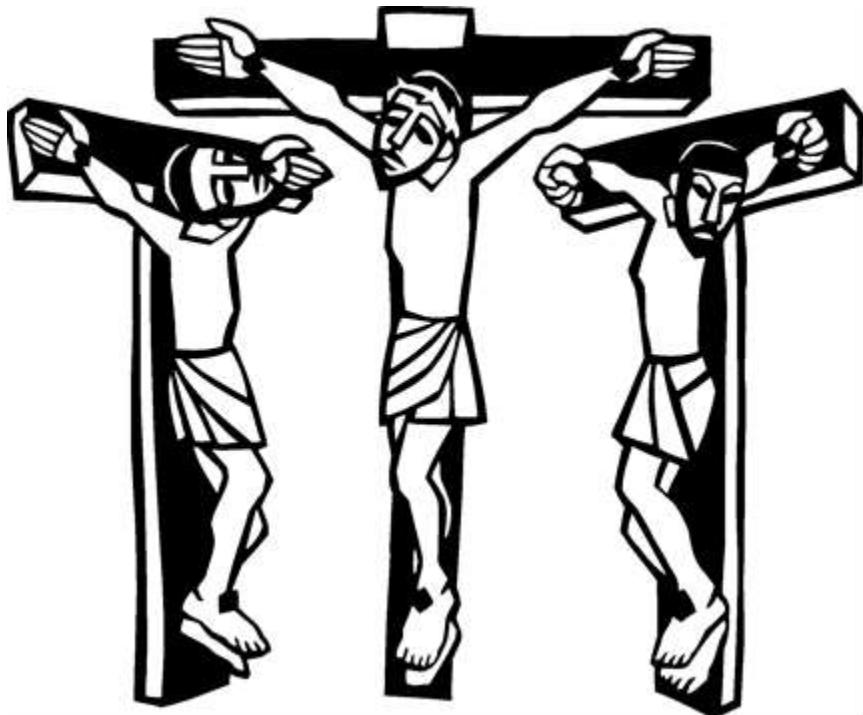


**Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church  
419 Bossardsville Road  
Stroudsburg, PA**

**April 10, 2020**

**Good Friday**

**7:00 PM**



**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.**

**Welcome to Christ Hamilton:** worship is much different now that we cannot gather with one another in person and yet thank God for the technology that enables us to connect even if remotely to worship! Please print a copy of this bulletin so you might follow along with the video of our service: share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers.

Know that we are praying for you, our community, nation and world as we wander the wilderness this virus has caused us to walk together. This forty day journey of Lent began with a reminder of Jesus being tempted for 40 days. We too will be tempted to think only of ourselves and our needs throughout our wandering, wondering, and walking through these next weeks and perhaps months together.

Just as Moses wandered with the Israelites as they sought the promised land – know that the staff at Christ Hamilton are walking with you as well. Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Visit us on our website: [christhamilton.org](http://christhamilton.org) and check out our Facebook page.

**Tonight's Service:** *As the church gathers to remember the death of Jesus, we focus not only upon the agony of the cross, but especially upon God's victory through the crucified. This evening, we also remember our participation in the crucifixion.*

Following the final reading a time of silence is kept for reflection.

**After a long pause, a loud noise is made.** All may pray together the words of the Lord's Prayer.

**Prelude****O Sacred Head Now Wounded**

M. Burikhardt

**Prayers**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray . . . 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 pray for Bishops Eaton and Zeiser, for Pastor  
Steve, Donna, Gail, Joyce, Debbie and the staff at  
Ark 2, Dan, Wanda, Bill, Daniel and Scott, we pray  
for all servants of the church, and for all the people  
of God.

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Minister: 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 the fullness of faith,  
and keep us united in the fellowship of love.

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 the fulfillment of  
the covenant's promises.

**Repeat the sung verse**

Asst. Minister: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your  
embrace all those who call out to you under  
different names.

Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us  
more faithful witnesses of the love made  
known to us in your Son.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so  
that all may long to know you and find  
peace in you.

Grant that all may 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.

### **Repeat the verse**

Minister: Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a  
magnificent universe. Hold all the world in the arms  
of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in  
you.

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.

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.

### **Repeat the verse**

## **Psalm 22**

Reader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my  
groaning?

**All: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;  
by night, but I find no rest.**

Reader: Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of  
Israel.

**All: Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued them.**

Reader: They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

**All: But as for me, I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

Reader: All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

**All: “Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”**

Reader: Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

**All: I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still  
in my mother's womb.**

Reader: Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.

**All: Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

Reader: They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a slashing and roaring lion.

**All: I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

Reader: My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks  
to the roof of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

**All: Packs of dogs close me in,  
a band of evildoers circles round me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.**

Reader: I can count all my bones  
while they stare at me and gloat.

**All: They divide my garments among them;  
for my clothing, they cast lots.**

Reader: But you, O Lord, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.

