



DIVINE SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY

10th April, 2020



Service Order

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The cross at Immanuel Lutheran Church Ropeley

LOCKYER VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

LAIDLEY, ROPELEY, LOCKROSE AND TABEL MINISTRY AREA

OPENING SENTENCE

P: God forbid that I should boast of anything.

C. but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P. In him is salvation, life and resurrection from the dead;

C. by him we are redeemed and set free.

P. May God be gracious to us and bless us,

C. and make his face shine upon us.

IN THE NAME

We are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son †and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

PREPARATION- Song based on Isaiah 53

Video will play online

SONG AT 538 They went to the garden

1/5

They went to the garden, one less than before;
he tried to prepare them for what was in store.
Maybe they suspected and maybe they guessed
the soldiers were coming to make their arrest.
They went to the garden, they sang an old song;
last orders were over,
last supper was gone.

2/5

We hear how it happened, again and again,
Do we try to step back from now into then?
How would we have acted? What would we have said?
Would we have been Peter or Judas instead
- Each one by the fire, just warming our hands
we hear ourselves saying,
'I don't know the man'.

3/5

They went to the garden, how could they have known
we'd still tell the story two thousand years on?
They said they'd defend him, they promised to stay,
but sleep overcame good intentions that day.
They went to the garden, of course he was scared —
he knew death was coming.
He prayed to be spared.

4/5

Betrayed for some money that never got spent,
No angles to save him from Pilate's consent.

And though we would never have done it this way,
God reclaimed the world from the devil that day.
They went to the garden, the fay had begun
When evil was beaten and goodness what won.

5/5

O Jesus, we act as if nothing has changed,
like heaven and earth haven't been rearranged;
pretend that we're better, and bigger, and more
— we seem to forget no-one's keeping a score.
Help us to love bolder and freer like you;
to see and to hear and to speak and to do.
May all that you've given us keep coming through.
Goodbye to the old world —
hello to the new.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

PSALM 22:1,2,7,8,14-19,22,23

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

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

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
“Commit your cause to the Lord;

Let him deliver – let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

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

We Confess, God Forgiveness me?

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

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

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.

My hands and feet have shrivelled; I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;

they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

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

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him all you offspring of Israel!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray that we accept the cross of Christ.

Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for bringing life and peace for us through the shame, suffering, and death of your Son. Teach us to boast about nothing but the cross of Christ, and be willing to suffer gladly for his sake. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SONG

Worthy is the Lamb (verses Sung twice)

1/4

Thank you for this love, Lord
Thank you for the nail pieced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace

2/4

Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crowned You now with many crowns
You reign victorious

3/4

High and lifted up
Jesus Son of God
The Darling of Heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

4/4

Thank you for the cross, Lord
Thank you for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came
And gave amazing grace

OLD TESTIMATE READING

Isaiah 52:13-53-12

The Suffering Servant of God

After the reading:

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTIMATE READING

Hebrews 10:16-25

Jesus, our priest and sacrifice

After the reading:

P. This is the word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a

cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.

(Phil 2:8,9 NRSV)

GOSPEL READING:

John 18:1-19:42

The passion according to St John (filmed in a movie)

After the Gospel

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise be to you O Christ.

P. Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for completing our salvation on the cross. Help us always to trust in your atoning death.

C. Amen

SONG AT 143 Jesus Dying on the Cross

1/4

Jesus dying on the cross,
hanging there for me;
love for every human soul,
such great love I see.

2/4

What a day of black despair!
Jesus, God's own Son,
dying like a criminal!
Before the day is done.

3/4

Love will bring a brighter day,
Easter is ahead;
Jesus with his mighty power
will not long stay dead.

4/4

He will rise and give to us
Life that's grand and sure.
Have you ever known such love?
Praise him evermore.

PASTOR JINGS GOOD FRIDAY MESSAGE

In order to save others Jesus must not, and cannot, save himself

The question of life and death is a never-ending topic which human beings cannot stop thinking about.

Our natural instinct is to expect that we will live long lives. We desire to live comfortably, prosperously, and honourably. Our instinct is also to fear death and to work at evading death by all means, if we can. Especially nowadays when the Coronavirus is raging around us. People choose to stay at home, to keep social distancing, to wash hand more thoroughly, and to wear mask if necessary. All of these measures are to prevent possible infection and... death.

