



**Good Friday
First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania
April 3, 2026
7:30 p.m.**

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund"	- Johann Pachelbel
"Upon the Cross extended"	- Ernst Pepping
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"	- Johann Pachelbel
"There Is a Green Hill Far Away"	- Healey Willan

The assembly may stand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

The assembly may sit.

THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:13-53:12

After the reading:

The word of the Lord.

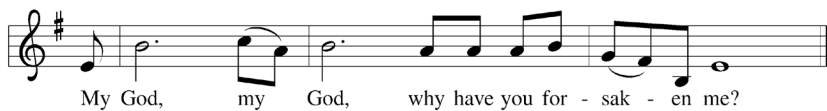
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22

A cantor will sign the refrain through once at the beginning, and then the congregation is invited to repeat.

Cantors will sing the psalm verses; the congregation joins on the refrain.

Refrain



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

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them. **Refrain**

⁵ They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶ But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me laugh me to scorn;

they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

⁸ "Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him." *Refrain*

⁹ Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰ I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.

¹² Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me. *Refrain*

¹³ They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet. *Refrain*

¹⁷ I can count all my bones
while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸ They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.

¹⁹ But you, O Lord, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰ Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.

²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²² I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you. *Refrain*

²³ You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴ For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations. *Refrain*

²⁹ Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

³⁰ Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹ They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!" *Refrain*

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:16-25

After the reading

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Willing to Take the Cross Was He"

- Floyd W. Hawkins

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Red Book #351

The congregation may kneel or sit.

BIDDING PRAYER

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.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS *three times*

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

Oh, come, let us worship him.

The congregation may sit.

WE GLORY IN YOUR CROSS

The leader will sing the refrain through once, and then the congregation may repeat.

After each stanza, all may sing the refrain in unison.

Refrain

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your ho - ly res - ur - rection,
for by your cross joy has come in - to the world.

St. 1

May God be merciful and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. **Refrain**

St. 2

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. **Refrain**

After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues:

Leader
We a - dore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Assembly
By your ho-ly cross you have re-deemed the world.

The congregation may stand.

HYMN

"Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

Red Book #356

The congregation may sit. All depart in silence.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Maggie Babinka-Repic	Assisting Minister
Jeanne Graff, Yvonne Thickey, Chuck McMichael	Readers
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Linda Mathias, Kevin Mathias, and Yvonne Thickey	Cantor
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Karen Boltz	PowerPoint Minister
Bob & Karen Domanski, Brenden Stevens	Ushers
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

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