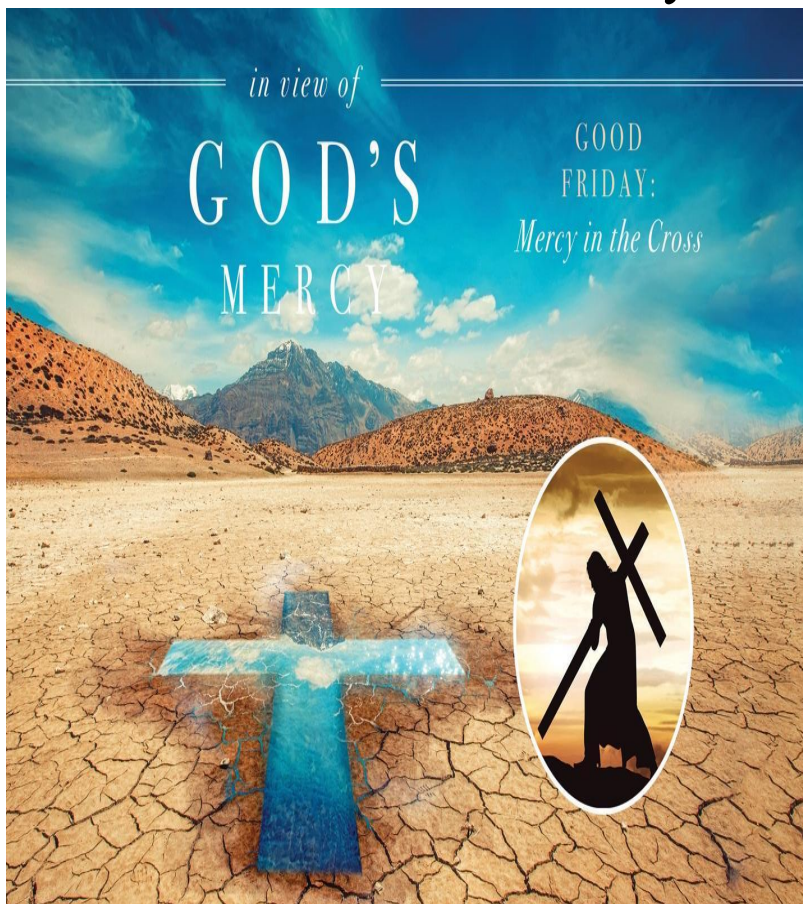


# St. Johns Lutheran Church

## In View of God's Mercy



Good Friday: Mercy in the Cross

## **In View of God's Mercy: Mercy in the Cross**

*God made us alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:13-14*

तिमीहरूको पापहरूको कर्मले गर्दा अनि आफ्नो पापमय प्रकृतिबाट मुक्त नभएकाले गर्दा तिमीहरू मरेका थियौ। तर परमेश्वरले तिमीहरूलाई ख्रीष्टसितै जीवित तुल्याउनु भयो अनि हाम्रा सम्पूर्ण पापहरूलाई क्षमा गर्नु भयो। हामी ऋणी छौं किन कि हामीले परमेश्वरको नियम तोडेका थियौं। त्यस ऋण-पत्रमा नियमको सूची थिएन जुन हामीले मानेका थिएनौं। तर परमेश्वरले हामीलाई त्यस ऋणदेखि पनि मुक्त पारिदिनु भयो। परमेश्वरले त्यो ऋण लगेर क्रूसमा ठोकिदिनु भयो। कलस्सी 2:13-14

### **INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**Amen.**

प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टको अनुग्रह परमेश्वरको प्रेम अनि पवित्र आत्माको सहभागिता तिमीहरूमा सधैं होस्।

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**In the death of Christ we have life.**

ख्रीष्टको मृत्युमा हामीसँग जीवन छ।

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

**In the death of Christ we have life.**

ख्रीष्टको मृत्युमा हामीसँग जीवन छ।

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.

