

Good Friday
April 18, 2025 | Noon and 7 p.m.

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Welcome to Good Friday worship. This continues the Three Sacred Days, The Triduum, which is one worship service in three parts: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the First Light Easter service (Easter Vigil).

Tonight we experience the mystery and glory of the cross. We hear the Passion According to St. John, we pray the Bidding Prayer, and a large, wooden cross is carried in our midst as we behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world. Those who desire will be invited to come forward for the Meditation on the Cross, offering a bow or kneeling for prayer. Since the fourth century Christians have participated in this Good Friday ritual. The cross is acclaimed as a sign of life, healing, and resurrection. Beyond words, this ritual engages our bodies as our hearts are opened to the mystery of Jesus' life-giving death.

Our 7 p.m. worship is livestreamed especially to include our home-centered members who cannot join us in person.

Sign the worship slip and place it in the offering plate so that hospitality, prayer, and pastoral care may be kept up to date.

All gather in silence.

The assembly stands.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Reading ✕ Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

¹⁴ Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

^{5:7} In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Offering

Your offering immediately supports our visitation ministry to home-centered and hospitalized folks. Thank you! Our nurse, deacon, pastors, and home communion visitors bring the hope of Christ into life's hardest moments. Good Friday reminds us that God knows suffering personally in Jesus on the cross and enfolds us with grace in our darkest times.



Noon “Ah, Holy Jesus” –Craig Courtney

Susan Patterson, soloist

7 p.m. “Ah, Holy Jesus” –Donald McCullough

Chancel Choir

“Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
that mortal judgment has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected.
O most afflicted! Who was the guilty?
Who brought this upon you? It is my treason.
Lord, that has undone you. ’Twas I, Lord Jesus.
I, it was denied you; I crucified you.

For me, dear Jesus, was your incarnation,
your mortal sorrow, and your life’s oblation;
your death of anguish and your bitter passion,
For my salvation. Therefore, dear Jesus,
Since I cannot pay you, I do adore you and
will ever pray you, think on your pity and
your love unswerving, not my deserving.”

–Johann Heermann, translated Robert Bridges

Gospel

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

I. Jesus in the Garden

ELW 666: **What Wondrous Love Is This**

WONDROUS LOVE

Stanza 1

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

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The piano accompaniment is written in the right hand of the grand staff, and the vocal parts are written in the left hand. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.
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II. Jesus is Questioned

ELW 666: **What Wondrous Love Is This**, stanza 2, page 4

III. Hail, King of the Jews!

ELW 666: **What Wondrous Love Is This**, stanza 3, page 4

The assembly stands.

IV. Jesus is Crucified

ELW 666: **What Wondrous Love Is This**, stanza 4, page 4

The assembly is seated.

V. Jesus's Body is Anointed for Burial

Anthem

Noon "The Crucifixion" –Samuel Barber
Susan Patterson, soloist

At the cry of the first bird they began to crucify Thee, O Swan!

Never shall lament cease because of that.

It was like the parting of day from night.

Ah, sore was the suffering borne by the body of Mary's son,

but sorer still to Him was the grief which for His sake came upon His Mother.

–from *The Speckled Book*, 12th century; translated Howard Mumford Jones

7 p.m. "Lamb of God, Grant Us Peace" –Z. Randall Stroope
Chancel Choir

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

grant us peace.

Dona nobis pacem.

We pray for unity, pray for purity,

O Lord, we pray for your strength and your blessing.

Lord, forgive our sin as we forgive those of others;

save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, Thine is the power,

Thine is the glory forever, forever and ever.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Dona nobis pacem.

Amen. Grant us peace.

Homily ✠ Pastor Kent Mueller

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ✱ ELW 803: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

The assembly may kneel or sit.

Bidding Prayer

Let us pray for the Church throughout the world.

Silence.

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed your glory in Jesus Christ
and poured out your Spirit upon your people.
Guide and gather your Church from every place.
Strengthen it to persevere in faith,
to proclaim your name with courage,
and to bring the good news of your love to all the earth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our bishops, pastors, deacons, and all who serve the Church,
and for all God's people.

Silence.

