



# April 3, 2026

## Good Friday

### *Jesus the Passover Lamb*

#### **Welcome to Worship**

We are an intentionally inclusive community, proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, and ability into all aspects of our church life.

~ Faith Lutheran Church

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish people, including the Duwamish People past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.



# WE ARE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church. Everything you need to **follow the service** is in this bulletin.

Please take a moment to fill out the **information card** found in the pew rack. Place the card in the offering plate so we can be in touch with you.

**Prayer requests** to be offered during worship can be written on the prayer request card in the pew rack and passed toward the center aisle where it will be collected by an usher during the first hymn.

There are **coffee and treats** in the Library after the service. We would like to welcome you to continued fellowship. **Restrooms** are located on the far side of the Library or down the main stairs. Should an emergency occur an **AED unit** is located in the narthex on the wall by the main entrance. **Masks and sanitizer** are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

The **elevator** is located at the top of the stairs in the Narthex. Feel free to **explore** the building and ask questions of the pastors, ushers, or anyone you see!

We encourage you to introduce yourselves and hope you feel **comfortable** here.

**Children are welcome and highly encouraged to be in worship.** We understand that children have the need to move and make sound; which we find to be a joyful and important part of worship. **Blessing Bags** are found near both entrances of the sanctuary filled with activities for children. A **cry room** is available at the back of the sanctuary should you need a brief respite.

Faith Lutheran Church is a **lively, caring, and energetic** community.  
We are so glad you are here!

### **Overview**

*The service this day is part of the Church's celebration of the Triduum, the three-day observance of the events of Holy Week. The service began on Maundy Thursday as we heard from the Farewell Discourse, Jesus' preparing his disciples for his death. That service closed with the stripping of the altar. It continues this evening with Jesus' death and burial. On this most solemn day, we focus on Jesus' death. Even with the sadness and grief for his death, we call it "good" because it is by his death that we are spared, through his all-sufficient sacrifice. We leave in silence, indicating that the service is not over. We continue our worship until we gather again to celebrate Easter.*

*Please gather in silence...*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### *Were You There?*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL  
ARR. BOB CHILCOT+

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
~ African-American Spiritual*

### GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The promise of our faith is that if we call on the name of the Lord, our God will remember our sin no more. Therefore, let us confess our wrongdoing...

*Silence for self-reflection*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The cross that held the Savior of the world,

**Holy God,  
Holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal one,  
Have mercy on us.**

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**Holy God,  
Holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal one,  
Have mercy on us.**

My people, my people,  
Why have you forsaken me?  
Answer me!  
I delivered you from captivity  
Through the water of baptism;  
But you handed me over to my captors,  
Giving me up to die;  
And you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

I fed you in the wilderness  
With the bread of life from heaven;  
But you are consumed with desire,  
Biting and devouring one another;  
And you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

I claimed you as my family,  
As branches of my vine;  
But you cut off my chosen ones,  
Spilling innocent blood;  
And you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

I spoke to you my Word,  
The promise of my love for all;  
But you silence my prophets,  
Refusing to hear my voice;  
And you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

I came to be your light,  
To overcome the darkness;  
But you remained in the shadows,  
Hiding your light from the world;  
And you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

I gave you the keys to my realm  
And welcomed you inside;  
But you turn away strangers,  
Closing the doors that I open;  
And you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

I offered you my peace  
And clothed you with compassion;  
But you divided my garments,  
Tearing apart what I design;  
And you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

I sent my Holy Spirit  
To empower you with grace;  
But you trusted your own devices,  
Squandering my good gifts;  
And you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

I came to dwell among you  
As the Word made flesh;  
But you ignored neighbors in need,  
Failing to recognize my face;  
And you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Take heart, for our Lord Jesus Christ, the son of God,  
Understands our human experience,  
Felt the depth of our pain  
And sympathized with our weakness.  
He deals gently with the ignorant and the wayward  
And is the source of our eternal salvation.

HYMN 350

*They Crucified My Lord*

SUFFERER

**1. They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word;  
They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word;  
Not a word, not a word, not a word.**

**4. They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word;  
They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word;  
Not a word, not a word, not a word.**

Text & music: African-American spiritual

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,  
Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision,  
where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights;  
hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory.

