

Adoration of the Crucified Christ

C/ We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. 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.

C/ We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. 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.

C/ We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

(A Brief Silence)

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

C/ By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Special Music

Via Dolorosa

Lauren Riley

GO IN PEACE AND SILENCE!



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 22, 2011

St. John's Lutheran Church
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Prelude

Jerry Crites

Opening Prayer (All Respond)

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and 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.

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (Ending Response: Thanks Be to God)

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25 (Ending Response: Same as 1st Lesson)

Gospel Acclamation (Spoken)

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.

Gospel: John 19:17-30 (The passion of our Lord according to John)

**The Sermon
Hymn**

Passing the Buck

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Pastor Riley

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The Bidding Prayer (The congregation responds with the *Amen*)

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

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. Amen.

Let us pray for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

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. Amen.

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

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. Amen

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

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. Amen

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

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. Amen

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

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. Amen

Let us pray for God's creation.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

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. Amen

Let us pray for those in need.

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 trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Finally, let pray those words our Lord gave us to say:

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Were You There

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Procession of the Cross

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

C/ Oh, come, let us worship him.

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