



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

(A Congregation of Lutheran Church-Canada)

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Service Notes

Good Friday is part of the sacred Triduum, the three-day observance of Christ's Passover. The name may originally have been "God's Friday," but it is certainly also "good" because of the good gifts Christ won for us on this day.

Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ; it is a day for repentance over sin, and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. In keeping with this character, music is kept to a minimum, though not silenced. Elaborate words of praise are omitted. The altar remains bare, having been stripped on Holy Thursday.

This is the chief service for Good Friday. It contains a number of ancient elements, particularly the full reading of the Passion according to St. John, the Bidding Prayer, the cross procession, and the Reproaches. Given the solemnity of the day, silence is observed at various times in order to reflect upon the Word of God. It is most appropriate that this service be held during the hours Christ hung upon the cross: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Local circumstances may dictate another hour.

The services from the evening of Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday form one continuous liturgy known as the Triduum (three days). Therefore, this service has neither entrance rite nor benediction. In earliest times all the events of Christ's Passion, from the Last Supper to the Resurrection, were celebrated in one day and night's continuous service called *Pascha*.

If Holy Communion is celebrated, the Communion liturgy is abbreviated, and should be spoken (not sung). The concluding hymn "The Royal Banners Forward Go" (#455), ensures that the final note of the service is one of triumph, for God's faithful know the end of the story.

Adapted from: Lutheran Service Book – Altar Book p. 511

Good Friday – Chief Service

All enter the church in silence.

Kneel/Stand

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13—53:12

A The Old Testament Reading for Good Friday is from Isaiah, chapters 52 and 53.

After the reading:

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence

Kneel/Stand

Collect

P Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

A The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapters four and five.

After the reading:

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence

Kneel/Stand

Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn: “*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now,*” (Hymn 440, stanza 1)

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

Reading: John 18:1-11 (Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus)

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,*” (Hymn 450, stanza 1)

Reading: John 18:12-27 (Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter)

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,*” (Hymn 450, stanza 2)

Reading: John 18:28-40 (Jesus before Pilate)

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,*” (Hymn 450, stanza 3)

Reading: John 19:1-16a (Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion)

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,*” (Hymn 450, stanza 4)

Stand

Reading: John 19:16b-24 (The Crucifixion of Jesus)

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,*” (Hymn 450, stanza 5)

Reading: John 19:25-30 (Jesus' Mother and His Death)

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,*” (Hymn 450, stanza 6)

Reading: John 19:31-37 (Jesus' Side Is Pierced)

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,*” (Hymn 450, stanza 7)

Silence

Sit

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Kneel/Stand

Bidding Prayer

A Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

After each portion of the prayers:

P ...Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Finally, let us pray for all things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

C 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.

Stand

A large, rough-hewn cross may be prepared in advance of the service. Some churches have the tradition of making it out of the trunk of the Christmas tree.

If it was not placed before the service began, the cross may be carried in procession through the church and placed in front of the altar.

If the cross is carried in procession, the following SENTENCE and RESPONSE is sung or said three times, the first time as the procession begins, the second time as the procession is halfway to the altar, the third time as the procession ends at the altar.

When there is no procession, the SENTENCE and RESPONSE is simply sung or said three times in sequence.

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

C Oh, come, let us worship Him.

Kneel/Sit

Reproaches

The following REPROACHES are the words of the Lord against His people, the Church, to which the congregation replies with a plea for mercy.

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended You? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people. (*Micah 6:3-4*)

A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

C Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus! (*Hymn 434:1*)

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended You? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people. (*Jeremiah 2:6-7*)

A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

C Lamb of God, pure **and** holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus! (*Hymn 434:2*)

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended You? Answer Me. What more could I have done for My vineyard that I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people. (*Isaiah 5:2-4*)

A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

C Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus! *(Hymn 434:3)*

Kneel/Stand

C We adore You, | O Lord,*
and we praise and glorify Your holy resur- | rection.
For behold, by the wood | of Your cross*
joy has come into | all the world.
God be merciful to us and | bless us,*
and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy up- | on us.
We adore You, | O Lord,*
and we praise and glorify Your holy resur- | rection.
For behold, by the wood | of Your cross*
joy has come into | all the world. *(Traditional verse for Good Friday)*

Stand

Hymn: #454, Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle (stanzas 1-4)

Concluding Collect

P Let us pray.

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn: #455, The Royal Banners Forward Go *(alternate tune, LW 103)*

All leave in silence, as the Service continues on Easter Morning.



Triduum* Schedule 2020

**at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Moncton
(join us at www.GoodShepherd.nb.ca/online due to COVID-19)**

Holy (Maundy) Thursday: The Gift of the Holy Supper 7:00 pm

Good Friday: Chief Divine Service 10:30 am

The Vigil of Easter: Renewal, Promises Kept,
Light and the first celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord 7:00 pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday Divine Service 10:30 am

***We invite you to join us every Sunday at
10:30 for the Divine Service for the whole family!***

** See inside cover for explanation.*