



Good Friday
Service of Light and Darkness
First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania
April 7, 2023
7:30 p.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

- “Ah, Holy Jesus” - Helmut Walcha
“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” - Dietrich Buxtehude
“Glory Be to Jesus” - Hugo Gehrke

The congregation may stand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.

The congregation may sit.

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:13--53:12

HYMN

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” Red Book #337

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *chanted by the pastor*

Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy
that was | set before him
endured the cross, disregarding its shame,
And has taken his seat at the right hand
of the | throne of God.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

PART ONE: John 18:1–14

ANTHEM

“On the Cross” - Lloyd Larson

PART TWO: John 18:15-27

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” sts. 1-2 Red Book #351

PART THREE: John 18:28-38a

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” sts. 3-4 Red Book #351

PART FOUR: John 18:38b-19:16a

HYMN

“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless” Red Book #357

PART FIVE: John 19:16b-30

HYMN

“Were You There” sts. 1-2 Red Book #353

PART SIX: John 19:31-42

HYMN

“Were You There” sts. 3-5 Red Book #353

HOMILY

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

ADORATION OF THE CROSS

Seeking the face of God, we turn to the cross, where Christ Jesus, abandoned and forsaken, receives us and all for whom we pray with unending mercy.

When the music begins again, you are invited to come forward and light a candle as you pray. Candles, tonight, are markers of our visible prayers to our crucified Lord. They are signs that we have bent low in adoration of the cross. You may kneel in adoration for a time.

Prayers should focus on:

+ brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world

- +servant leaders in the church
- +those preparing for baptism
- +the Jewish people, who were the first to hear the word of God.
- +those who do not share our faith
- +those who do not believe in God
- God's creation
- +those who serve in public office, and those in need.

Join in singing the simple chants as we surround one another with prayer and light. Come when you feel drawn.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.
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Jesus, Remember Me



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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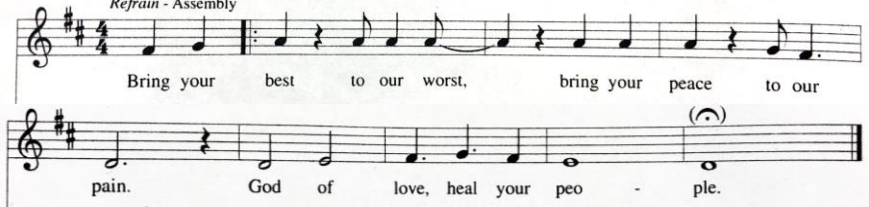
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Bring Your Best to Our Worst

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Refrain - Assembly



Bring your best to our worst, bring your peace to our
pain. God of love, heal your peo - ple.

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Verses (sung by choir members)

That none who cry aloud may cry out in vain:

That those who live in fear may never walk alone:

That those who live with guilt may find themselves forgiven:

That those who live with doubt may find a deeper faith:

That those who live in brokenness may know they will be whole:

For the healing of creation that it may be renewed:

That the leaders of the nations may walk the path of peace:
That the walls we build between us, may we learn to tear them down:

*You may stay for silent prayer.
Please depart in silence.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Preacher
Amy Beiler, Susan Farrell, Larry Hamil, Linda Mathias, Sue Morrow, Lois Trimbur, and Claudia van Driel	Readers
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Karen Boltz	PowerPoint Minister
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Bob and Karen Domanski	Ushers
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild