



Order of Worship for a Good Friday Service

April 10, 2019 – The Covid-19 year.

Vasa Lutheran Church

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MUSICAL INTERLUDE FROM AUSTIN

Greeting: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Son of God, your suffering for our sin is great. We offer you all that we have and all that we are. Restore us as we are reminded that we are redeemed because of all you have done. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 22:1-2, 14-21

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me,
from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;
¹⁷I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

Mark 15:16-39

MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE FROM AUSTIN

BIDDING PRAYERS

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.
By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world.
Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for Elizabeth Eaton, our presiding bishop, Regina Hassanally, bishop of the SE MN synod, 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 bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders.
Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and bring wisdom to us
as we deliberate the selection of a new bishop for our synod. 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 our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses.

Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer.

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.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. 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. And all God's people say:

Amen.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask as we pray the prayer our Lord taught:

THE 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.
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**

P: Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

*As the bell is tolled, the cross on the altar is covered with a black cloth.
All depart in silence after the tolling of the bell.*