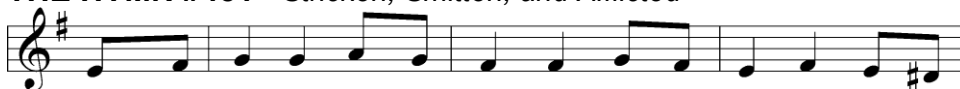




**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**April 3, 2026**  
***"It Is Finished!"***

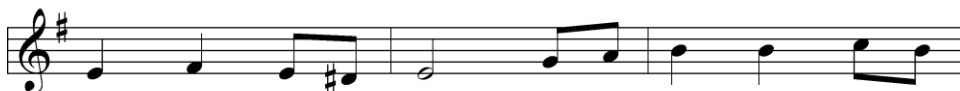
**THE HYMN #451 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"**



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.

***(please stand)***

## THE INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,

**C: thus securing an eternal redemption.**

P: Therefore He is the Mediator of a new covenant,

**C: so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

P: He sent redemption to His people;

**C: He has commanded His covenant forever.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*(Silence for repentant self-examination)*

P: O almighty God,

**C: Merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 31 (selected verses)

P: Be gracious to me, O LORD,

**C: for I am in distress; my times are in Your hand.**

P: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

**C: in Your righteousness deliver me!**

P: Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily!

**C: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**

P: For You are my rock and my fortress;

**C: and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me;**

P: You take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for You are my refuge.

**C: Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 52:13–53:12 (ESV)

Behold, My Servant shall act wisely; He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at You—His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—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. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 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. 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. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 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. 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. 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. 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? 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. 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. 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. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE EPISTLE** Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9 (ESV)

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . . In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was the Son, He found out from what He suffered what it means to obey. And when He was finished, He became the Source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE HYMN #453** "Upon the Cross Extended" (vv. 1-4, 6-7)



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will  
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so  
4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.  
sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?  
mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came  
We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -  
I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.  
gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.  
cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

**6 Your cords of love, my Savior,  
Bind me to You forever,  
I am no longer mine.  
To You I gladly tender  
All that my life can render  
And all I have to You resign.**

**7 Your cross I place before me;  
Its saving pow'r restore me,  
Sustain me in the test.  
It will, when life is ending,  
Be guiding and attending  
My way to Your eternal rest.**

**THE SERMON** "It Is Finished!" Text: John 19:28-30

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS #452 "O Perfect Life of Love"



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;  
3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;  
4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul



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.  
All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.

**5 In perfect love He dies;  
For me He dies, for me.  
O all-atoning Sacrifice,  
I cling by faith to Thee.**

**6 In ev'ry time of need,  
Before the judgment throne,  
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,  
Thy merits, not mine own.**

**7 Yet work, O Lord, in me  
As Thou for me hast wrought;  
And let my love the answer be  
To grace Thy love has brought.**

*(please stand)*


## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## THE AGNUS DEI ~ "Lamb of God" (page 198 in the hymnal)



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*(please be seated)*

## THE DISTRIBUTION

### THE DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in ✠ peace.

C: Amen.

## THE SERVICE OF DARKNESS THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AS RECORDED BY ST. JOHN

THE READING FROM THE PASSION John 18:1-11 (*Betrayal and arrest of Jesus*)

### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ.

C: Almighty and everlasting God, You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth. We ask You to keep Your Church safe throughout the world, defending her against Satan; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*(The first candle is extinguished.)*

**THE HYMN** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (#450.1)

**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.**

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

*(Jesus before the High Priest and the denial of Peter)*

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

**C:** **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.**

*(The second candle is extinguished.)*

**THE HYMN** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (#450.2)

**How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!  
How doth Thy face now languish That once was bright as morn!  
Grim death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.**

**THE READING FROM THE PASSION** John 18:28-40 *(Jesus before Pilate)*

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** 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:

**C:** **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.**

*(The third candle is extinguished.)*

**THE HYMN** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (#450.3)

**What Thou, my Lord, hast 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 READING FROM THE PASSION** John 19:1-16a *(Jesus prepared for crucifixion)*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: 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:

C: **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.**

*(The fourth candle is extinguished.)*

## THE HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (#450.4)

**My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.  
Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts divine.  
Thy lips have often fed me With words of truth and love;  
Thy Spirit oft hath led me To heav'nly joys above.**

## THE READING FROM THE PASSION John 19:16b-24 *(The crucifixion of Jesus)*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously give them the things which are necessary and beneficial for their salvation:

C: **O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We ask You, by Your gracious mercy, to lead all our enemies to true repentance so they may experience the same love and be of one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*(The fifth candle is extinguished.)*

## THE HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (#450.5)

**What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.**

## THE READING FROM THE PASSION John 19:25-30 *(Jesus' mother and His death)*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for peace, that we may experience the peace that is beyond our understanding as God comes to us through His Word and Sacraments, leading us by the Holy Spirit in our daily walk:

C: **Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose divine intervention all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all harmony, give us Your heavenly peace and unity that we may serve You in true awe and reverence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(The sixth candle is extinguished.)*

