

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good Friday

April 3, 2026, 7 PM

Austin Campus

Gather

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## QUIET TIME FOR MEDITATION

**INVOCATION:** *FROM GENESIS 1 AND JOHN 1*

P: In the beginning, darkness covered the face of the deep. Then God said,

C: **Let there be light**

P: And there was light. And every day since, the light has come and gone.

C: **The sun has risen and set**

P: The moon has waxed and waned

C: **The light is still with us**

P: In the beginning was the Word, which brought all things into being.

What has come into being through him is life,

C: **The light of all people**

P: The light shined in the darkness

C: **And the darkness did not overtake it**

P: When God made the light, when the light of all people came into the world, God did not send away the dark.

C: **The darkness remains**

P: God created the night for dreams and clarity

C: **An exhaling of the light**

P: Let us enter this holy darkness to bear witness to the light of the world who was extinguished by violence

C: **Let us worship our Incarnate God**

Word

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**THE ARREST:** *LUKE 22:47-53*

**VISIO DIVINA (Divine Vision): REVEALED THROUGH NONVIOLENCE**



Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org  
Inspired by Luke 22:47-53, 23:33-38,44-46

**SONG: LEAD ME TO THE CROSS (Hillsong)**

Savior I come  
Quiet my soul  
Remember  
Redemptions hill  
Where your blood was spilled  
For my ransom

**Pre-Chorus:** Everything I once held dear  
I count it all as lost

**Chorus:** Lead me to the cross  
Where your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees  
Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself  
I belong to you  
Oh lead me  
Lead me to the cross

You were as I  
Tempted and trialed  
Human  
The word became flesh  
Bore my sin and death  
Now you're risen (*Pre-Chorus, Chorus*)

**Bridge:** To your heart  
To your heart  
Lead me to your heart  
Lead me to your heart (*Chorus*)

Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood

## **THE SENTENCING: LUKE 23:13-25**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Holy God, we can easily see ourselves in any number of the people surrounding Jesus in his final days. We are Judas, betraying what we hold most dear for status, wealth, and security. We are the soldiers, using our power to maintain the status quo which serves us. We are the disciples, brandishing our weapons to fight violence with violence. We are the high priest's servant, victims of a world hell-bent on winning.

**C: Prince of Peace, forgive us.**

P: We are Herod, finding our entertainment at the expense of other people's dignity. We are Pilate, excusing ourselves from the blame that is rightfully ours. We are the crowd, foaming at the mouth and demanding blood. We are Barabbas, our lives spared while others are crucified.

**C: Prince of Peace, forgive us.**

P: Forgive us, we pray, for the parts we have played. Set us free from the sin that chokes the world, threatening to extinguish all that is good and beautiful. Break the cycles of violence, step into the machinery of a world fueled by division and disrupt us.

**C: Prince of Peace, forgive us. Have mercy on us. Amen.**

P: Family of faith, the impossibly good news is that we are forgiven. No matter what we have or haven't done, our God is always waiting with open arms to receive us. Amen.

**SONG: O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED**

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O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.

What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever,  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.

What Thou, my Lord, has suffered  
was all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
look on me with Thy favor,  
and grant to me Thy grace.

The joy can never be spoken  
Above all joys beside  
When in thy body broken  
I thus with safety hide  
O Lord of Life, desiring  
Thy glory now to see  
Beside thy cross expiring  
I'd breathe my soul to thee

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

**THE CRUCIFIXION:** *LUKE 23:33-38*

**REFLECTING ON THE CROSS:** *STATIONS*

**SONG: IT IS FINISHED** (*Bifrost Arts*)

When God's own begotten Son  
Heaved his final sigh  
Everything was fully done  
Hearken to his cry

**Chorus:** It is finished, finished  
What more could we ever do?

Nothing either great or small  
Nothing can you claim  
Jesus died and paid it all  
Only plead his name (*Chorus*)

Lay your deadly doing down  
Down at Jesus' feet  
Stand in him and him alone  
Gloriously complete (*Chorus*)

There the robber, there the priest  
Gathered round they stand  
Reaping now that blessed promised  
Nailed into his hands (*Chorus*)

**THE DEATH: LUKE 23:44-46**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

P: With a kiss of betrayal, Judas believed he was instigating the liberation of Israel.

**C: Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing**

P: Through that kiss, Jesus made a way for the liberation of all people.

**C: See, I am making all things new**

P: With a charge of blasphemy, the elders believed they were protecting their religion.

**C: Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing**

P: Through that charge, Jesus showed that true religion is about relationship with God and not human structures.

**C: See, I am making all things new**

P: With a sentence of death, the Roman Empire believed they were preserving power through violence.

**C: Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing**

P: Through that death sentence, Jesus revealed violence to be no match for sacrifice.

**C: See, I am making all things new**

P: With obedience to duty, the soldiers believed they were bringing order and peace to the world by way of a political kingdom.

**C: Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing**

P: Through that obedience, Jesus brought order and peace to the world by way of a heavenly kingdom.

**C: See, I am making all things new**

*(arranged by Dan Wunderlich, DefiningGrace.com)*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT

*The congregation departs. Those wishing to remain may do so in silence.*

*The omission of benedictions at the end of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services indicates their continuity with each other and with the services of Easter.*

### Serving in Worship

Presiding Ministers: Pastor Corey Wagonfield  
Assisting Minister: Steve Lubbers  
Praise Team: Michele Borns, Gabe Ferraiuolo,  
Jake & Mary Groom, Dick Lane, Bill Norman,  
Scott Watamaniuk, Robyn Zimmann  
Sound/Slides: Spencer Watamaniuk, Brittany Albert  
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