



**Good Friday
Service of Light and Darkness
April 2, 7:30 PM
First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania**

Welcome to Good Friday worship. Our liturgy this evening includes the reading of the passion according to John, interspersed with chants called the Solemn Reproaches. The text of the reproaches here are a revised form of a medieval text. Each verse imagine Christ speaking to his church from the cross, using biblical imagery to remind his people of all the gifts that he has given them. In this service, the verses will be chanted by a cantor.

GATHERING

PRELUDE	"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"	- Jan Bender
	"Ah, Holy Jesus"	- Helmut Walcha
	"Wondrous Love"	- Anthony Giamanco

The congregation may stand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Willing to Take the Cross” - Floyd W. Hawkins

Before each portion of the passion, this dialogue is said:

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

After each portion of the passion, this dialogue is said:

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

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN, PART ONE:

John 18:1–11

SOLEMN REPROACHES

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.*

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.*

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN, PART TWO:

John 18:12-18

REPROACHES

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.*

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.*

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN, PART THREE:

John 18:19-27

REPROACHES

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.*

*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.*

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN, PART FOUR:

John 18:26-38a

REPROACHES

*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.*

*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.*

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN, PART FIVE:

John 18:38b-19:16a

REPROACHES

*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.*

*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.*

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN, PART SIX:

John 19:16b-30

REPROACHES

*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.*

HOMILY

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

The congregation may kneel or sit.

BIDDING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Finally, as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

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Were You There



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

DIALOGUE

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

All depart in silence.

Participating in Worship:

Pr. Kimberly van Driel, Presiding Minister

Kevin Mathias, Organist

Harry Cunningham, Senior Choir Director

Robert & Karen Domanski, Ushers

Kevin & Linda Mathias, Cantors

Readers: Tracy Gullickson, Marlin Boltz, Sue Morrow, Sharon Heist Miller, Lois Trimbur, Marilyn Shoup, and Ted Giese