

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 7, 2023

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COLUMBUS, TEXAS

Silence is kept in preparation for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer:

C 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.

Hymn:

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Red Hymnal #349

P We confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Bidding Prayers:

A Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God, the almighty Father, guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility.
(Silent prayer.)

P Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray that God, the almighty, and merciful father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of hatred, hunger, and disease.

(Silent prayer.)

P Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for our journey between tonight and Easter morning, that we give ample time to reflect on the death of Jesus Christ for our sins.

(Silent prayer.)

P Almighty and eternal God, you gave us the Holy Spirit through your Son Jesus Christ. Help us lean on and learn from the Spirit to trust and believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

C 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.

Opening up of Scripture: John 18:12--19:16

Offering: Special Music “Peter's Song” Performed by Tracy Baker

Drama: “Denial and Trial of Jesus” by The Rev. Alan D. Kethan

Special Music “Beautiful, Terrible Cross” sung by St. Paul Trio
(Tracy Baker, Sharon Johnson & Diane Rau)

Silence is kept. Worshippers may remain for prayer and meditation.

Cast (In Order of Appearance)

Maid – Courtney Busselman

Jesus – Tiger Bergfeld

Soldiers – Mike Hackfeld, Brent Gorman, Sr.

Band of Jews – Dane Hackfeld, Carol Ripper, Andy Jones

Jewish Officer – Bradley Polasek

Peter – Pastor Alan Kethan

Anonymous Jesus Disciple – Terrel Maertz

Annas – Gary Schindler

Crowd of Jews – Lora Kuentler, Tiara Flores, Lee Goebel

Ca'iaphas – John Brasher

Sanhedrin – George Bergfeld

Pilate – Curtiss Schonenberg

Crew

Costumers – Gerri Hackfeld, Nelma Strey, DyAnn Lauzon

Set Design – Kevin and Wendy Page

Construction Crew – Chase Brasher, Brianne Kethan, Cast & Crew Members

Lighting – Clayton Holub

Sound – Todd Jacobs

Organist – Elena Holub

Usher – JoAnn Venghaus

Lay Reader – Deacon Barten

Easter Services – Sunrise 7:00 AM, Traditional 9:00 AM, Contemporary 11:05 AM

Men In Mission will be serving breakfast after the Sunrise service in the Lighthouse.

Easter Egg Hunts (ages 2-5th grade) – 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM {Meet first at the Lighthouse}



**GOOD FRIDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE**

“A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.”

– Mahatma Gandhi