

Confession of Sin

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Bidding Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The congregation responds to each petition with "Lord, have mercy."

The Words of Institution

The Peace of the Lord.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Choral Agnus Dei sung by the choir

Distribution Hymns

"O Darkest Woe"

Insert

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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"The Royal Banners Forward Go"

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Post Communion Collect

Hymn

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

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The congregation leaves in silence.

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Sussex, Wisconsin

Good Friday

April 15, 2022

1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

The Order of Service

The congregation arrives in silence.

Guests and the Lord's Supper: *Receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Lord's Supper celebrates the death of our Lord Jesus Christ as the only source of salvation for us as sinners. In the Holy Communion the Lord gives to us the forgiveness of sins that He earned for us upon the cross in the sacrifice and offering of His true body and blood on our behalf. The Lord's Supper is a gift of pure grace and may only be received by those who know their sin and who hunger and thirst for salvation in Christ. If you are a guest, please speak to the pastor before approaching the altar. We are concerned about the confession of faith and spiritual welfare of all who commune.*

Hymn

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"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

Choir sings stanzas 2 and 3

Stand and face the processional cross

Procession Sung three times

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

C: O come, let us worship Him.

The Reproaches

L: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

Choir: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

C: Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

L: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

Choir: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

C: Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

L: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

Choir: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

C: Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

L: We adore You, / O Lord,*
And we praise and glorify Your holy resur- / rection.
For behold, by the wood / of Your cross*
joy has come into / all the world.

C: God be merciful to us and / bless us,*
and cause His face to shine upon us,
and have mercy up- / on us.
We adore You, / O Lord,*
And we praise and glorify Your holy resur- / rection.

L: For behold, by the wood / of Your cross*
joy has come into / all the world.

Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray.
Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

The prophecy of the suffering Servant

Choral Response

1:00 – “Under the Eastern Sky” by Ronald A. Nelson

7:00 – “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” by J.S. Bach

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us.

Hymn

428

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

The Passion According to St. John

John 18:1—19:42

Sermon

Hymn

423

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

“Erbarme dich” – J. S. Bach

Sung in German/Translation is printed below

Preservice music

This aria is one of the most sublime and powerful from J.S. Bach’s *St. Matthew Passion*. It reflects Peter’s solitary heartache in the garden after he denies knowing Jesus three times.

Aching beauty and profound sadness coexist in this music, along with a mix of other emotions which transcend description and literal meaning.

English Translation:

Have mercy, my God,
for the sake of my tears!
See here, before You
heart and eyes weep bitterly.
Have mercy, my God.

“Under the Eastern Sky”

By Ronald Nelson

Under the Eastern sky,
Amid the rabble’s cry
A Man went forth to die for me.

Thorn-crowned His blessed head,
Blood-stained His ev’ry tread,
Cross-laden, on He sped, for me.

Pierced glow His hands and feet,
Three hours o’er Him beat
Fierce rays of noon-tide heat for me.

Thus wert Thou made all mine;
Lord, make me wholly Thine,
Grant grace and strength divine to me.

In thought and word and deed Thy will to do
O lead my soul, e’en though it bleed, to Thee.

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken?”

Setting by J.S. Bach

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
Of what transgression?

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted,
God is committed.

O Darkest Woe

O darkest woe! Ye tears, forth flow!
Has earth so sad a wonder?
God the Father's only Son
Now is buried yonder.

O sorrow dread! God's Son is dead!
But by His expiation
Of our guilt upon the cross
Gained for us salvation.

O sinful Man! It was the ban
Of death on thee that brought Him
Down to suffer for thy sins
And such woe hath wrought Him.

O Ground of faith, Laid low in death,
Sweet lips, now silent sleeping!
Surely all that live must mourn
Here with bitter weeping.

O blest shall be. Eternally.
Who oft in faith will ponder
Why the glorious Prince of Life
Should be buried yonder.

O Jesus blest, My Help and Rest,
With tears I now intreat Thee:
Make me love Thee to the last,
Till in heaven I greet Thee.