



GOOD FRIDAY

AT BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good Friday, April 18, 2025
6:30 pm Worship

PROCESSIONAL OF CROSS AND CHRIST-CANDLE

You are invited to rise and turn to face the cross and candle as they enter the sanctuary. This is a physical expression of our faithful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself is present in our worship.

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
People: The Light no darkness can overcome.

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
People: The Light no darkness can overcome.

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
People: The Light no darkness can overcome.

Leader: Stay with us Lord for it is evening,
People: and the day is almost gone.

Leader: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
People: have mercy on us.

Leader: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
People: grant us peace.

Leader: Gracious Jesus, very Lamb of God,
**People: at this hour, You bore our sin in Your own body on the tree;
You did this, so that we, being dead to sin, might live for
righteousness.**

Leader: Have mercy on us now and at the hour of our death,
and give us a holy and peaceful life in this world.

People: Jesus, Lamb of God, take away my sin,

Leader: have mercy on us.

People: Jesus, Lamb of God, take away my sin,

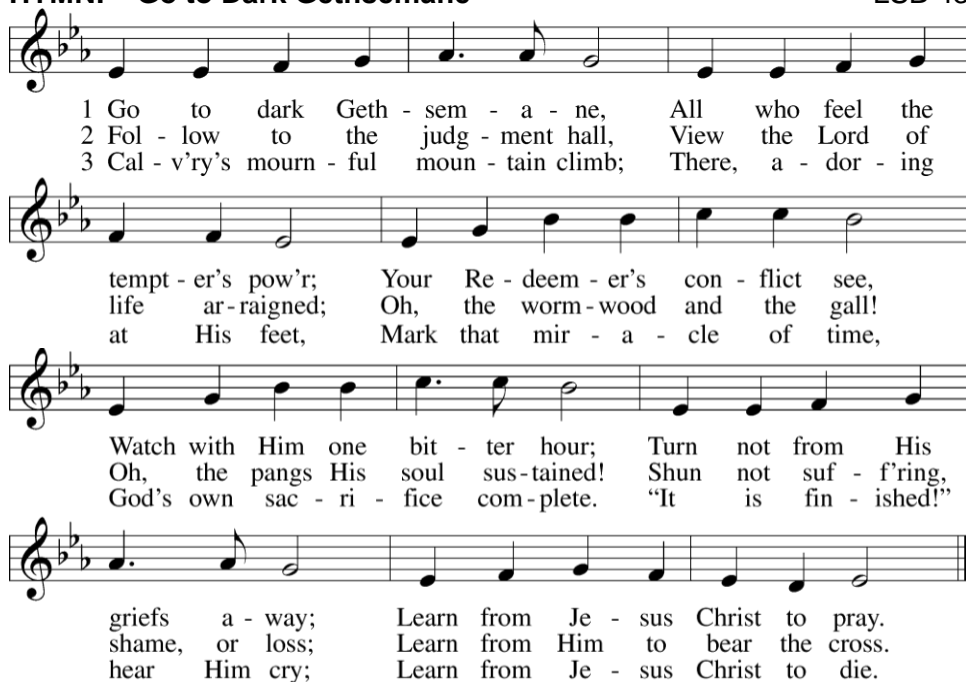
Leader: grant us peace.

**People: Through Your grace, grant us eternal glory in the life to come,
where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and rule,
One God now and forever. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus, the Lamb of God, has taken away the sins of the world.
Through the redeeming power of Jesus death and by His call and
command I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of
the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LSB 436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
 tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
 griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

READING FROM THE PASSION: *John 18:1-11*

After Jesus finished his prayer, He went with his disciples to the other side of the Kidron Valley. They entered the garden that was there.

Judas, who betrayed Him, knew the place because Jesus and His disciples often gathered there. So Judas took a troop of soldiers and the guards from the chief priests and Pharisees and went to the garden. They were carrying lanterns, torches, and weapons.

Jesus knew everything that was going to happen to Him. So He went to meet them and asked, "Who are you looking for?"

They answered Him, "Jesus from Nazareth."

Jesus told them, "I am He."

Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with the crowd. When Jesus told them, "I am He," the crowd backed away and fell to the ground.

Jesus asked them again, "Who are you looking for?"

They said, "Jesus from Nazareth."

