



**Holy Spirit
Lutheran Church**

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A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community

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Good Friday, April 3, 2026 - Tenebrae Service

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Ministers: Every member

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Choir Director: Jared Samborski

Musician/Choir Accompanist: Kathryn Elford

We gather in Silence

Choir

O Crux

Knut Kystedt (1977)

Welcome & Invocation

Solemn Reproaches/Kyrie ELW Setting 10, p.203



1. Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-ern prayer.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.



2. Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.



Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

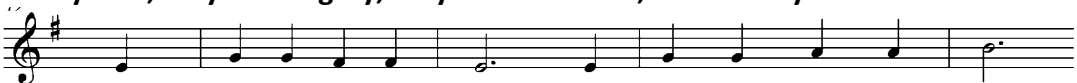
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.



3. Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, with whom we pray

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Hymn

Stay with Me **3x**

ELW 348

The Passion Story – the Gospel of John 18:1-19:42

- I. *Betrayal, the Sword, and a Callous Calculation*
Reading from John & Candle Extinguished
Response *Go to Dark Gethsemane* **ELW 347 v.1-2**
- II. *Interrogated, Struck, and Denied*
Reading from John & Candle Extinguished
Response *Ah, Holy Jesus* **ELW 349 v. 1-2**
- III. *Accusations, Power, and Truth*
Reading from John & Candle Extinguished
Response *God Loved the World* **ELW 323 v.1-2**

- IV. *No King but Caesar*
 Reading from John & Candle Extinguished
 Response *What Child is This* **ELW 296 v.2**
- V. *Execution, the Cross, and Mary*
 Reading from John & Candle Extinguished
 Choir Response *Child of the Manger, Child of the Cross*
- VI. *It is Finished*
 Reading from John & Candle Extinguished
 Response *Were You There* **ELW 353 v. 1&3**
- VII. *Blood and Water*
 Reading from John & Candle Extinguished
 Bell
 Response *Were You There* **ELW 353 v. 5**
- VIII. *The Tomb*
 Reading from John
 Silence
 Response *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **ELW 351 v. 3&4**

Good Friday Acclamation

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Hymn *What Wondrous Love is This* **ELW 666 v. 3&4**

You are invited to lay a flower at the foot of the cross. Stay as long as you wish for prayer or meditation. Please leave in silence to respect the nature of today's service.

Home life can be filled with many things to do and look after. Be encouraged to look after you and your loved ones. Take some quiet time today. Reflect on the story of Jesus' radical love. Rest in knowing it is not the end of the story.

Return to hear the climax of the story on
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
10:00 AM

