

Anglican Church of Freiburg  
Good Friday  
Principal Holy Day  
April 15, 2022  
Red for the Liturgy

## Part A

This Part of the Liturgy is for morning meditation privately.  
In person gathering at 5 pm will begin from the Part B of this liturgy

## Collect

Eternal God,  
in the cross of Jesus  
we see the cost of sin  
and the depth of your love:  
in humble hope and fear  
may we place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Canticle/Psalm

### Psalm 22

*Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.*

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, ♦  
and are so far from my salvation,  
from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime,  
but you do not answer; ♦  
and by night also, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, ♦  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forebears trusted in you; ♦  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; ♦  
they put their trust in you and were not confounded. [R]
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, ♦  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; ♦  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; ♦

let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'

9 But it is you that took me out of the womb ♦  
and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 On you was I cast ever since I was born; ♦  
you are my God even from my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand ♦  
and there is none to help. [R]

12 Mighty oxen come around me; ♦  
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths, ♦  
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; ♦  
my heart has become like wax  
melting in the depths of my body.

15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd;  
my tongue cleaves to my gums; ♦  
you have laid me in the dust of death. [R]

16 For the hounds are all about me,  
the pack of evildoers close in on me; ♦  
they pierce my hands and my feet.

17 I can count all my bones; ♦  
they stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They divide my garments among them; ♦  
they cast lots for my clothing.

19 Be not far from me, O Lord; ♦  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword, ♦  
my poor life from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth,  
from the horns of wild oxen. ♦

You have answered me! [R]

22 I will tell of your name to my people; ♦  
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; ♦  
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them; ♦  
but when they cried to him he heard them.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those that fear you.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦

those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live for ever. [R]

27 All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the Lord, ♦  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦  
and he rules over the nations.

29 How can those who sleep in the earth  
bow down in worship, ♦  
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him ♦

30 He has saved my life for himself;  
my descendants shall serve him; ♦  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

31 They shall come and make known his salvation,  
to a people yet unborn, ♦  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

*Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.*

*Restless with grief and fear,  
the abandoned turn to you:  
in every hour of trial,  
good Lord, deliver us,  
O God most holy, God most strong,  
whose wisdom is the cross of Christ.*

## The Reading

The reading is taken from Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God

**Our hearts and our minds are open**

See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—

so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,

and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.  
Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
    he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.  
    Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
    The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
    and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
    and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
    and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
    and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

The reading is taken from John 18:1-19:42

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

### The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are

you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

### Jesus before the High Priest

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

### Peter Denies Jesus

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

### The High Priest Questions Jesus

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

### Peter Denies Jesus Again

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

### Jesus before Pilate

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

### Jesus Sentenced to Death

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

### The Crucifixion of Jesus

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where



Jesus was crucified near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." 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.

### Jesus' Side Is Pierced

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.) 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.”

### The Burial of Jesus

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Part B**

**05:00 pm in person at Church**

**Meditation on the Words from the Cross**

### **Silent Preparation**

### **Prelude**

#### **"Lead Me To The Cross"**

(CCLI-Liednr.: 4785828)

Lead me to the Cross

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=4a2t2\\_8nRH8](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=4a2t2_8nRH8)

### **Opening Words**

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### **Prayer**

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked ones, and to suffer death upon the cross, who having Risen now livea and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

### **Opening hymn**

SoF 488 - Rock of ages

<https://youtu.be/zhmsFwVemCQ>

### **Words of Introduction**

#### **THE FIRST WORD**

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

***Luke 23:34***

## *Reflection*

Almighty God, to whom your crucified Son prayed for the forgiveness of those who did not know what they were doing, grant that we, too, may be included in that prayer. Whether we sin out of ignorance or intention, be merciful to us and grant us your acceptance and peace: in the name of Jesus Christ, our suffering Savior. Amen.

ACF 123 Turn or hearts

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=oSJSRNJyqys>

## THE SECOND WORD

***"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."***

***Luke 23:43***

## *Reflection*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to the repentant the joy of paradise, enable us by the Holy Spirit to repent and to receive your grace in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

The Old rugged cross

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=CltrLsjsQIO>

CCLI-Liednummer 5984817, George Bennard

## THE THIRD WORD

***"Jesus said to his mother: "Woman, this is your son."***

***Then he said to the disciple: "This is your mother."***

***John 19:26-27***

## *Reflection*

O Blessed Savior, who in your hours of greatest suffering expressed compassion for your mother and made arrangements for her care, grant that we who seek to follow your example may show our concern for the needs of others, reaching out to provide for those who suffer in our human family. Hear this our prayer for your mercy's sake. Amen.

Were you there

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=T6FL353Yr0w>

CCLI-Liednummer 7171508

## THE FOURTH WORD

***"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"***

***Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34***

### ***Reflection***

Almighty God, who forsook your Son upon the cross showing the world your judgment upon human sin and guilt, grant us, upon hearing his cry, the grace to know and believe that we will never be forsaken, that he is present with us even to the end of the age: for the sake of Jesus Christ who bore our sins on the cross. Amen.

ACF 56 How deep the Fathers love for us

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=z65YxhqY0\\_E](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=z65YxhqY0_E)

## THE FIFTH WORD

***"I thirst."***

***John 19:28***

### ***Reflection***

O blessed Savior, whose lips were dry and whose throat was parched, grant us the water of life that we who thirst after righteousness may find it quenched by your love and mercy, leading us to bring this same relief to others. Amen.

ACF 60 I heard the voice of Jesus say (verse 2)

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=cSSiEixBt8E>

## THE SIXTH WORD

***When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished;" and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit.***

***John 19:30***

## *Reflection*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who finished the work that you were sent to do, enable us by your Holy Spirit to be faithful to our call. Grant us strength to bear our crosses and endure our sufferings, even unto death. Enable us to live and love so faithfully that we also become good news to the world, joining your witness. O Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SoF 53 Broken for me, broken for you (v. 1+4)

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=cXmjJsPnNLA>

## THE SEVENTH WORD

***Jesus cried out in a loud voice,  
"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."***

***Luke 23:46***

## *Reflection*

Father, into whose hands your Son Jesus Christ commended his spirit, grant that we too, following his example, may in all of life and at the moment of our death entrust our lives into your faithful hands of love. In the name of Jesus who gave his life for us all. Amen

ACF 62 In manus tuas

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=dN6Jc0gUFAk>

## **Closing Prayers**

Closing hymn

SoF 446 O sacred head once wounded

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=3jw8XUMe-bs>

## **Benediction**

Postlude

Prayers after verses from

*Reformed Worship 14 © December 1989* Worship Ministries of the Christian Reformed Church.  
<https://www.reformedworship.org/article/december-1989/recalling-seven-last-words-christ>