

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

Good Friday – March 29th

Welcome to Mt. Olive

From all of us at Mt. Olive, welcome to worship. We are so glad that you have joined us today.

A Few Notes Before Worship

- Restrooms are located in the entryway
- We love having children in worship! We realize that can sometimes be challenging. If your child becomes restless, the fellowship hall or the library (across from the restrooms) are great places to regroup.
- Baby changing stations are located in every restroom
- You are our guest. If there is something else we can help you with, please let an usher know. They will be happy to assist.
- Finally, you'll find everything you need for worship printed in this worship folder or as noted in the blue hymnal located in your pew.

Assistive Listening System Available

Our assistive listening system is available with the use of the free app, Listen EVERYWHERE (available for both Android and Apple devices). If you are interested in using Mt. Olive's assistive listening system, please pick up an informational card on the table in the entryway or ask an usher for assistance.

Rethinking Sacrifice

In most religions the gods demand sacrifice. Followers are to surrender something of value to that god. Money. Time. Possessions. Some religions have even called for human sacrifice. Even people who think they aren't religious sacrifice to false gods. Take the man whose idol is success. What he wants most is to rise through the ranks at work. So, to pursue that idol, he sacrifices his family, spending little time with them. Throughout human history, false gods have expected you to die for them.

In Christianity you meet a God willing to die for you. Today we see that the true God does not make our relationship with him conditional on how much we sacrifice for him. Instead, we are at peace with God because he sacrificed himself for us. It is one reason why we call it "Good Friday."

A Prayer Before Worship

Dear Lord, I thank you for giving me this opportunity today to gather together with fellow believers to join in worship and praise. May my worship and meditation this day be pleasing in Your sight and be deserving of Your honor. Amen.



¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

²²Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

²³When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

²⁴“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

“They divided my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.”

So this is what the soldiers did.

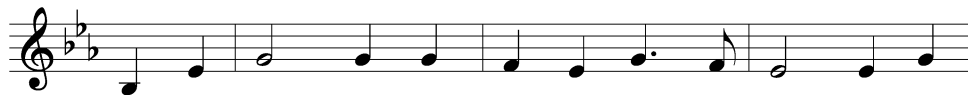
²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” ²⁷and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. ³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



Hymn

426 *Were You There*



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.
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?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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Stand

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Absolution

CW 154

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Behold the Lamb

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.

Amen

Be Seated

Reading

Hebrews 9:1–10

¹Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. ²A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. ³Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, ⁴which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. ⁵Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.

⁶When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. ⁷But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. ⁸The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning. ⁹This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. ¹⁰They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

Hymn

434 *Upon the Cross Extended st. 1*

1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, see, world, your
Lord sus - pend - ed; your Sav - ior yields his breath.
The Prince of life from heav - en him - self has free - ly
giv - en to shame and blows and bit - ter death.

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Sermonette

Jesus...Our Great High Priest

Hymn

434 *Upon the Cross Extended st. 4*

4 Your soul in griefs un - bound - ed, your head with
thorns sur - round - ed, you died to ran - som me.
The cross for me en - dur - ing, the crown for me se -
cur - ing, you healed my wounds and set me free.

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¹¹But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. ¹²He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

¹³The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

¹⁵For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

¹⁶In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, ¹⁷because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. ¹⁸This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood. ¹⁹When Moses had proclaimed every command of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. ²⁰He said, “This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep.” ²¹In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. ²²In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Hymn

404 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing st. 1

1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing in your ho - ly
wounds I find, ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing pains of
bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, show the per - il,
and from sin - ning keep me ere its first be - gin - ning.

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Sermonette

Jesus...Our All-Sufficient Sacrifice

Hymn

404 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing st. 5

5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, grant that in your
death I trust, know - ing death has lost its pow - er since you
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny
ev - er help and com - fort me; when I die be
my pro - tec - tion, light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the fifth staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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Reading

Hebrews 9:23–28

²³It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Hymn

394 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain st. 1*

1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, sin - ners, ru - ined
by the fall; here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
flows to you, to me, to all, in a full, per -
pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.

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Sermonette

Jesus...Once for All...and for ALL TIME

Hymn

394 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain st. 2

2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean-ness, come de - filed, with -
out, with - in; from in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
from the lep - ro - sy of sin, wash your robes and
make them white; you shall walk with God in light.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean-ness, come de - filed, with -". The second staff continues: "out, with - in; from in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,". The third staff continues: "from the lep - ro - sy of sin, wash your robes and". The fourth staff concludes: "make them white; you shall walk with God in light." The piece ends with a double bar line.

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Stand

Prayer

An assisting minister may speak the bids. Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity, we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all the people of God.

Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of their baptism.

Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our nation, our rulers, and all in authority.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the earthly calamities that threaten us.

Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, disease and pestilence. [We pray especially for... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*]

Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one, true God and Jesus Christ, whom he has sent.

Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your gospel mercifully gather people who are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.

Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, for we bear your name. We ask that you change the hearts of those who work against us and hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our grief and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

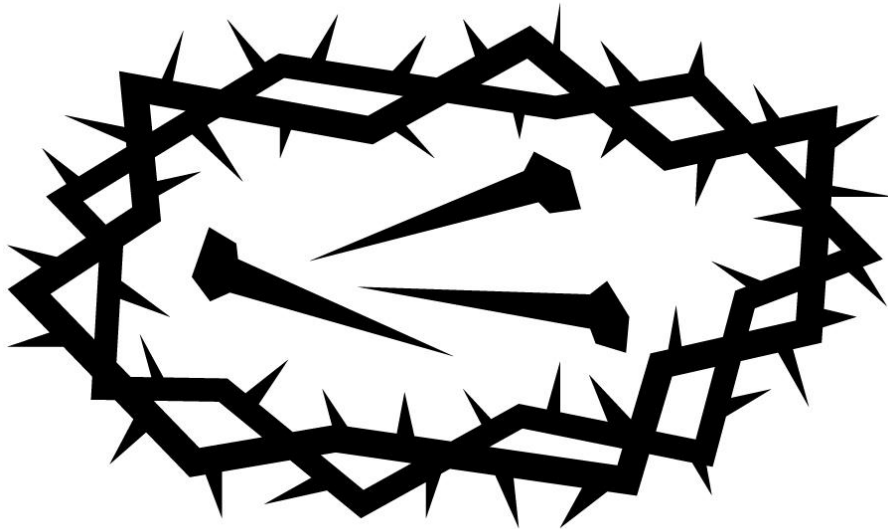
Amen.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, on this holy day your dearly loved Son offered to you the sacrifice of his death. Help us on this day and every day to live as people who have been released from the prison of sin, the burden of guilt, and the certainty of eternal death. Fill us with joy as prepare for the celebration of his resurrection and long to share his victory in eternity.

Amen.



Lord's Prayer

CW 230

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the
pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Tune: Dale A. Witte

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Be Seated

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the
 ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious
 blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Dismissal statement

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Amen.

The congregation leaves in silence.

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