

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - KENYON, MN

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 10, 2020

Prayers Around the Cross



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION & PRAYER

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

God of power and mercy, in love you sent your Son
that we might be cleansed of sin and live with you forever.
Bless us as we gather to reflect on his suffering and death
that we may learn from his example
and find the way of life and peace.
We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

PSALM 22:1-11

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me,
from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm, and not human;
I am scorned by all, and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads;
"Commit your cause to the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue the one in whom he delights!"
Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
Do not be far from me, for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

REFLECTION 1: Garden of Gethsemane

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

READING: LUKE 22:39-46

PRAYER: Lord, grant us your strength and wisdom,
that we may seek to follow your will in all things.



CANDLE LIGHTING & MUSIC - O LORD HEAR MY PRAYER ELW 751

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

REFLECTION 2: Betrayed and arrested

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

READING: MARK 14:43-46

PRAYER: Lord, grant us the courage of our convictions that
our lives may faithfully reflect the good news you
bring.



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REFLECTION 3: Condemned by the Sanhedrin

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

READING: LUKE 22:66-71

PRAYER: Lord, grant us your sense of righteousness that we
may never cease working to bring about the justice
of the kingdom that you promised.



CANDLE LIGHTING & MUSIC: AH, HOLY JESUS v.1 ELW 349

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
by foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

REFLECTION 4: Denied by Peter

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

READING: MATTHEW 26:69-75

PRAYER: Lord, grant us the gift of honesty that we may
not fear to speak the truth even when difficult.



CANDLE LIGHTING & MUSIC - AH, HOLY JESUS V. 2 ELW 349

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**

REFLECTION 5: Tried by Pilate

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

READING: LUKE 23:13-25

PRAYER: Lord, grant us discernment that we may see,
not as the world sees, but as you see.



CANDLE LIGHTING & MUSIC - AH, HOLY JESUS V. 4 ELW 349

**For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.**

REFLECTION 6: Flogged, mocked, crowned with thorns

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

READING: JOHN 19:1-3

PRAYER: Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering
that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise.



CANDLE LIGHTING & MUSIC - O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED, V. 1 ELW 351

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

REFLECTION 7: Bearing the cross

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

READING: JOHN 19:16B-17 & MARK 15:21

PRAYER: Lord, grant us willing spirits that we
may be your instruments on earth.



CANDLE LIGHTING & MUSIC – O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED, v. 3 ELW #351

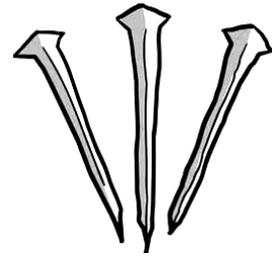
**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

REFLECTION 8: Crucified

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

READING: LUKE 23:33-34

PRAYER: Lord, grant us merciful hearts that we may
bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all.



CANDLE LIGHTING & MUSIC - THEY CRUCIFIED MY LORD, v. 1 ELW #350

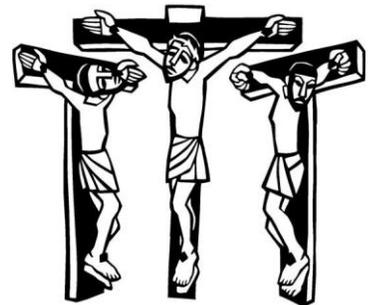
**They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word
they crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word
Not a word, not a word, not a word.**

REFLECTION 9: Speaking to criminals

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

READING: LUKE 23:39-43

PRAYER: Lord, grant us perseverance
that we may never stop seeking you.



CANDLE LIGHTING & MUSIC - JESUS REMEMBER ME ELW#616

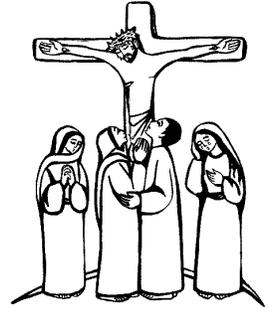
**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

REFLECTION 10: Caring for mother and disciple

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

READING: JOHN 19:25B-27

PRAYER: Lord, grant us constancy that we
may be willing to stand by those in need.



CANDLE LIGHTING & MUSIC - WHERE TRUE CHARITY & LOVE ABIDE ELW #642

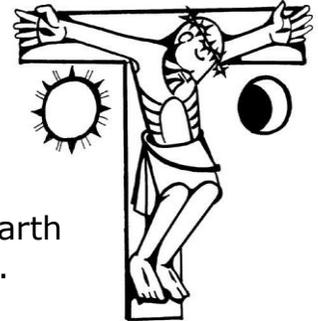
Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.

REFLECTION 11: Death on the cross

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

READING: LUKE 23:44-46

PRAYER: Lord, grant us trust in you that when our time on earth
is ended our spirits may come to you without delay.



CANDLE LIGHTING & MUSIC - WERE YOU THERE, v. 1 ELW #353

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh,___ sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

REFLECTION 12: Laid in the tomb

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

READING: MATHEW 27:57-61

PRAYER: Lord, grant us your compassion
that we may always provide for those in need.



CANDLE LIGHTING & MUSIC - WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS ELW #803

**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.
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.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people to you. May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.
Go in Peace.

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