

The Three Days: Good Friday
April 18, 2025
Order of Worship: Triduum

Portions of the liturgy are from Sundaysandsesons.com, copyright 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Scripture is reprinted from New Revised Standard Version Bible with Apocrypha, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Prayers of the Church, copyright 2025 Lutheran Core. Sermon, copyright 2025 Jared Stillions or other listed preacher. Used by permission. All other material not covered by other copyright is copyright 2025 St. Peter Lutheran Church of Hallettsville, Texas. Reprinted by permission under one or more of the following licenses: Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License # SB140201, One License A-727829, CCLI 11158184. Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license #A-727829 and/or CCLI with license 11158184. No reproduction allowed without permission.

Congregational responses are printed in bold type.

Hearing assistance is available near the elevator. See an usher for help.

St. Peter worship services are recorded and broadcasted.

When you enter a St. Peter Lutheran Church worship service/event, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording may occur. Such photographs and audio/visual recordings may be used by St. Peter for any reason. By entering the service/event premises, you consent to, photography, audio recording, video recording and its/their release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction you waive all rights you may have to any claims for payment or royalties or inspection.

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

✠TRIDUUM: LITURGY OF THE THREE DAYS✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray; Merciful God, 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.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: HEBREWS 12:2

Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

We sit FIRST READING: ISAIAH 52:13—53:12

Omitted at 7PM service

^{52:13}See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. ¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him — so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals — ¹⁵so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. ^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. ⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

We keep silence for meditation while the first candles are extinguished.

We stand. RESPONSE & MEDITATION: HYMN

#349

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

v1 only

After the hymn, the second candles are extinguished.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 18:1--19:42

**The 7PM service will hear 18:28-19:42. We omit the acclamations today. Due to the length of the reading we remain seated until verse 19:28. We will pause in silent meditation at verse 19:30. The choir will sing between each section of the gospel.*

18:1-14

Choir Anthem

“Go To Dark Gethsemane”

12PM only

18:15-27

Choir Anthem

“How Can You Refuse Him Now”

12PM only

*18:28-40

insert

“I Come to the Cross”

*19:1-16

Choir Anthem

“If That Isn’t Love”

*19:17-27

Choir Anthem

“Beneath His Cross She Watches”

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 18:1--19:42

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” ²⁹A 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. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.”

[We pause for silent meditation]

Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. ³¹Since 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. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.” ³⁸After 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. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now 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. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

HYMN OF THE DAY

insert

“The Lamb”

v1 only

After the hymn, the fourth candles are extinguished

SERMON & CREED *are omitted today in deference to the Passion*

SOLEMN PRAYERS

Silence for prayer follows each invitation to prayer (bid).

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our national church leadership: Steve LCMC chairman, and Bryce, LCMC Texas director of Mission Growth; NALC Bishop Dan, for Jared, our NALC dean and pastor, and our other ministers, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors and our leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church, and help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for Baptism, that God make them responsive to his love, and give them new life in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you continually bless the Church with new members. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for Baptism. Give them a new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the Gospel. Help us, your people, to grow in love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of your Godhead, and so to become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

After the Lord's Prayer, the fifth candles are extinguished.

We stand Procession

A rough-hewn cross is carried in procession through the church and placed in front of the altar.

As the procession begins.

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

As the procession is halfway to the altar.

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

As the procession ends at the altar.

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

We sit as silence is kept for meditation on the mystery of the crucified Savior, the mystery of redemption.

The sixth candles are extinguished.

We stand Closing Hymn

#353

"Were You There"

v1 only

After the hymn, the seventh candles are extinguished.

We sit

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The ministers leave in silence. Worshipers may remain for prayer and meditation.

Those who desire may come forward to the cross and make a sign of reverence; others may remain in the pews. Signs of reverence may include pausing before it, bowing, kneeling, making the sign of the cross, kissing it, or touching it.

The congregation departs in silence.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
100 North Promenade, Hallettsville, Texas 77964
(361) 798-2808 www.stpeterhallettsville.org

Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church"
by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

*We will gather tomorrow at 7:00 PM for the Easter Vigil liturgy. Easter Sunday Worship 04.20
Sunrise 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast, Festival 9:00 AM, Easter Egg hunt for 0 through 4th
grade 15 minutes after the 9:00 AM Service*

Response & Meditation Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus" (#349)

v1 only

Text by Johann Heermann; Music by Johann Crüger

**1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

Hymn During Gospel: "I Come To The Cross"

insert

Text by Fanny Jane Crosby; Music by William Howard Doane

Refrain

**I come to the cross
Seeking mercy and grace
I come to the cross
Where You died in my place
Out of my weakness
And into Your strength
Humbly I come to the cross**

**1 Your arms are open
You call me by name
You welcome this child that was lost
You paid the price
For my guilt and my shame
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Jesus I come to the cross. *Refrain***

Hymn of the Day: “The Lamb” (TFF #89)

CCLI Song # 643985 Gerald Coleman © 1987 MorningStar Music Publishers For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 1115

insert

**1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!**

Refrain

**Worthy is the Lamb
whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne!**

CLOSING HYMN (ELW) *Were You There* (ELW 353)

Text & Music by African Americans spiritual

v1 only

**1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**