

A watercolor illustration of the Crucifixion. The central figure is Jesus Christ on the cross, with a white loincloth. To the left and right are two other crosses, each with a figure. The scene is set on a rocky hillside with sparse, dark trees. The background is a soft, hazy sky with a few birds. The overall style is soft and painterly, using a palette of earthy tones like browns, greens, and greys.

GOOD  
FRIDAY

## SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter commemorate the central events of the Christian Church. Good Friday is the solemn celebration of the Lord's suffering and death on the cross. We gather here to celebrate his sacrifice for we know in his resurrection Christ has conquered sin, death, and the devil. The word "Tenebrae" means darkness. Throughout the course of this service, light is used symbolically to represent life. The loss of light represents Christ's life slipping away. The service is a time for prayerful meditation with moments of silence for reflection on the magnitude of Christ's sacrificial love.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation.

### FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

### JOIN US THIS EASTER

Please join us for Easter Worship this Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. Together we will lift our hearts and voices to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. Easter breakfast will begin Sunday at 8:00 AM.

## OPENING PRAYER

- P: God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)
- C: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- P: Wherever two or three come together in Jesus' name, there he is with them. (Matthew 18:20)
- C: Lord Jesus, we thank you for taking up our infirmities and carrying our sorrows. Draw us close to the cross, that we may be drawn closer to you and your love for us.

## OPENING HYMN

### "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

CW 108

1 Je - sus, Ref-uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re-deem - er, whom we love,  
2 Dare we pass that cross un-heed-ing, Breath-ing no re - pent-ant vow,  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn-ing With more fer - vent love for you!

Foun-tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove,  
As we see you wound-ed, bleed-ing, See your thorn - en - cir - cled brow?  
May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be - hold your cross a - new,

Oh, how oft your eyes, of - fend - ed, Gaze up - on a sin - ner's fall!  
Since your sin - less death has brought us Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest,  
Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er From the bless-ed Sav - ior's side,

Yet, up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, You en - dured the pain of all.  
On - ly what your grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
Grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied!

## CONFESSION OF SINS & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

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P: Not unto us, O Lord, but to your name be glory.

C: **For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C: **According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgression.**

P: The Almighty God in his mercy has given his one and only Son into death for all your sins. Through his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus himself paid off the debt of our sin, and suffered the punishment we deserved. Therefore, as a servant of Christ, I proclaim to you his saving message of peace: all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## 1ST READING

LAMENTATIONS 1:6-9

<sup>6</sup> All the splendor has departed from the Daughter of Zion. Her princes are like deer that find no pasture; in weakness they have fled before the pursuer. <sup>7</sup> In the days of her affliction and wandering Jerusalem remembers all the treasures that were hers in days of old. When her people fell into enemy hands, there was no one to help her. Her enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction. <sup>8</sup> Jerusalem has sinned greatly and so has become unclean. All who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness; she herself groans and turns away. <sup>9</sup> Her filthiness clung to her skirts; she did not consider her future. Her fall was astounding; there was none to comfort her. "Look, O LORD, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed."

## PASSION RESPONSE

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P: My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death;

C: **Remain here, and watch with me. Now you will see the crowd who surrounds me.**

P: Behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

C: **You will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.**

*Time for Meditation as 1st Candle is Extinguished.*

## HYMN

**"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"**

CW 106 vs.1-3

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1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean-ness, Come de - filed, with -  
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound-ed, par - a -  
 4 He that drinks shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean-ness,  
 lyzed, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows to you, to me, to all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break his cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; You shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; He that drinks shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

## 2ND READING

## LAMENTATIONS 1:10-14

<sup>10</sup> The enemy laid hands on all her treasures; she saw pagan nations enter her sanctuary— those you had forbidden to enter your assembly. <sup>11</sup> All her people groan as they search for bread; they barter their treasures for food to keep themselves alive. "Look, O LORD, and consider, for I am despised." <sup>12</sup> "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see. Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me, that the LORD brought on me in the day of his fierce anger? <sup>13</sup> "From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones. He spread a net for my feet and turned me back. He made me desolate, faint all the day long. <sup>14</sup> "My sins have been bound into a yoke; by his hands they were woven together. They have come upon my neck and the Lord has sapped my strength. He has handed me over to those I cannot withstand.

