

Veneration of the Cross—*Spoken Three Times*

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**

***Hymn:** “Were You there” (*Verses 1-3*) #147

Adoration:

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**No Benediction. We are in one continuous Service of Worship until we receive the Benediction on Easter.*

EMMANUEL GROUP PHOTO: On Saturday, April 15 - Easter Eve - we will be taking a group photo of our Emmanuel Church Family. Dress in your Easter best and put on your resurrection smiles.

Public Reading of the New Testament: We are celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and the gift of God’s Word by sharing a public reading of the entire New Testament on Easter Monday, April 17 from 6 am - Midnight. Refreshments will be offered. Stop by for a portion of the day and hear or read God’s Word!

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: Each week, Emmanuel Men are meeting on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study and a continental breakfast. We are currently reading and discussing the Bible (Genesis-Revelation). Read pages 370-373 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 108) in preparation for this week’s study (i.e. Joshua 19:1-21:19; Luke 18:31-19:10; & Proverbs 10:1-10).

Women of the Word! The Afternoon Bible Study Group begins an eight-week study next Thursday, April 20 at 1pm at Oasis Church. The topic will be the Lutheran Understanding of Marriage and Family (“The Luther Household”). The Evening Bible Study Group (Lady Light) continues its study on Revelation, monthly at the home of Katie Siebenaler at 6:30pm. Next Wednesday, April 19.

Saturday, April 22, Youth will enjoy an **Easter Egg Hunt** during Saturday School. Following our evening Worship Service, an **Emmanuel Huddle** will be offered during the Fellowship Time. Join as we discuss our ministry together!

The Emmanuel Weekly

April 14, 2017

Good Friday - 12:00 Noon

**“Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily
life!”**

*A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
To save a world of sinners.
He bears the burden all alone,
Dies shorn of all His honors.
He goes to slaughter, weak and faint,
Is led to die without complaint;
His spotless life he offers.
He bears the shame,
the stripes, the wrath;
His anguish, mockery, and death,
For us he gladly suffers.*

—Paul Gerhardt, 1648.

The Second of the “Three Holy Days” is Good Friday. In Today’s Liturgy, we gather with the whole church for 3 simple actions: To hear our Lord’s Passion from St. John’s Gospel, to remember all creation in prayer, and to meditate on the mystery of our salvation on the Cross. The Bidding Prayer has been a part of the Good Friday Liturgy since at least the Fourth Century.

**The April 2017 Emmanuel Prayer
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter
are available in print!**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- April 14 - Good Friday Worship with Bidding Prayer (12:00 Noon)
- Saturday, April 15 Easter Worship at 6pm Resurrection of our Lord
- Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday. Buried Alleluias return. Christ is Risen!
- Monday, April 17 - Public Reading of the New Testament (6amff)
- Tuesday, April 18 at 8 am - Men’s Bible Study Breakfast; Text Study (10:30am)
- Wed, April 19 - Madonna Towers Worship (1pm); Lady Light at Katie Siebenaler’s (6:30pm)
- Thursday, April 20 Women’s Bible Study at Oasis Church (1pm)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

52:13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. **14** As many were astonished at you -- his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind -- **15** so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. **53:12** Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? **2** 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. **3** He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **4** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. **5** But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. **6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. **8** By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? **9** And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. **10** Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. **11** Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. **12** Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, & he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death & was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Thanks for worshiping with us on this Good Friday. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life!

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Worship
Good Friday
April 14, 2017
12:00 Noon

ReClaim Hymnal

** indicates stand as you are able!*

Service begins in silence: Seen as a part of the larger celebration of the mystery of salvation, it is appropriate for Good Friday to be an austere time of reflection and intercession, as well as the adoration of Christ, our sacrificial lamb.

Opening Prayer:

P: Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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.

C: Amen.

Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

***Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #149**

Passion Narrative: John 18:1-19:42

Passion Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #132

Sermon: "The Father's Sacrifice" Rev. David Steffenson

The Bidding Prayer: Each bid is offered by a worship leader and is followed by silent prayer. At the end of the silent praying, a prayer will be offered by Pastor Dave. Each prayer will conclude with: "We ask this through Christ our Lord." Congregation responds, "AMEN".

The Lord's Prayer: Traditional Version

***Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus"**

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