The only exception to this natural law is the man Jesus, who was born to die, willingly and purposefully. In the tragic story from scripture that we watched in today's Gospel movie, Jesus is arrested and led away to die; he dies painfully and shamefully, but willingly.

Did Jesus fear death? Yes! He did because he was born from a mother's womb just like you and me. He embraced our human flesh and had all the sensations that we have. He was a hundred percent human like us. As we saw in the movie, at the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed fervently to the Father with "such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood." Yes, Jesus feared death.

Did he do anything to avoid death? Yes, he did. In praying to the Father he pleaded, "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me." But the Father's will was to let his Son - His only Son - die, in order to let others, including you and me, have the chance to live.

Jesus, in his complete honour and obedience to the Father, abandoned his basic human instinct to live, said to the Father, "Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." By praying this prayer, he gave up his privilege as the Son of God in this moment of love, and took the Cross of shame from our shoulders onto his own, and became 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'

Ironically, the leading priests and teachers of the religious law were partly correct when they mocked and scoffed Jesus, saying "he saved others but cannot save himself." He could save himself, but in obedience to the Father, he chose not to save himself. So in effect what they proclaimed was true! God's redeeming purpose through the Son was accurately announced by these Pharisees and scribes, even through their arrogant and merciless mockery.

Jesus did not save himself because he resolved to follow the Father's will. And the Father's will was to save the human race by sacrificing his very own Son. Furthermore, Jesus must not save himself, because he is the only perfect lamb that can be sacrificed; the one lamb without blemish, without sin. Jesus, in his righteousness, is the only person who can quench God's wrath towards human rebellion. He is the only ransom for releasing us from the captivity of sin. He enabled such great exchange—God's forgiveness for our sinfulness, Jesus' death for our eternal life.

The mockers and scoffers were right, up to a point - in saving others, Jesus cannot, must not, will not, save himself. He lived a short life in order to bestow on us a long life in heaven. He did not have a "good" death, but died painfully with wounds, so that our pain would be shared by him and by the Father through him; and through his wounds, our own wounds have been healed. He did not receive any respect, or honour, or dignity; but he took on all the shame, so that our shame caused by sin could be taken away; and his honour, his glory and his righteousness might be given to us.

Were you there when they crucified the Lord? In faith, we were all there participating through our sinful rebellion, whereas through such a great exchange God would save us. In faith we see and believe Jesus to be our Messiah, our King, and we are God's chosen people. In faith we now praise God for the mighty and wonderful things Jesus has done for us. And so we call this Friday 'Good' because Jesus is good. In order to save us he must not, and cannot, save himself.

Let us pray: Father, open our hearts and minds to understand your love in the suffering of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**'catholic' here means 'universal'*

OFFERTORY HYMN

1/4

We are sorry for
the foolish things we do,
for the stupid,
hurtful words we keep on saying,
for the thoughts
that never show -
how much hate
and greed we know -
we are sorry,
we are sorry.

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We are Sorry

2/4

Please forgive me for the
careless way I live,
for the empty goals
I find myself pursuing,
for the wasted hours of time,
treating what is yours as mine-
please forgive me,
please forgive me.

Bridging

Jesus says
your sins have been forgiven;
Jesus says
you're free to start again:
freedom for the captive,
healing for the blind and lame.
*Come and drink the water
if you're thirsty;
if you're hungry,
come and eat the bread.*

*Everything is ready -
step out on the road ahead.*

3/4

Set me free from every sin
that scars my life.
Fill me with your power,
loving Holy Spirit.
May my ego die each day,
may your life be on display -
Jesus, help me,
Jesus, help me.

4/4

Jesus, help me
To be all that I can be,
and to see the signs
You give me for direction.
help me get to know you more,
trusting you for what's in store-
Jesus, help me,
Jesus, help me.

OFFERTORY

Saving God, strengthen us to trust in your Son, our great high priest and the
sacrifice for our sins. Make us
ready to give ourselves in service, to help one another, and to reach out in love to all
people. **Amen**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P. Lord, in your mercy,
C. hear our prayer.

