



**GOOD FRIDAY**

**April 19, 2019**

**Noon and 7:00 p.m.**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH TOPEKA, KANSAS**

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*Silence is kept as the congregation stands or sits, as able.*

## EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### *Good Friday*

- P: Today is Good Friday; it is a sad day - a day of darkness, a day of pain, a day of suffering, a day of death.
- C: One by one the lights around the Christ candle have been smothered, snuffed out. It alone has burned faithfully and strong. And now it has burned down and the forces of darkness and evil threaten to overwhelm it.**
- P: Yet it still will be called upon to weather the taunts and spittle of insolent people, to face the governors and kings in midnight courts, to wear the crown of thorns, to carry the cross of our sin.
- C: And it will do so victoriously, without calling down ten thousand angels. It will still love and call out, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." And it will say to its neighbor, "Truly, I say to you, today you shall be with me in paradise."**
- P: And even though it shall die, it shall rise again and shine in greater glory for....
- C: THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.**  
*(The Christ Candle is Extinguished.)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: 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.
- C: Amen.**

**HYMN** "*Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended*"

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*Congregation shall sit.*

*Each word will be followed by a time of silence and prayer.*

## THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST FROM THE CROSS

### THE WORD OF FORGIVENESS ... LOVE INTERCEDES

*"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."*

**Luke 23:24-34**

**THE WORD OF PARDON ... LOVE RESCUES**

*"Today you will be with me in paradise."*

**Luke 23:35-43**

**THE WORD OF CONCERN ... LOVE CREATES COMMUNITY**

*"Woman, behold your son ... behold your mother."*

**John 19:23-27**

**THE WORD OF LONELINESS ... LOVE OBEYS GOD**

*"My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken me?"*

**Mark 15:29-34**

**THE WORD OF SUFFERING ... LOVE BEARS PUNISHMENT**

*"I thirst."*

**John 19:28-29**

**THE WORD OF VICTORY ... LOVE OFFERS SACRIFICE**

*"It is finished."*

**John 19:30-37**

**THE WORD OF COMMITMENT ... LOVE IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOD**

*"Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit."*

**Luke 23:44-49**

**HYMN** *"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

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*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

**LITANY ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**

**P:** From the cross Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).

**C:** **Lord Jesus, we do know what we are doing. We are hurting you as much by the good we fail to do as by the evil we do. We need to draw strength and courage from you, our dying Savior, to do what we ought to do, to be what you want us to be.**

**P:** From the cross Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43).

**C:** **Lord Jesus, we thank you for welcoming true penitence whenever it is offered. That condemned man dying next to you could no longer make amends. But, thanks to your grace, he was able to look forward to rejoining you in the Father's House.**

**P:** From the cross Jesus said, "Woman, here is your son." and again "Here is your mother." (John 19:26-27).

**C:** **Lord Jesus, your mother loved you but did not understand you. When she feared for your sanity, she was wrong. But when she feared for your life, she was right. You loved her as you loved John, your trusted disciple. You did not abandon them. You gave them to one another as family.**

- P: From the cross Jesus asked, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34, Psalm 22:1).
- C: Were you able to go on, Jesus? Were you able to voice the Psalmist's long lament and move on with him to where he finds his faith restored? Or did your strength fail you at last, your voice a mere whisper, your agony beyond endurance?**
- P: From the cross Jesus said, "I am thirsty." (John 19:28).
- C: Your end was near, Lord Jesus, your martyred body was claiming its rights. You were parched. A stranger, a Roman, gave you what comfort he could -- a sponge dipped in sour wine.**
- P: From the cross Jesus said, "It is finished." (John 19:30).
- C: What did you mean, Lord Jesus? That your life was finished? It was, surely. But could you have meant that your work was finished, that you had accomplished your mission? Did you know, with your dying breath, that your Father had not forsaken you, that the crown of life awaited you?**
- P: From the cross Jesus said at last, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46).
- C: God had a journey in mind for you, Lord Jesus. Freed from the shackles of your bruised body, your spirit received and obeyed your Father's command to visit the realm of the dead, to be one of them -- for three days.**
- P: "For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,
- C: but we proclaim Christ crucified,**
- P: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
- C: but to those who are called, of every race and nation,**
- P: Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- C: For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." (I Corinthians 1:22-25, adapted). Amen.**

## PROCESSION

*A rough-hewn cross is carried in procession through the church and placed in front of the altar as these responses are said.*

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

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*Congregation shall sit.*

## BIDDING PRAYER

*The minister invites the congregation to pray a series of intercessions. After each invitation (bid) to pray for a specific concern, there is a time of silent prayer. The presiding minister then offers the prayer for that concern, concluding:*

P: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The bidding prayer concludes:*

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

**C: 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.**

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

**C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

***THE MINISTERS LEAVE IN SILENCE.***

***Worshippers may remain for prayer and meditation.***

***Offerings may be placed in the basket at the back of the  
Worship Center as you leave this worship service.***

***IN REVERENCE TO OUR LORD, AT 3:00 P.M. TODAY,  
THE TOWER CHIMES TOLL 33 TIMES.***



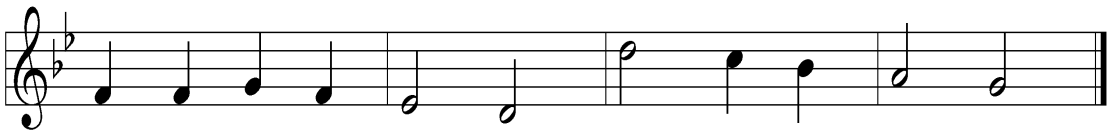
# Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,  
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



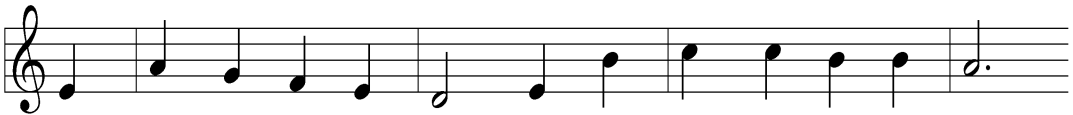
by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

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

# O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How art thou pale with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
how does that vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!  
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



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;  
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



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.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
for he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, c. 1250; tr. composite  
Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500, adapt. Hans L. Hassler, 1564–1612

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**WORSHIP MINISTERS TODAY**

	<b>Noon</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Dukat, Linda Harold	David Drake, Patricia Drake
<b>Cross Bearer</b>	Ron Bessler	George Bales
<b>Council Member</b>	Eileen Caspers	Bob Wollin

**EASTER VIGIL SERVICE**, Saturday, April 20  
 8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Service in Worship Center

**EASTER**, Sunday, April 21  
 8:30-9:45 a.m. – Easter Brunch  
 9:15 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt  
 10:00 a.m. – Easter Festival Communion