Almighty and eternal God,
you sustain your Church through the gifts of your Spirit.
Bless and uphold our leaders,
and all who serve in ministry vocations.
Keep them faithful and wise,
and inspire all your people
to serve you with joy in every part of life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silence.

Almighty and eternal God,
you continue to draw people into the life of your Church.
Strengthen those who are preparing for the waters of new birth.
Fill them with faith, hope, and love,
and keep them in your grace
as they grow into the full stature of Christ.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who share faith in Jesus Christ.

Silence.

Almighty and eternal God,
you call us into one body through your Son.
Look with kindness on all who follow Jesus,
and draw us into deeper unity in faith and love.
Make us one in the Spirit,
that together we may bear witness to your mercy in the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who seek God in faith, hope, or longing.

Silence.

Almighty and eternal God,
you are known by many names and worshiped in many ways.
Open hearts across the world to the truth of your love.
End division and misunderstanding,
and help us to live together in peace and respect,
bearing faithful witness to your grace in Christ.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the care and healing of creation.

Silence.

Almighty and eternal God,
you made all things and called them good.
Renew the face of the earth,
protect fragile ecosystems,
and teach us to live in harmony with all you have made.
Empower us to bring your creation to wholeness and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public life.

Silence.

Almighty and eternal God,
you desire justice and compassion in every nation.
Give wisdom and integrity to those entrusted with leadership.
May they govern with humility and courage,
so that all may flourish in safety, dignity, and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all in need.

Silence.

Almighty and eternal God,
you lift up the brokenhearted and sustain the weary.
Be near to the sick, the dying, the lonely, and the oppressed.
Grant peace to the anxious,
freedom to those held captive,
and healing where there is hurt.
Answer the cries of all who call to you,
and fill them with the hope of your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

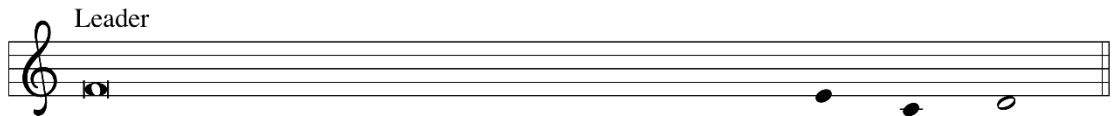
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The assembly stands and turns to the back of the sanctuary.

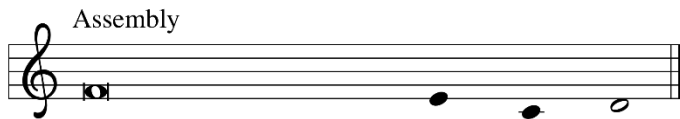
Procession of the Cross

*A large cross is carried in procession through the church
and placed before the assembly.*

The following dialogue is sung three times:



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



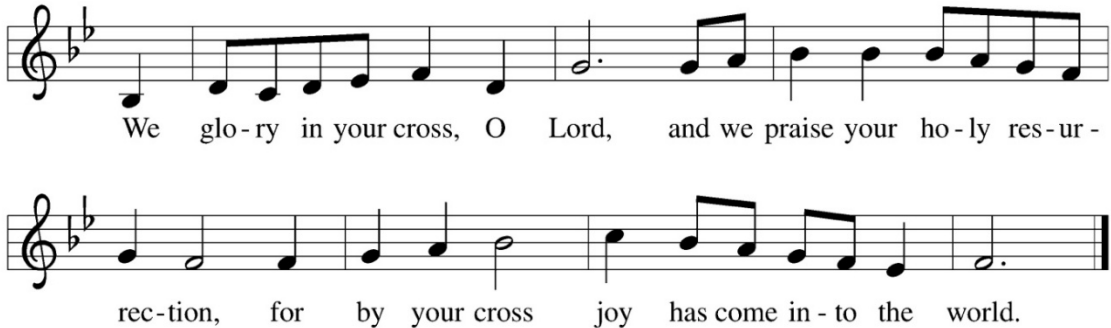
Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

Music: Plainsong Traditional

Response ✕ We Glory in Your Cross

Assembly sings the refrain; the cantor sings the stanzas.

