

April 3, 2026

Holy Week – Good Friday

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church where The Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi presides this evening.

Please enter in silence.



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Welcome to this contemplation on the death of our Lord. Let us hear the Word and join in prayer for our world that the meaning of Christ's death may cause us to live for our Lord and for the sake of one another.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

A The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22

A ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me,
so far from the words of my groaning?

All ² **My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.**

A ³ Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

All ⁴ **Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.**

A ⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

All ⁶**But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

A ⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

All ⁸**“Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”**

A ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

All ¹⁰**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in
my mother’s womb.**

A ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.

All ¹²**Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

A ¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.

All ¹⁴**I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

- A** ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.
- All** ¹⁶ **Packs of dogs close me in,
a band of evildoers circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.**
- A** ¹⁷ I can count all my bones
while they stare at me and gloat.
- All** ¹⁸ **They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.**
- A** ¹⁹ But you, O Lord, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.
- All** ²⁰ **Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**
- A** ²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- All** ²² **I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

- A** ²³ You who fear the Lord, give praise!
All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.
- All** ²⁴ **For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**
- A** ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
- All** ²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**
- A** ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- All** ²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.**
- A** ²⁹ Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down
in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel before the Lord.
- All** ³⁰ **Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

A ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn.
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

A The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All **Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.**

The GOSPEL John 18:1--19:42

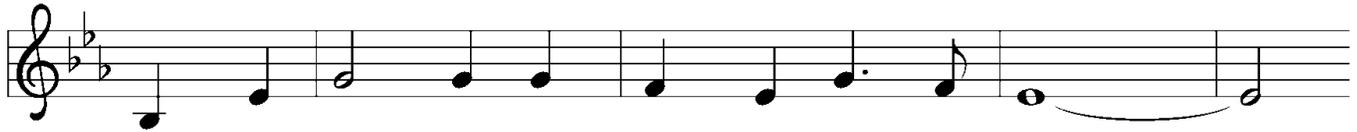


SERMON Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi

Hymn

Were You There

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- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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BIDDING PRAYER

The presider concludes each petition:

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All respond: Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Leave in silence.

Join us at the empty tomb on Sunday morning at 10:30 am.

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