendar online, ascensionelca.org.

Sun Apr 9 Easter Sunday
8:30am Worship S

9:45am Breakfast

10:45am Misa en español
EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Apr 10

Church office closed

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Apr 11

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway Group HR

Wed Apr 12

7pm AA WH

Thu Apr 13

10am Al Anon CR

Sat Apr 15

9am Tutoring

12:30pm Knit Wits WH

Sun Apr 16

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST S

9:50am First Communion

Stepping Stone WH KIT

10:45am Misa en español EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Apr 17

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

6:30pm PC Book Study

7pm Jubilate Rehearsal S

Tue Apr 18

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Church council HR

Wed Apr 19

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Choir S

Thu Apr 20

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

Fri Apr 21

1pm Hansen Group HR

Sat Apr 22

9am Tutoring

Sun Apr 23

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST S

9:50am First Communion

Stepping Stone WH KIT

10:45am Misa en español EH

10:45am Worship S

1pm Private event SN

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

Mon Apr 24

1pm Knit Wits WH

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

6:30pm PC Book Study

7pm Jubilate Rehearsal S

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
N	Narthex
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>

Tue Apr 25

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway Group HR

Wed Apr 26

1pm Bunco WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Choir S

Thu Apr 27

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

Sat Apr 29

9am Tutoring

Sun Apr 30

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST S

9:50am First Communion

Stepping Stone WH KIT

10:45am Misa en español EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH



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