



**St. Andrew Church's "Why" Statement...** *To come together as a worshipping community, nourished by God's love so that we may reflect God's love to others.*  
Adopted April 2023

**March 29, 2024**  
**Good Friday**

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

**+GATHERING+**

*We gather in silence and prayer  
(\*indicates all are invited to stand as able)*

**\*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.**

**+WORD+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

**FIRST READING      Isaiah 52:13--53:12**

*The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The servant pours himself out to death and is numbered with the transgressors, images that the early church saw as important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.*

**A reading from Isaiah**

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.

<sup>14</sup>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—

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**    ***We Praise Your Cross, O Christ***    words by D. Dufner,  
music by T. Keesecker

Because you bore the scourge for us,  
Because you knew the nails for us,  
Because you shed your blood for us,  
We praise your cross, O Christ!

You wore a crown of thorns for us;  
You bore the tree of shame for us;  
You wore a burial shroud for us.  
We praise your cross, O Christ!

Because your throat was parched for us,  
 Because you tasted gall for us,  
 Because your side was pierced for us,  
 We praise your cross, O Christ!

You carried all our sins for us;  
 You crushed the serpent's head for us;  
 You conquered death by death for us.  
 We praise your cross, O Christ!

Because you gave your life for us,  
 Because you died for love of us,  
 Because you intercede for us,  
 We praise your cross, O Christ!

## **SECOND READING      Hebrews 10:16-25**

*In the death of Jesus, forgiveness of sins is accomplished and access to God is established. Hence, when we gather together for worship and when we love others, we experience anew the benefits of Jesus' death.*

### **A reading from Hebrews.**

[After the Holy Spirit says,]    <sup>16</sup>"This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds,"

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an

evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HOMILY**

**HYMN *There in God's Garden* ELW 342 st. 1,2,4,6,**

- 1 There in God's garden  
stands the Tree of Wisdom,  
whose leaves hold forth  
the healing of the nations:  
Tree of all knowledge,  
Tree of all compassion,  
Tree of all beauty.
  
- 2 Its name is Jesus,  
name that says, "Our Savior!"  
There on its branches  
see the scars of suffering;  
see where the tendrils  
of our human selfhood  
feed on its lifeblood.
  
- 4 See how its branches  
reach to us in welcome;  
hear what the Voice says,  
"Come to me, ye weary!  
Give me your sickness,  
give me all your sorrow,  
I will give blessing."
  
- 6 All heav'n is singing,  
"Thanks to Christ whose passion  
offers in mercy  
healing, strength, and pardon.  
Peoples and nations,  
take it, take it freely!"  
Amen! My Master!

## **GOSPEL            John 18.1-19.42**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

### **John 18.1-11**

*Silence*

### **John 18.12-18**

*Silence*

### **John 18.19-27**

*Silence*

## **HYMN    Ah, Holy Jesus    ELW 349, st. 1,2**

- 1    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.
  
- 2    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.

### **John 18.28-40**

*Silence*

## **HYMN    Ah, Holy Jesus    ELW 349 st.3**

- 3    Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
       the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
       for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,



God interceded.

**JOHN 19.1-16a**

*Silence*

**JOHN 19.16b-25a**

*Silence*

**HYMN *In a Lowly Manger Born* ELW 718 st. 1,3**

- 1 In a lowly manger born,  
 humble life begun in scorn;  
 under Joseph's watchful eye,  
 Jesus grew as you and I;  
 knew the suff'rings of the weak,  
 knew the patience of the meek,  
 hungered as but poor folk can;  
 this is he. Behold the man!
- 3 Then, to rescue you and me,  
 Jesus died upon the tree.  
 See in him God's love revealed;  
 by his passion we are healed.  
 Now he lives in glory bright,  
 lives again in pow'r and might;  
 come and take the path he trod,  
 son of Mary, Son of God.

*The congregation is invited to stand for the remainder of the reading.*

**John 19.25b-30**

*Silence*

**Hymn *Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth* ELW 727 st.1,4**

- 1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth,  
 upon a cross they bound you,  
 and mocked your saving kingship's worth  
 by thorns with which they crowned you.  
 And still our wrongs may fashion now  
 new thorns to pierce that steady brow,  
 and robe of sorrow round you.
- 4 O wounded hands of Jesus, build  
 in us your new creation;  
 our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled;  
 we wait your revelation.  
 O Love that triumphs over loss,  
 we bring our hearts before your cross;  
 come, finish your salvation.

**John 19.31-42**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Silence for meditation*

**ANTHEM *Were You There?* Music by R. Haan**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when he bowed his head and died?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when he rose up from the tomb?  
 Were you there when he rose up from the tomb?  
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.

## **THE BIDDING PRAYER**

*The assembly sits. The assisting minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid. The presiding minister leads the prayers that conclude the silence. The congregation responds with **Amen** at the end of each bid.*

...through Christ Our Lord. **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.**

## **PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

Behold the life-giving cross,  
 on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.  
**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*The dialogue is spoken a second time at the midpoint of the procession.*

Behold the life-giving cross,  
 on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.  
**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*The dialogue is spoken a third time at the end of the procession.*

Behold the life-giving cross,  
on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.  
**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

### **We Glory in Your Cross**

**We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and we praise your holy resurrection,  
for by your cross joy has come into the world.**

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.

**We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and we praise your holy resurrection,  
for by your cross joy has come into the world.**

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.

**We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and we praise your holy resurrection,  
for by your cross joy has come into the world.**

*Brief Silence*

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

*Please be seated for silent prayer and quiet meditation.*

**Elegie**

G. Faure'

**ADORATION OF THE CRUCIFIED**

*As you silently depart the worship space you are invited to come to the front of the church to reverence the cross. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.*

**WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, March 29, 2024**

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Gwynne Hopko, Deacon, Minister of Music

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