HYMN:

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

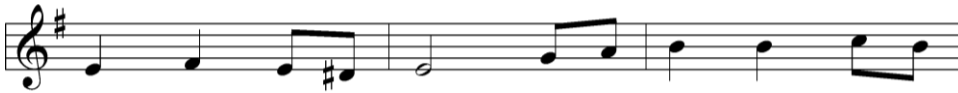
LSB 451



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

READING FROM THE PASSION: *John 18:12-27*

Then the army officer and the Jewish guards arrested Jesus. They tied Jesus up and took Him first to Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas. Caiaphas, the chief priest that year, was the person who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one man die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. The other disciple was well-known to the chief priest. So that disciple went with Jesus into the chief priest's courtyard. Peter, however, was standing outside the gate. The other disciple talked to the woman who was the gatekeeper and brought Peter into the courtyard.

The gatekeeper asked Peter, "Aren't you one of this man's disciples too?"
Peter answered, "No, I'm not!"

The servants and the guards were standing around a fire they had built and were warming themselves because it was cold. Peter was standing there, too, and warming himself with the others.

The chief priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teachings.

Jesus answered him, "I have spoken publicly for everyone to hear. I have always taught in synagogues or in the temple courtyard, where all the Jews gather. I haven't said anything in secret. Why do you question Me? Question those who heard what I said to them. They know what I've said."

When Jesus said this, one of the guards standing near Jesus slapped His face and said, "Is that how You answer the chief priest?"

Jesus replied to him, "If I've said anything wrong, tell Me what it was. But if I've told the truth, why do you hit Me?"

Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas, the chief priest. Jesus was still tied up.

Simon Peter continued to stand and warm himself by the fire. Some men asked him, "Aren't you, too, one of His disciples?"

Peter denied it by saying, "No, I'm not!"

One of the chief priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked him, "Didn't I see you with Jesus in the garden?"

Peter again denied it, and just then a rooster crowed. — GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: ***"Ah, Holy Jesus, mvt. II"***

Bethany Choir

*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.*

The second candle is extinguished.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: Let us pray for all who are not yet believers in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that God would call them to faith in Him and gather them into His family, the Church:

People: **Almighty and everlasting God,
because You do not want anyone to be lost to You,
Hear our prayers for all who do not yet believe in You.
Open their eyes, hearts, and minds to the wonder of Your glory
and bring them into the body of Your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN:

“O Perfect Life of Love”

LSB 452



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,
2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;
4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul
6 In ev - 'ry time of need, Be - fore the judg - ment throne,



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Thy mer - its, not mine own.

READING FROM THE PASSION: *John 18:28-40* (read responsively)

[L]: Early in the morning, Jesus was taken from Caiaphas' house to the governor's palace.

The Jews wouldn't go into the palace. They didn't want to become unclean, since they wanted to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What accusation are you making against this man?"

The Jews answered Pilate, "If He weren't a criminal, we wouldn't have handed Him over to you."

Pilate told the Jews, "Take Him, and try Him by your law."

P: The Jews answered him, “We’re not allowed to execute anyone.” In this way what Jesus had predicted about how He would die came true.

L: Pilate went back into the palace, called for Jesus, and asked Him, “Are You the king of the Jews?”

Jesus replied, “Did you think of that yourself, or did others tell you about Me?”

Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and the chief priests handed You over to me. What have You done?”

Jesus answered, “My kingdom doesn’t belong to this world. If My kingdom belonged to this world, My followers would fight to keep Me from being handed over to the Jews. My kingdom doesn’t have its origin on earth.”

Pilate asked Him, “So You are a king?”

Jesus replied, “You’re correct in saying that I’m a king. I have been born and have come into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to Me.”

Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

After Pilate said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I don’t find this man guilty of anything. You have a custom that I should free one person for you at Passover. Would you like me to free the king of the Jews for you?”

P: The Jews shouted again, “Don’t free this man! Free Barabbas!”— GW®

The third candle is extinguished.

HYMN:

"Were You There"

LSB 456



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

READING FROM THE PASSION: *John 19:1-16a (responsively)*

[L]: Then Pilate had Jesus taken away and whipped. The soldiers twisted some thorny branches into a crown, placed it on His head, and put a purple cape on Him. They went up to Him, said, "Long live the king of the Jews!" and slapped His face.