*Jesus is the light of the world. Let us pray that his light may shine into the darkness
of our world today*

Heavenly Father: thank you that Jesus brings sight to the blindness of human hearts
and minds, and that when he illuminates our sin he also shines on us with his
righteousness.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Lord, teach us to pray, and direct us each day to Jesus and the prayers he prays for
us. Instruct us As we pray the psalms of holy history.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

We pray for people who are blinded to Christ because of ignorance or because of
sin and shame. And we pray for those black spots we have kept shut to his truth and
grace. Father, bring the light of the gospel to these people and places.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Where people are in despair for whatever reason we ask Lord that you would bring
peace. Relieve the pressure on those who suffer for your name.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Bless the church and all its work. Watch over Lutheran Community Care and its

services, and those attending Christian retreats.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Uphold marriage and all who enter it and give all Christian parents the determination and ability to bring up their children in the faith.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Give courage to those who are physically blind and support those who help them. Give faith and strength to the sick and those who care for them. Provide for all in need, including those known to us personally and whom we now name in our hearts...(brief silence)

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Heavenly Father, bring healing and comfort for people around the world suffering From Coronavirus COVID-19. Speed their recovery and slow the spread of the virus. We thank you for the efforts of all those involved in treating, testing and caring for patients, and ask your protection over them as they go about their work. Give wisdom to governments around the world as they manage this outbreak. We ask for your peace when we are tempted to panic or become anxious about this disease. Help us to place our trust in you, knowing that our life is safely hidden in you and that you are the Lord of all creation. Enable us to show your love to others, sharing the hope we have in you, praying and caring for the sick and needy as best we can in the name of Christ.

Amen.

We lift our eyes to you, O Lord. Restore us and the world in which we live through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

AT 261 The servant King

Chorus

This is our God, the Servant King

*He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King*

1/4	2/4
From heaven you came, helpless babe, Entered our world, your glory veiled; Not to be served but to serve And give Your life that we might live	There in the garden of tears My heavy load he chose to bear. is heart with sorrow was torn, 'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said.
3/4	4/4
Come, see His hands and His feet, The scars that speak of sacrifice, Hands that flung stars into space To cruel nails surrendered.	So let us learn how to serve, And in our lives enthrone Him; Each other's needs to prefer, For it is Christ we're serving.

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all.

AMEN

SONG Were You There?

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 laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?

JESUS DIED FOR YOU TO LET HIS PEACE BE WITH YOU

Special prayers for these people in need of good Health

Brooke Kirkwood, Gwen Diете, Joan and Alex Body, Ann Rickuss, Marlene Staatz, Grace Norman

Baptism Anniversary

During April we remember the following children on the anniversary of their Baptism in our prayer:

- *Lilly Thompson*, daughter of Kyrлие and Shane, sister to Cameron
- *Paige Knight*, daughter of Karla and Brendan

Announcements

- **TABEEL-** Tabeel Lutheran Home advises that current restrictions apply and only essential visits to minimize exposure until further notice.. Shirley Klinge, Committee of Service, Chair.
- **Lutheran Women of Queensland Convention Retreat** has been cancelled for July and money paid will be refunded. A day of convention will be held 10th October, 2020 from 9am- 3pm approx. at Redeemer Lutheran Church Laidley
- **Lockyer Valley Bus Trips** are cancelled for the next two months. For further information phone Dawn Dodt- 5462 2561
- **There will be NO CATERING in ANZAC Day (Saturday 25th April)**
- **Redeemer Church Cleaning-** It is that time of year when we ask for donations towards church cleaning. This year we have a total of 15 times (costing \$50 each time) we need to employ the church cleaner. We understand and realise that many work and many are unable to due health and age to assist with the task. Our church is commented on a by many who use it for its tidy grounds and clean church. So, if you can assist in anyway please place your donation in an envelope marked church cleaning. Thank you for support in this matter.

Church Cleaning 19th April, 2020

Laidley- Carol Scheiwe and Val Davenport

Ropeley- Rosalie Natalier

Dates to Remember –April and May

- **Sunday 12th April-** Easter Sunday Service- available online, DVDs, USB and handouts
- **Sunday 19th April-** 2nd Sunday of Easter- To be confirmed
- **Sunday 26th April- Redeemer Harvest Festival-** We will be celebrating Harvest service online; however the church celebration has been postpone to a later date.

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Next Sunday, 19th April, 2020- 2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Peter gives witness that God raised Jesus
Psalm 16

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 New birth through the resurrection of Christ

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31 Thomas sees the risen Christ and believes