## PASSION RESPONSE

- P: The man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, led the crowd to Jesus. He approached Jesus to kiss him.
- C: **Judas, are you really betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?**
- P: Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me?
- C: **Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not seize me; but this has taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.**

*Time for Meditation as 2nd Candle is Extinguished.*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!  
 down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,  
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 on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won - drous love is this That caused the Lord of  
 When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous  
 To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I  
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
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## 3RD READING

## LAMENTATIONS 1:18-22

<sup>18</sup>"The LORD is righteous, yet I rebelled against his command. Listen, all you peoples; look upon my suffering. My young men and maidens have gone into exile. <sup>19</sup>"I called to my allies but they betrayed me. My priests and my elders perished in the city while they searched for food to keep themselves alive. <sup>20</sup>"See, O LORD, how distressed I am! I am in torment within, and in my heart I am disturbed, for I have been most rebellious. Outside, the sword bereaves; inside, there is only death. <sup>21</sup>"People have heard my groaning, but there is no one to comfort me. All my enemies have heard of my distress; they rejoice at what you have done. May you bring the day you have announced so they may become like me. <sup>22</sup>"Let all their wickedness come before you; deal with them as you have dealt with me because of all my sins. My groans are many and my heart is faint."

## PASSION RESPONSE

- P: The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death.
- C: **They did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.**
- P: Finally, the high priest said to him: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

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**C:** Yes, it is as you say.

**P:** Blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? He is worthy of death!

**C:** So they spit in his face, punched him, slapped him, and mocked him.

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## HYMN

**“Glory Be to Jesus”**

CW 103 vs.1-3



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies,  
5 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing Lifts its praise on high,



Poured for me the life - blood From his sa - cred veins.  
Blest be his com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind.  
Which from end - less tor - ments Did the world re - deem.  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.  
An - gel hosts re - joic - ing Make their glad re - ply.

## 4TH READING

LAMENTATIONS 2:5-9

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is like an enemy; he has swallowed up Israel. He has swallowed up all her palaces and destroyed her strongholds. He has multiplied mourning and lamentation for the Daughter of Judah. <sup>6</sup> He has laid waste his dwelling like a garden; he has destroyed his place of meeting. The LORD has made Zion forget her appointed feasts and her Sabbaths; in his fierce anger he has spurned both king and priest. <sup>7</sup> The Lord has rejected his altar and abandoned his sanctuary. He has handed over to the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have raised a shout in the house of the LORD as on the day of an appointed feast. <sup>8</sup> The LORD determined to tear down the wall around the Daughter of Zion. He stretched out a measuring line and did not withhold his hand from destroying. He made ramparts and walls lament; together they wasted away. <sup>9</sup> Her gates have sunk into the ground; their bars he has broken and destroyed. Her king and her princes are exiled among the nations, the law is no more, and her prophets no longer find visions from the LORD.

## PASSION RESPONSE

**P:** Pilate asked: Are you the king of the Jews?

**C:** My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest.

**P:** You are a king, then!

**C:** You are right in saying I am a king. For this reason, I was born and came into the world, to testify to the truth.

**P:** So Pilate said to the Jews: I find no basis for a charge against this man.

**C:** Crucify him! Crucify him!

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## HYMN

**"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"**

CW 139 vs.1-4



1 Je - sus, in your dy - ing woes, E - ven  
2 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the  
3 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose  
4 Je - sus, plunged in depths un - known With our  
5 Je - sus, in your thirst and pain, While your



while your life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don  
thief who near you dies, Prom - is - ing him  
heart your sor - rows rend, And your dear - est  
e - vil foe a - lone, While no light from  
wounds the life - blood drain, Thus ful - fill - ing



for your foes: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!  
par - a - dise: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!  
hu - man friend: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!  
heav'n is shown: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!  
Scrip - ture's plan: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!