Pilate went outside again and told the Jews, "I'm bringing Him out to you to let you know that I don't find this man guilty of anything." Jesus went outside. He was wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cape. Pilate said to the Jews, "Look, here's the man!"

[P]: **When the chief priests and the guards saw Jesus, they shouted, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"**

[L]: Pilate told them, "You take Him and crucify Him. I don't find this man guilty of anything."

The Jews answered Pilate, "We have a law, and by that law He must die because He claimed to be the Son of God."

When Pilate heard them say that, he became more afraid than ever. He went into the palace again and asked Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus didn't answer him.

So Pilate said to Jesus, "Aren't You going to answer me? Don't You know that I have the authority to free You or to crucify You?"

Jesus answered Pilate, "You wouldn't have any authority over Me if it hadn't been given to you from above. That's why the man who handed Me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

When Pilate heard what Jesus said, he wanted to free Him. But the Jews shouted, "If you free this man, you're not a friend of the emperor. Anyone who claims to be a king is defying the emperor."

When Pilate heard what they said, he took Jesus outside and sat on the judge's seat in a place called Stone Pavement. (In Hebrew it is called *Gabbatha*.) The time was about noon on the Friday of the Passover festival.

Pilate said to the Jews, "Look, here's your king!"

P: **Then the Jews shouted, "Kill Him! Kill Him! Crucify Him!"**

L: Pilate asked them, "Should I crucify your king?"

P: **The chief priests responded, "The emperor is the only king we have!"**

L: Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. — GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: **"Ah, Holy Jesus, mvt. III"**

Bethany Choir

*Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned and the Son hath suffered, suffered
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.
God intercedeth for man.*

The fourth candle is extinguished.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: Let us pray to our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all terror, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those who are oppressed, give health to the sick, and a safe journey to all who travel:

People: **Almighty and everlasting God,
comfort of the sorrowful and strength of the weak,
hear the prayers of those who cry to You in suffering or distress,
so that in all their needs they celebrate in Your help and comfort;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN:

“Upon the Cross Extended”

LSB 453

1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so
7 Your cross I place be - fore me; Its sav - ing

Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?
pow'r re - store me, Sus - tain me in the test.

The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -
It will, when life is end - ing, Be guid - ing and at -

giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.
tend - ing My way to Your e - ter - nal rest.

READING FROM THE PASSION: *John 19:16b-24*

So the soldiers took Jesus. He carried his own cross and went out of the city to a location called The Skull. (In Hebrew this place is called *Golgotha*.) The soldiers crucified Jesus and two other men there. Jesus was in the middle.

Pilate wrote a notice and put it on the cross. The notice read, “Jesus from Nazareth, the king of the Jews.” Many Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. The notice was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek.

The chief priests of the Jewish people told Pilate, “Don’t write, ‘The king of the Jews!’ Instead, write, ‘He said that he is the king of the Jews.’ ”

Pilate replied, “I have written what I’ve written.”

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them four ways so that each soldier could have a share. His robe was left over. It didn’t have a seam because it had been woven in one piece from top to bottom. The soldiers said to each other, “Let’s not rip it apart. Let’s throw dice to see who will get it.” In this way the Scripture came true: “They divided my clothes among themselves. They threw dice for my clothing.” So that’s what the soldiers did. — GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Ah, Holy Jesus mvt. IV"

Bethany Choir

*For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, thy life's oblation;
They death of anguish, thy bitter passion,
For my salvation, thy incarnation
For my salvation.*

The fifth candle is extinguished.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives that reflect godliness and honesty:

People: O merciful Father in heaven, You hold in Your hand
all the power of humanity for the punishment of evildoers
and for the praise of those who do well throughout all the world.
We humbly pray for Your guidance and protection
of all who serve in our church, community, county, state, nation,
and in each nation in the world;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN: "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken?" LSB 439

2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de-
The Mas-ter pays the debt His ser-vants
Man for-feit-ed his life and is ac-
cry Thee; They cru-ci-fy Thee.
owe Him, Who would not know Him.
quit-ted; God is com-mit-ted.

(Please stand)

READING FROM THE PASSION: *John 19:25-30*

Jesus' mother, her sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary from Magdala were standing beside Jesus' cross. Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing there. He said to His mother, "Look, here's your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Look, here's your mother!"

From that time on she lived with that disciple in his home.

