

Elim Lutheran Church
Good Friday
April 2, 2021
Recorded Worship



“It is
finished.”
John 19:30

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my

3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will

1. soul? What won-drous love is this, O my soul? What

3. sing; To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To

1. won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of

3. God and to the Lamb, who is the great I

1. bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my

3. AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will

1. soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?

3. sing; While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.

Text: 12 9 12 12 9; Alexander Means, 1801–1853. Music: William Walker's The Southern Harmony, 1835.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Merciful God,

All: 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 22 *(Please read responsively)*

Leader: ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

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

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

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

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

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

Leader: ⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

**All: ⁸"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leader: ¹⁵My 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leader: ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

All: ²⁴For 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.

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

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

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

All: ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

Leader: ²⁹Indeed, 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.

All: ³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come**

Leader: ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

HYMN: JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

READING: HEBREWS 10:16-25

Leader: A reading from the book of Hebrews.

[After the Holy Spirit says,] ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 18:33-40

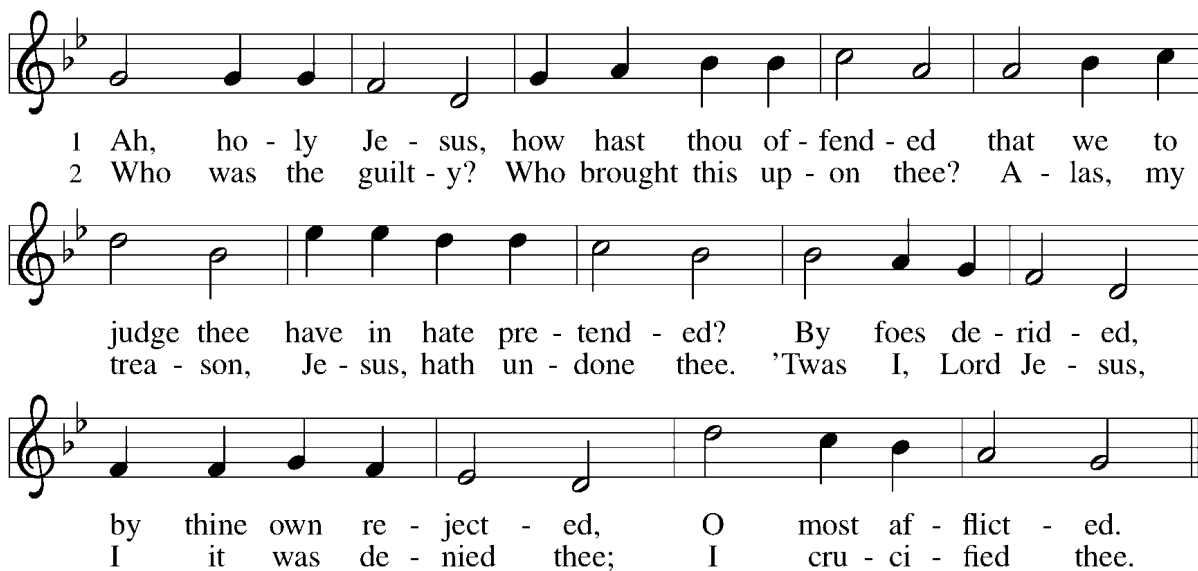
Pastor: The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

HYMN: AH, HOLY JESUS



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my

judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

GOSPEL: JOHN 19:1-16

^{19:1}Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

HYMN: O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED



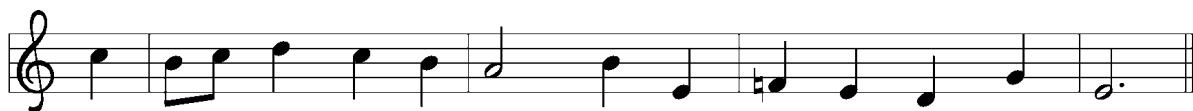
1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans-gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

GOSPEL: JOHN 19:17-30

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.' " ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Kevin—silence for about 30 seconds before music starts

HYMN: 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?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Refrain



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



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

GOSPEL: JOHN 19:31-42

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"I Believe"* (Performed by the Elim Choir)

Contributor: Mark A Miller 2012

Text: Traditional Jewish Poem

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BIDDING PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God,
you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.
By your Holy Spirit guide the church
and gather it throughout the world.
Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for Bishop Mark, Pastor Kathryn and all the leaders of Elim,
and for all people of God.

Silent prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God,
your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.
Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors,
other ministers, and lay leaders.
Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church,
and help each of us in our various vocations
to do faithfully the work to which you have called us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism, especially Madison, Grace
and Lucy.

Silent prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church.
Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism.
Give them new birth as your children,
and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity.
Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son.
Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith,
and keep us united in the fellowship of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God,
especially the members of B'nai Israel Jewish Center.

Silent prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God,
long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to
Moses.
Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own
may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace
all those who call out to you under different names.
Bring an end to inter-religious strife,
and make us more faithful witnesses
of the love made known to us in your Son.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.
Silent prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity
so that all may long to know you and find peace in you.
Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace
in the world and in the lives of Christians,
and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.
Silent prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God,
you are the champion of the poor and oppressed.
In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority,
so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom,
and a share in the goodness of your creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for those in need.
Silent prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God,
you give strength to the weary
and new courage to those who have lost heart.
Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers,
free those unjustly deprived of liberty,
and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease.
Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble,
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us
ask.
Silent prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

CLOSING OF THE TOMB: STREPITUS

Silence

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

People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

Theme: Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever.

Read Ahead: Isaiah 25:6-9 / Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 /
Mark 16:1-8



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