## 5TH READING

LAMENTATIONS 3:1-9

I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. <sup>2</sup> He has driven me away and made me walk in darkness rather than light; <sup>3</sup> indeed, he has turned his hand against me again and again, all day long. <sup>4</sup> He has made my skin and my flesh grow old and has broken my bones. <sup>5</sup> He has besieged me and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship. <sup>6</sup> He has made me dwell in darkness like those long dead. <sup>7</sup> He has walled me in so I cannot escape; he has weighed me down with chains. <sup>8</sup> Even when I call out or cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. <sup>9</sup> He has barred my way with blocks of stone; he has made my paths crooked.

## PASSION RESPONSE

P: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head.

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**C: They mocked: Hail, O King of the Jews!**

P: Pilate asked: Shall I crucify your King?

**C: We have no king but Caesar! Take him away! Crucify him! Crucify him!**

P: Carrying his own cross, he went out to the Place of the Skull.

**C: There they crucified him.**

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## HYMN

## “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

CW 125 vs.1-3



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God.  
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down,  
That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet  
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## 6TH READING

## SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

P: They nailed him to a tree. He was pierced for our transgression. He thought: dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

**C: Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.**

P: I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head; many are my enemies without cause. One of the thieves said: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**C: Today you will be with me in paradise.**

P: Father, from birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. Do not be far, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

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**C: Dear woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.**

P: 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." Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none.

**C: My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?**

P: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

**C: I thirst.**

P: They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst. But I pray to you, O LORD, in the time of your favor; in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation. Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink; deliver me from those who hate me, from the deep waters. Do not let the floodwaters engulf me or the depths swallow me up or the pit close its mouth over me. Answer me, O LORD, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me.

**C: It is finished.**

P: I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

**C: Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**

## HYMN

**"Lamb of God"**

New Hymnal

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## DEVOTION

### "IT IS FINISHED"

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## WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, visit our website: [www.duluthernan.org](http://www.duluthernan.org) and click on the "GIVE" tab.*

### OFFERTORY

**"Ah, Holy Jesus"**  
Youth Tone Chime Choir

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### ✠ PRAYERS ✠

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### GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in humble awe and in reverent silence, your people have gathered around your cross to remember your death. O Christ, friend of sinners, have mercy on us; O Christ, Savior and Redeemer, have mercy on us. At your cross let us see the ugliness, horror, and misery that sin, death, and Satan has brought into the world and that you willingly took on yourself. Open our eyes to see that we deserved death and the torment of hell that suffered for us. Open our eyes to see that by your death you have destroyed death. By your sacrifice you have won our forgiveness, reconciled us to your Father, and purchased us to belong to you forever. Fill us with joy and peace in believe that we are truly free from condemnation and forgiven by your Father. Help us dedicate our lives in thank love to you, who gave yourself to us. We bring these prayers to you in your name, for you are the one who taught us to pray...

### THE 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.**

### CLOSING RESPONSE

### THE BURIAL OF JESUS

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P: Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, boldly went before Pilate and said to him: Give me the body of Jesus so that I may bury him.

C: **Very well.**

P: He was accompanied by Nicodemus.

C: **I have brought myrrh and aloe so that we may wrap him.**

P: After they removed Jesus' body from the cross, they wrapped it with strips of linen and the spices, in accordance to the Jewish custom. Jesus' mother, Mary, as well as Mary Magdalene were also there, watching at a distance. Joseph and Nicodemus carried the body to a new tomb cut out of rock.

C: **There, they laid Jesus' body. Then they rolled the stone over the entrance of the tomb.**

*Time for Meditation as the 7th Candle is Extinguished.*

### CLOSING HYMN

**"Were You There"**  
CW 119  
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1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh,  
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh,  
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh,



some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem - ble.  
 some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem - ble.  
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PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE

The congregation may remain in the sanctuary for prayer and meditation before dispersing. We close tonight's service without the traditional words of the blessing because our Holy Week worship does not end this evening, but continues Easter Sunday morning.