After this, when Jesus knew that everything had now been finished, He said, "I'm thirsty." He said this so that Scripture could finally be concluded.

A jar filled with vinegar was there. So the soldiers put a sponge soaked in the vinegar on a hyssop stick and held it to His mouth.

After Jesus had taken the vinegar, He said, "It is finished!"

Then He bowed His head and died. — GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Solo

~Arr. Craig Courtney

The sixth candle is extinguished.

(Please be seated)

READING FROM THE PASSION: *John 19:31-42*

Since it was Friday and the next day was an especially important day of rest—a holy day, the Jews didn't want the bodies to stay on the crosses. So they asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and their bodies removed. The soldiers broke the legs of the first man and then of the other man who had been crucified with Jesus.

When the soldiers came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they didn't break His legs. However, one of the soldiers stabbed Jesus' side with his spear, and blood and water immediately came out. The one who saw this is an eyewitness. What he says is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth so that you, too, will believe.

This happened so that the Scripture would come true: "None of His bones will be broken." Another Scripture passage says, "They will look at the person whom they have stabbed."

Later Joseph from the city of Arimathea asked Pilate to let him remove Jesus' body. (Joseph was a disciple of Jesus but secretly because he was afraid of the Jews). Pilate gave him permission to remove Jesus' body. So Joseph removed it. Nicodemus, the one who had first

come to Jesus at night, went with Joseph and brought 75 pounds of a myrrh and aloe mixture.

These two men took the body of Jesus and bound it with strips of linen. They laced the strips with spices. This was the Jewish custom for burial.

A garden was located in the place where Jesus was crucified. In that garden was a new tomb in which no one had yet been placed. Joseph and Nicodemus put Jesus in that tomb, since that day was the Jewish day of preparation and since the tomb was nearby. — GW®

PRAYER:

Leader: Holy Father, merciful Lord, God of grace, in Your great love for us, You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to suffer and die on the cross that we might joyfully live in You.

**People: Grant that all who die, find salvation in His death.
Grant that all who suffer, find consolation in His suffering.
Grant that all who are rejected, find acceptance in His condemnation.**

Leader: Finally, grant that all who live, find hope in His life, who has taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER: (*whispered by 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.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IS REMOVED

HYMN:**“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

LSB 449



- 1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
4 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS RETURNED**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:****“Ah, Holy Jesus, mvt. V”**

*Therefore, kind Jesus,
Since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.*

We depart in silence

COPYRIGHT PERMISSIONS:

Liturgy from *Lutheran Service Book*, © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission, LSBHymnLicense.net #000012696

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” LSB 436
Text: James Montgomery; Tune: Richard Redhead; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941. Text and music: Public domain.

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” LSB 451
Text: Thomas Kelly, alt.; Tune: *Geistliche Volkslieder*, Paderborn, 1850; setting: Paul G. Bunjes, alt.; Text and tune: Public domain.
Setting: © 1982 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-706149.

“O Perfect Life of Love” LSB 452 Stzs. 1, 2, 4, 5
Text: Henry W. Baker, alt.; Tune: William Daman; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941; Text and music: Public domain

“Were You There” LSB 456
Text: African American spiritual, 19th cent., alt.
Tune: African American spiritual, 19th cent., alt.; setting: C. Winfred Douglas, 1867-1944.
Text and music: Public domain

“Upon the Cross Extended” LSB 453
Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. John Kelly, 1833-90, alt.
Tune: Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450-1517; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941.
Text and Tune: Public domain

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” LSB 439 Stzs. 2, 4, 5
Text: Johann Heerman; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.; Tune: Johann Crüger; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941; Text & music: Public domain.

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” LSB 449
Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux; German version, Paul Gerhardt; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.
Tune: Hans Leo Hassler; setting: Johann Sebastian Bach. Music: Public domain.
Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-706149.

+ + + + + +

SERVING GOD’S HOUSE TONIGHT:

Acolyte...Henry Cerulle	Crucifer...Logan Noble
Liturgist...Pastor Kyle Blake	Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer
Director of Music & Worship Arts...Noah Freeman	Accompanist...Kevin Bowers
Organist...Robert Bottoms	Sound...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann

+ + + + + +

If You’re a Visitor, WELCOME! We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about Bethany and its ministries, please scan the QR code to the right. You will be directed to Bethany’s fillable information form.



+ + + + + +

EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, April 20 at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am