



Good Friday
Service of Seven Words
St. Paul Lutheran Church (WELS), Green Bay, WI

We gather quietly to consider the words of forgiveness, paradise, human care, divine suffering, thirst, completion, and committal that our Savior Jesus Christ spoke from the cross.

Prayers before worship: Hymnal, p.10-11

Hymn 40, “God Was There on Calvary”

STAND

LESSON: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BE SEATED

THE FIRST WORD - forgiveness

Luke 23:26-34

M: Lord Jesus our Savior, at your crucifixion you spoke not a curse but a blessing. We confess that it is our sin that led you to suffer the punishments of hell in our place. Forgive us, and help us by your Holy Spirit to measure the depths of your undying love for us.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Hymn 113, s.1-3 “Upon the Cross Extended”

brief silence for meditation

THE SECOND WORD - paradise

Luke 23:38-43

M: Lord Jesus our Savior, by your suffering and death you have won eternal life for all who trust in you. Remember us today as you remembered the penitent thief on the day of your crucifixion, and strengthen our faith through your promise of paradise.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Hymn 112, “There is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

brief silence for meditation

THE THIRD WORD - human care

John 19:25-27

M: Lord Jesus our Savior, by your perfect love you provided care for your mother and righteousness for all who trust in you. Lead us always to turn to you for comfort and relief, for you have promised to supply us with everything we need for body and life.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Hymn 139, s. 1-3: “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

brief silence for meditation

THE FOURTH WORD - divine suffering

Matthew 27:45-49

M: *(spoken)* Jesus, plunged in depths unknown
With our evil foe alone,
While no light from heaven is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Hymn 139, s.4

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Anthem: “Behold the Lamb”

Senior Choir

brief silence for meditation

THE FIFTH WORD - thirst

John 19:28,29

M: Son of Man, you suffered hunger in the wilderness, you wept at the grave of Lazarus, and you thirsted as your life ebbed away. You were tempted in every way just as we are, yet you are without sin. We praise you, Lord Jesus, our Rock and our Redeemer.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Hymn 139, s. 5-7

brief silence for meditation

THE SIXTH WORD – completion

John 19:30

M: Your works, not mine, O Christ
Speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done;
They bid my fear depart.
To whom but you, who can alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

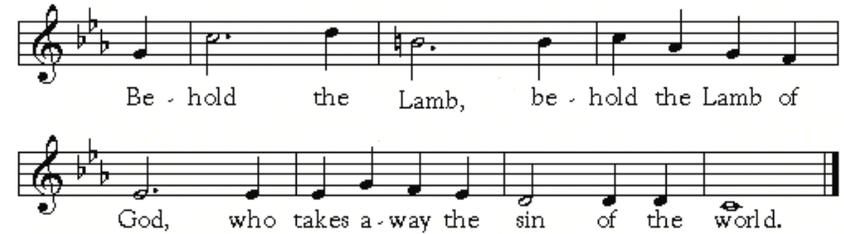
Hymn 138, “Oh, Perfect Life of Love”

brief silence for meditation

Psalm 22

M: Refrain

C: **Refrain**



M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*
Why are you so far from saving me?

I am a worm and not a man*
scorned by men and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me:*
they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

"He trusts in the Lord; let the LORD rescue him.*
Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

C: **Refrain**

M: My strength is dried up,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of of my mouth;*
you lay me in the dust of death.

A band of evil men has encirled me,*
they have pierced my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments among them*
and cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O LORD, be not far off;*
O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit, 5**

as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

C: Refrain

STAND

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

C: I know my transgressions, *Psalm 51:3-5,9*
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.
Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Hide
your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

M: Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

C: *(spoken)* Amen. 6

BE SEATED

Hymn 122, “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

SERMON

John 19:18 “They crucified him.”

Look at the Blood

- 1. This is what your sin costs.**
- 2. This is how much God loves you.**

OFFERING

STAND

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN 434, s.3, “Lord, You I Love with All My Heart”

The congregation disperses quietly.

*Presiding Minister: Pastor Jon Zabell; Organist: Sandy Swoboda
Acolytes: (1 pm) Chris Royce, (6:30 pm) Ashley VanCalster*

Easter Services (Communion), this Sunday, 7:30 & 10:30 a.m.