



# GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 18, 2025

7:00 P.M.

OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
7045 LYNDAL AVENUE SOUTH, RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Our Mission Statement

*To Put the Love of Jesus into Action,  
As We Welcome, Serve and Love All People.*

## PRELUDE

## INTRODUCTION

On this night we gather to wonder once more at God's love for us.  
We do not understand why Jesus had to die,  
    why he had to endure the pain and suffering of the cross.  
Tonight we gather here to meditate and contemplate the death of Jesus.  
Tonight we come to wonder at the sacrifice of our beloved Lord.  
Tonight we come in silence, awe and amazement,  
    unsure of what to say or do, knowing that we need to be here.  
We seek to be in the presence of God, to know more clearly  
    and deeply God's love and to give thanks for this precious gift of life.

## + HYMN

*Sing, My Tongue*

ELW 356

*Tune: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

vss. 1, 2 & 5

## + PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

**PSALM** Psalm 22:1-11

*Read responsively.*

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

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

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

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

**But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.**

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

**“Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver —  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”**

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

**On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*  
vss. 1 & 2

ELW 349

**THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**

Luke 23:34

*Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know, what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.*

*(silence)*

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 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.**

**HYMN**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*  
vss. 3-5

ELW 349

**THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**

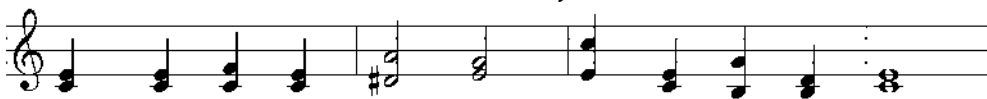
Luke 23:43

*Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

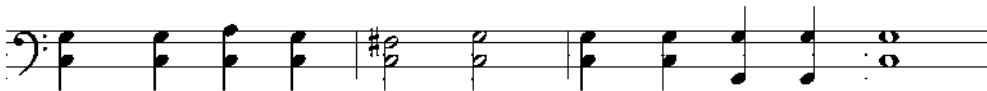
*(silence)*

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.

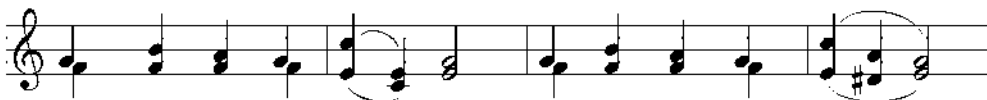
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,  
 2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm,  
 3 Should thy mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,



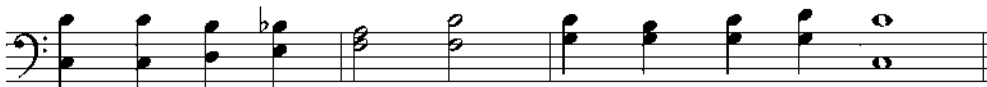
lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.  
 or its sor - did trea - sures spread to work me harm,  
 or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,



When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;  
 bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne,  
 grant that I may nev - er fail thy hand to see;



nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.  
 or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.  
 grant that I may ev - er cast my care on thee.



## THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

John 19:26-27

*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son."*

*Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."*

*And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.*

*(silence)*

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 me.**

**HYMN**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ELW 803

vss. 1, 3 & 4

## THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Matthew 27:46

*And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema Sabachtahni?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

*(silence)*

O my people, O my church what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of my 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, but you did not visit me, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

**ANTHEM**

*Father Forgive Them*

Joy Bells

**THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**

John 19:28

*After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."*

*(silence)*

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.**

**HYMN**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

ELW 347

vs. 1–2

**THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**

John 19:30

*When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."  
Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

*(silence)*

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.**

**HYMN**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

ELW 347

vs. 3–4

## THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Luke 23:46

*Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.*

(silence)

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 you Savior.

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

**HYMN**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ELW 338

**MESSAGE**

*What Makes it Good?*

**HYMN**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

ELW 351

**PRAYERS**

Each petition concludes with:

God in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

God, remember us in your love, and teach us to 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.**



**+ THE PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the world.  
**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*(silence)*

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Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the world.  
**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*(silence)*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*THE CONGREGATION DEPARTS IN SILENCE*

*As you leave worship this evening, there are baskets available at the doors for you to provide your offering. Your gifts provide essential resources for this community of faith and the community we serve.*

## **EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP**

Sunday, April 20: 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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