**All: Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**

Reader: Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

**All: I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

Reader: You who fear the Lord, give praise!  
All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

**All: For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their  
poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from  
them; but when they cry out,  
the Lord hears them.**

Reader: From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those  
who fear the LORD.

**All: The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!  
May your hearts live forever!**

Reader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn  
to the LORD; all the families of nations  
shall bow before God.

**All: For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**

Reader: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in  
worship; all who go down to the dust,  
though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**All: Their descendants shall serve the Lord,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

Reader: They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet  
unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

## **PRAAYER OF THE DAY**

Minister: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## The Passion

### The arrest of Jesus

**John 18:1-14**

Asst. Minister: We remember all who are betrayed by our actions and our failure to act. Forgive us Lord for we betray you in many ways:

**All: By our inability to accept you daily as Lord;**  
**by our inability to accept all people**  
**as our brothers and sisters;**  
**by our stubbornness and self seeking independence;**  
**by our desire to be served instead of serving;**

Asst. Minister: Grant us the wisdom to understand fully that you are indeed our Lord and we are your people so that your will may be done.

**All: Help us Lord, Jesus.**

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LBW 109 v. 1 only

**1 Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see.  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

*One candle is extinguished.*

## **The denial of Jesus**

**John 18:15-27**

Minister: We remember all those less fortunate than

ourselves; the victims of social injustice, the poor, the hungry throughout the world. Forgive us Lord, for we deny you in many ways;

**All: By our failure to acknowledge that social injustice is not just their problem, but our problem;  
by our unwillingness to sacrifice what it takes so that the hungry may be nourished;  
by our inability to find the courage to reach out to others in time of need;**

Minister: We seek the courage and determination to dedicate ourselves to the elimination of suffering.

**All: Help us Lord, Jesus.**

**Hymn**

**Go to Dark Gethsemane**

**LBW 109 v. 2 only**

**2 Follow to the judgment hall,  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.**

*One candle is extinguished.*

## **Jesus before Pilate**

## **John 18:28-38a**

Asst. Minister: We remember all who suffer or are persecuted in any way for their proclamation of your word.  
Forgive us Lord, for our failure to acknowledge you as the truth, the light of the world.

**All: Help us to see that only in you can we know the truth  
of compassion, of wisdom, of hope, of faith,  
of love.**

Asst. Minister: We desire to turn our hearts to you.

**All: Help us Lord, Jesus.**

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

LBW 123 v. 1, 2 only

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.**
  
- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.**

*One candle is extinguished.*

## **Jesus is sentenced to death**

**John 18:38b-19:16**

Minister: We remember all who have been mocked or hurt because they don't fit into our expectation of acceptable norms. Forgive us Lord, for we mock you in many ways:

**All: By putting down those who differ from our point of view instead of trying to understand; by forgetting that all things are created by you and can offer something of value;**

Minister: Lord grant us patience.

**All: Strip us of our arrogance and hypocrisy.**

Minister: We desire to find your presence in all things.

**All: Help us Lord, Jesus.**

**Hymn            O Sacred Head, Now Wounded       LBW 117**

**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.**

**2      How pale thou art with anguish,  
with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish,  
which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion  
were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.**

3      What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever,  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.

*One candle is extinguished.*

### **Jesus is nailed to the cross**

**John 19:17-27**

*One candle is extinguished.*

Minister : We remember all who are nailed to their places by  
sickness, or color or economic power.

Forgive us Lord, for we are still causing death for  
many.

**All: Help us to see what we are doing.**

Minister: Our lips have scorned and our hands have done less than  
good.

**All: Father, forgive us.**

Minister: We dedicate ourselves to the elimination of all kinds of  
prejudice and injustice.

**All: Help us Lord, Jesus.**

**Hymn                  Were You There                  LBW 92 v. 1-4**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

**Jesus dies on the cross**

**John 19:28-37**

*One candle is extinguished.*

Minister: We remember that we are mortals and that our saving grace lies in this sacrifice of our Lord.  
O God, lead us from darkness into the light.

**All: Put to death our darkness.**

Minister: Free us from pride in self-accomplishment.

**All: Put to death our dependence upon self.**

Minister: Lead us from death to life.

**All: Give us hope in your promises.**

Minister: We dedicate ourselves to death in Christ.

**All: Help us Lord, Jesus.**

*All the lights are now turned off.*

**The burial of Jesus**

**John 19:38-42**

*The final candle is extinguished.*

**A time of extended silence is kept for reflection after which a loud noise is made and the Lord's Prayer is spoken together.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Worship Participants**

Minister	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Organist	Donna Molan
Vocalists	Jeff & Tassy Gilbert
Videographer	Ed Jones

## **Readers**

Psalm 22 Tassy Gilbert

John 18:1-14 Eileen Davall

John 18:15-27 Jeff Gilbert

John 18:28-38a Bonnie Claycomb

John 18:38b-19:16 John Field

John 19:17-27 Janet Catina

John 19:28-37 Rob Provitera

John 19:38-42 Pastor Steven Claycomb