Refrain



Music: Robert Buckley Farlee

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- 1 May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.
Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Refrain

- 2 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Refrain

Meditation on the Cross of Christ

Since the fourth century, Christians have participated in this Good Friday ritual. The cross is acclaimed as a sign of life, healing, and resurrection. Beyond words, this ritual engages our bodies as our hearts are opened to the mystery of Jesus' life-giving death.

During this open time and space, music provides an opportunity for meditation. Those who desire may approach the cross, file past, kneel, or offer a profound bow as a sign of reverence.

Please feel free to leave your pew and move about in an unhurried and meditative way. You may also use the kneeler in your pew.

Music for Meditation ✧ “On the Nature of Daylight” –Max Richter

Noon Andrew Peters, piano

7 p.m. Kevin Padworski, saxophone; Andrew Peters, piano; Kent Mueller, cello

The assembly stands.

Hymn ✧ ELW 637: **Holy God, Holy and Glorious**

NELSON



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,
2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,
4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,
5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;
wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:
life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.
scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.
God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.
dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: NELSON, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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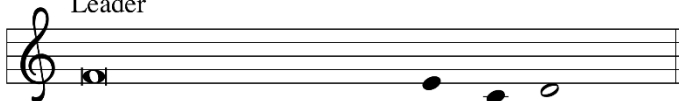
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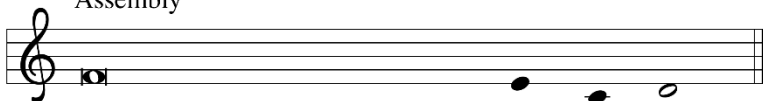
Response

Leader



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

Assembly



By your holy cross you have re-deemed the world.

Music: Plainsong Traditional

The service does not end in darkness and sadness. Throughout the Three Days we glory in the cross of Christ even as we proclaim the resurrection. There is no blessing or sending. Please leave the church in silence or kneel or be seated in sanctuary as long as you desire.

Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with Augustana!

Easter Sunday, April 20

7 a.m. **Worship/Communion**

– Sanctuary

First Light of Easter

9 a.m. **Worship/Communion (N)**

– Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt – Courtyard

11 a.m. **Worship/Communion (N, L)**

– Sanctuary

(N) Nursery care available

(L) Livestreaming available

Easter Egg Hunt for kids

Kids age birth through 5th grade are

invited to participate in Augustana's

Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunday, April 20,

10:30 a.m. in the courtyard. Please bring

your own Easter basket to collect eggs in!

If we have snowy weather, we will

relocate to Fellowship Hall. Youth in

grades 6–12 are invited to help set up in

the courtyard at 10 a.m.

Welcome!

- How good to have you here! Thanks for signing the worship registration slip and placing it in the offering plate.
- Large-print copies of the service bulletin are available from Augustana's ushers.
- Hearing assistance headphones are available for worship in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for an easy-to-use device for enhanced listening during worship.
- You are welcome to have your water bottles with you during worship.
- On the south side of the Sanctuary, children are welcome to borrow items from the Worship & Wiggle shelf. Please return the items after worship. The Cozy Corner is available to parents at the west sanctuary entrance. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom and in the family bathroom on this floor.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the Giving page at Augustana's website (augustanadenver.org). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- Restrooms and water stations are located downstairs beneath the west sanctuary entrance; handicapped accessible restrooms are on the east side of the sanctuary in the hallway behind the chancel.
- An elevator is available at the Fairfax Street entrance.
- Accessible seating for people with assistive health and mobility devices is available on the south side of the sanctuary.
- Handicapped parking and entrances are available at the Fairfax Street and Elm Street entrances. Additional parking is available on the south side of the building.
- Please make sure your cell phones are silenced during worship.
- Parents, for the safety and well-being of all our children, we ask that you attend your children at all times.
- If you would like to leave your bulletin for recycling, please place it at the end of the pew.

Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

Worship

- Worship in person at 8 a.m. in Christ Chapel or at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Join Augustana on our Facebook page or YouTube channel for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website (augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings

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Noon Betty Boyd
7 p.m. Michael Zumwalt

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Noon Wil Crook
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Miles Tamminga
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