

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3, 2026



## GONE IN A SINGLE DAY

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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**OPENING HYMN: SING, MY TONGUE, THE GLORIOUS BATTLE**

*CW 419*

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,  
and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, because your hands and feet were pierced for us, because you were surrounded by taunting enemies, and because you were abandoned even by your heavenly Father, we are rescued from the lion's mouth. Be with us when we must face our own crosses, and instill in us the confidence to say, "My Savior has won the victory for me."

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 52:13—53:12*

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant will act wisely;

he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

<sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were appalled at him—

his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being  
and his form marred beyond human likeness—

<sup>15</sup>so he will sprinkle many nations,

and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,

and what they have not heard, they will understand.

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
<sup>2</sup>He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.  
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.  
<sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.  
<sup>6</sup>We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
<sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people he was punished.  
<sup>9</sup>He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,

he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup>After he has suffered,  
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,  
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because he poured out his life unto death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors.  
For he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADES PreK-8**

*"For Me"*

### **SECOND READING**

*Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

<sup>7</sup>During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered <sup>9</sup>and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL**

*John 19:17–30*

<sup>17</sup>Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

<sup>19</sup>Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. <sup>21</sup>The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

<sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

<sup>24</sup>"Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

"They divided my clothes among them  
and cast lots for my garment."

So this is what the soldiers did.

<sup>25</sup>Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," <sup>27</sup>and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

<sup>28</sup>Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup>A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. <sup>30</sup>When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH**

*CW 422*

**SERMON**

*Zechariah 3*

<sup>1</sup>Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. <sup>2</sup>The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?"

<sup>3</sup>Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. <sup>4</sup>The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes."

Then he said to Joshua, “See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then I said, “Put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by.

<sup>6</sup>The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua: <sup>7</sup>“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘If you will walk in obedience to me and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.

<sup>8</sup>“ ‘Listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. <sup>9</sup>See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.

<sup>10</sup>“ ‘In that day each of you will invite your neighbor to sit under your vine and fig tree,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

## ***GONE IN A SINGLE DAY***

### **OFFERING**

Please complete the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time.

### **HYMN: HIS ROBES FOR MINE**

CW 568

### **PRAYER**

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**listen to my cry.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
**hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

In righteousness I shall see you;  
**when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

Gracious Father, hold ever before us your perfect love and mercy shown to us in the gift and sacrifice of your Son, that as you have made peace through his blood shed for us, we might live before you with confidence now and in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.  
Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN: THE POWER OF THE CROSS**

*CW 423*

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## **Upcoming Worship & Fellowship Opportunities**

### **TONIGHT**

**Tenebrae Worship 7:00 p.m.**

### **Easter Sunday**

**Easter Dawn Worship 6:00 a.m.**

**Easter Festival Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Easter Breakfast 7:00—10:15 a.m.**

**Children's Egg Hunt 9:30 a.m.**

