GOOD FRIDAY
A Service of Scripture and Meditation On
The Passion of our Lord According to St. John

Synod Council of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
The Second Good Friday of The COVID-19 Pandemic
April 2, 2021

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, 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. Amen.

Musical Meditation:
“O Sacred Head Now Wounded” ELW #351

Marvin Huls & Marc Tourre
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greensburg (Rev. Larry Kemp, Interim Pastor)
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

THE FIRST READING
Betrayal and Arrest, Jesus before the High Priest
John 18:1–14

Reader:
Pastor Bob Schaefer
The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Monroeville

Meditation:
Pastor Kerri Clark
Trinity Lutheran Church, Connellsville

THE SECOND READING
Peter Denies Jesus,
The High Priest Questions Jesus,
Peter Denies Jesus Again
John 18:15–27

Reader:
Pastor Bob Schaefer
The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Monroeville

Meditation:
Candidate Tricia Christman
Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Zelienople

THE THIRD READING
Jesus before Pilate
John 18:28–38a

Reader:
Pastor Bob Schaefer
The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Monroeville

Meditation:
Pastor Bill Schaefer
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Latrobe
THE FOURTH READING
Jesus Sentenced to Death
John 18:38b–19:16

Reader:
Pastor Bob Schaefer
The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Monroeville

Meditation:
Pastor Sue Irons
Around the River Lutheran Parish, Ohio Valley (Baden, Monaca, Aliquippa)

Musical Meditation:
“Jesus in Thy Dying Woes” LBW #112

The Congregation Choir
Trinity Lutheran Church, Butler, PA (Rev. Joel Benson, Pastor)

THE FIFTH READING
Jesus is Crucified at Golgotha
John 19:17–27

Reader:
Pastor Bob Schaefer
The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Monroeville

Meditation:
Pastor Chris Hough
Chaplain, Glade Run Lutheran Services

THE SIXTH READING
Jesus Dies
John 19:28–30
Reader: Bob Schaefer

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Pastor Bob Schaefer
The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Monroeville

Meditation:
Pastor James V. Arter, III
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Leechburg
THE SEVENTH READING
The Piercing of His Side and his Burial
John 19:31–42

Reader:
Pastor Bob Schaefer
The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Monroeville

Meditation:
Pastor Kimberly Van Driel
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Butler

Musical Meditation:
“Jesus, Remember Me” ELW #616

Chase A. Upchurch
Director of Music, Hope Lutheran Church, Cranberry
(Revs. Ronald Brown & Amy Michelson, Pastors)

CLOSING PRAYER
Pastor Sarah Rossing
St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Youngstown

From Martin Luther

Almighty Father, eternal God,
for us you sent your Son
and let him suffer
the pain of the cross,
that he might drive away from us
all the terror of the evil foe.
Move us to joyfully give thanks for his suffering
through which we have received
forgiveness of sins
and redemption from eternal death;
through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Closing Prayer Source: Martin Luther
Die Gebete Luthers, #14, Frieder Schultz, ed. 1974, p. 17
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