

Family Worship for Good Friday – April 10

Service Note

For Good Friday, I recommend that everyone watch a movie account of the Passion of Jesus (links below). If you are unable to watch, then I recommend you read the Passion Account from the Gospel of John, chapters 18 & 19. When finished, close off with the ancient Bidding Prayer (below). In place of a candle, use a cross as table décor.

The goal of your devotion is to follow Jesus to his “throne of glory” that you may see and understand how much God has given to redeem you from your sin. Faith understands that God’s love is the “greatest of all” and the beating heart in all the Universe. In watching the sacrifice of our Lord, we see the true cost that God’s love was willing to bear that you and I might be redeemed from our sin and restored to a relationship of love with him. To put us in a proper frame of mind, we start with a reading of the Hymn, Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (LBW #115) or you may listen online.

Preparation [Jesus, I Will Ponder Now](#) (Alternate Hymn: [Ah, Holy Jesus](#))

L: We gather around the cross in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **R: Amen**

1. Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion; With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish Of Your suff’ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.
2. Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction, Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion:
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You, How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
3. Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Your passion, But its cause to me make known And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Your deep affliction; This indeed the cause has been Of Your crucifixion.
4. Let me view your pain and loss With repentant grieving, Nor prepare again your cross By unholy living.
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior, That I may in heav’n above Sing your praise forever.

Pastor’s Message

Movie Links

Option #1 – the LUMO project

This film is a voice over using the words of Matthews Gospel. It can be accessed in 3 ways:

On YouTube: [Gospel of Matthew - LUMO project](#) (Sections 44-50; free, but you will have to start each section anew)

On Netflix (Free if you have a subscription. Start at 2:40:40 in the film)

On [Amazon](#) (It can be rented or purchased for \$3.99;)

Option #2 – The Movie: Jesus of Nazareth

This is one of the classic Jesus movies.

On YouTube: [Movie: Jesus of Nazareth](#) (start at 5:04:10)

Option #3 – The Miracle Maker

This is a Children’s Movie that is very well done.

On YouTube: [The Miracle Maker](#) (start at 56:25)

The Bidding Prayer

(Choose someone to read the bid =L1 and someone to read the prayer = L2. If children are involved, let them make the bids for prayer =L1.)

L1: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

L2: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

L1: Let us pray for our pastor, church council, for all the people of God at Bible Lutheran.

L2: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastor, our Council, and all lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

L1: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ around the world.

L2: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in faith and doctrine, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

L1: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

L2: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive in Christ the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

L1: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

L2: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Let your Gospel be preached to them and to all peoples. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

L1: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

L2: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all have no faith may come to recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

L1: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

L2: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

L1: Let us pray for divine help in this pandemic season.

L2: Almighty and eternal God, the ways of your righteous judgement are mysterious to us. Help us to trust you in life and in death, and to trust your promise that in all things you work for the good of those who love you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

L1: Let us pray for those in need.

L2: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. 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. **Amen.**

All: Lord's Prayer