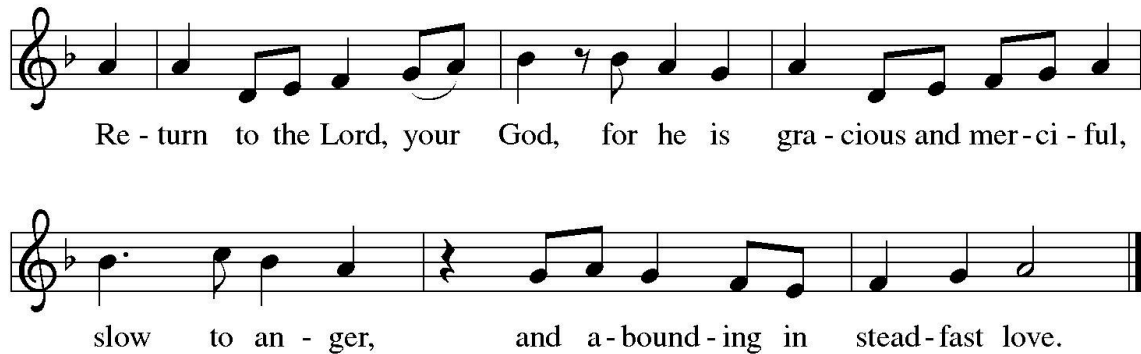
Let me learn by paradox  
that the way down is the way up,  
that to be low is to be high,  
that the broken heart is the healed heart,  
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,  
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,  
that to have nothing is to possess all,  
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,  
that to give is to receive,  
that the valley is the place of vision.

Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells,  
and the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine;

Let me find thy light in my darkness,  
thy life in my death,  
thy joy in my sorrow,  
thy grace in my sin,  
thy riches in my poverty  
thy glory in my valley.

**Amen.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

#### GOSPEL John 19:23-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 19th Chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

When 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. So 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."

And 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. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A 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. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since 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.

Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth, so that you also may continue to believe.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After 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. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now 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. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Word of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

#### MEDITATION

#### *Carry Him Gently*

BURYL RED+

CHANCEL CHOIR WITH DIANE MACHATKA, SOLOIST, AND MARK STROM, GUITARIST

*Carry him gently, my baby (oh, my Lord), carry him gently, my child (oh, my Lord);  
Carry him far from suffering, let him rest for awhile.  
I gave him love as a baby, I shared his joy as a child.  
He died alone, forsaken, let him rest for awhile.*

*Oh, Jesus, your life is unending.  
Oh, Jesus, my Lord, even death can't take you away.  
Oh, Jesus, our faith is unbending.  
Oh, Jesus, my Lord, for you are the truth and the way.*

*Carry him quickly, my baby, carry him quickly, my son;  
Carry him far from suffering, his work is done.*

~ Ragan Courtney+

#### SERMON

#### HYMN

#### *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

**1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small:  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

## PRAYERS

Almighty and everlasting God, as Isaac once carried the wood of the sacrifice on his back up the mountain, only to be delivered, so you willed your Son Jesus Christ to carry the wood of the sacrifice on his back up the mountain, only to be condemned. He bore for us the pains of the cross and thereby removed from us the power of the adversary. Help us to remember and give thanks always for our Lord's Passion that we may abide in the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation that flows to us from his pierced side.

**Jesus, remember us, when you come into your kingdom.**

Merciful Jesus, grant us courage to deny privilege to lay down favor and safety and take up the cross of opportunity and justice.

Grant us courage to deny consumerism to lay down convenience and gratification and take up the cross of sustainability and generosity.

Grant us courage to deny comfort to lay down apathy and ease and take up the cross of solidarity and true love.

Show us what to pick up and what to lay down, so we may lose and loose in order to find and bind all that is from you.

**Jesus, remember us, when you come into your kingdom.**

Almighty God, graciously behold your children, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross.

**Jesus, remember us, when you come into your kingdom.**

Merciful Lord, your grace is sufficient for all our needs, and you have promised to be the strength of the weary, the hope of those who fear, the healing of the ill, the fullness of those disabled, and the peace of all who are distressed. Hear us on behalf of all in need, that they may be well supplied by your grace in every time of trouble.

**Jesus, remember us, when you come into your kingdom.**

Although we have deserved your righteous wrath and punishment, yet we ask you, O most merciful God, not to remember our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and grant us your forgiveness.

**Jesus, remember us, when you come into your kingdom.**

At the time of death we are commended to your care and keeping, O Christ, with the words, "Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light."

HYMN 616

*Jesus, Remember Me*

REMEMBER ME

(SING THREE TIMES)

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom,  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep us and strengthen us as we pray the words our Lord taught us....

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.**

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

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**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir, Diane Machatka, Mark Strom

Reader: Lynn Krog

Ushers: Dallas & Carl Presley

Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter

Tech Operator: Rick Brandstetter



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# Holy Week & Easter



## **PALM SUNDAY**

March 29 at 9:45 am

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

April 2 at 7:00 pm

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 3 at 7:00 pm

## **EASTER**

Worship April 5 at 9:45 am

(Breakfast in the Library from 8:30-9:30 am)

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[faithseattle.org](http://faithseattle.org)

Worship in person & online



Easter is fast approaching, which means - Easter Breakfast!

A sign-up to help bring sweet rolls, bacon and deviled eggs will be in the library. Breakfast will be from 8:30 to 9:30 on Easter morning with food service in the narthex and seating in the narthex and library. It is a fun morning to gather early and visit over food and drink before Easter worship!