**In the death of Christ we have life.**

ख्रीष्टको मृत्युमा हामीसँग जीवन छ।

Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace.

**In the death of Christ we have life.**

ख्रीष्टको मृत्युमा हामीसँग जीवन छ।

With his stripes we are healed.

**In the death of Christ we have life.**

ख्रीष्टको मृत्युमा हामीसँग जीवन छ।

He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**In the death of Christ we have life. Amen.**

ख्रीष्टको मृत्युमा हामीसँग जीवन छ।

**HYMN** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross LSB 426

**When I survey the wondrous cross**

**On which the Prince of Glory died,**

**My richest gain I count but loss**

**And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast**

**Save in the death of Christ, my God;**

**All the vain things that charm me most,**

**I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet**

**Sorrow and love flow mingled down!**

**Did e'er such love and sorrow meet**

**Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,**

**That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The scripture declares: “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way” (Isaiah 53:6).

हामी सबै भेंडा जस्तै लक्ष्यविहीन घुमिरह्यौं। हामी सबै आ-आफ्ना बाटो तिर लाग्यौं। परमप्रभुले हाम्रो दोषहरू माफ गरिदिनु भयो अनि हामीले आफ्ना सबै दोष उहामाथि थुपार्यौं। (यशैया 53:6).

On this solemn day we reflect upon our waywardness and how our sin sent Jesus to die upon the cross.

**Create in Me a Clean Heart** (*Sung first by Pastor, then the Congregation joins in the second time*)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God  
Let me be like You in all my ways.  
Give me Your strength,  
Teach me Your song;  
Shelter me in the shadow of your wings,  
For you are our righteousness,  
If we die to ourselves and live through Your death,  
We shall be born again to be blessed in Your will.**

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)*

Hear the good news! God's Word declares: “the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:6).

हामी सबै भेंडा जस्तै लक्ष्यविहीन घुमिरह्यौं। हामी सबै आ-आफ्ना बाटो तिर लाग्यौं। परमप्रभुले हाम्रो दोषहरू माफ गरिदिनु भयो अनि हामीले आफ्ना सबै दोष उहामाथि थुपार्यौं। (यशैया 53:6).

In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins so that you might be made righteous through him. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious Lord, for us and for our salvation you were willing to be beaten, scourged, nailed to a cross and suffer death despite your innocence. Thank you for bearing the curse of our sin and for dying in our stead. In view of your mercy, form us by your Spirit to no longer live for ourselves but for him who died for us. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**NAILS IN THE CROSS** *This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:14*

*(The congregation is invited to put a nail in the cross, signifying that our sins that nailed Jesus to the cross are the same sins being forgiven through the cross. )*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING ...**

Isaiah 25:6-9 यशैया 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples, a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will

swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

<sup>6</sup> त्यस समय, सेनाहरूका परमप्रभुले त्यो पर्वतमा आफ्ना सारा मानिसहरूलाई महाभोज दिनुहुनेछ। त्यस भोजमा उत्तम भोजनहरू र मद हुनेछ। मासु कलिलो र राम्रो हुनेछ। <sup>7</sup> तर अहिले, एउटा आवरण छ जसले सबै राष्ट्र अनि जातिहरूलाई छोप्छ। त्यस आवरणलाई “मृत्यु” भनिन्छ। <sup>8</sup> तर मृत्युलाई सदाको निमित्त नष्ट गरि दिनुहुनेछ। अनि मेरो परमप्रभु, मेरो मालिकले प्रत्येकको अनुहारबाट आँसु पुछि दिनुहुनेछ। बितेका दिनहरूमा, तिनीहरू सबै उदास थिए। तर परमेश्वरले पृथ्वीबाट त्यो उदासीनता हटाई दिनुहुनेछ। यी सबै कुराहरू हुनेछ किनभने परमप्रभुले त्यसो भन्नुभएको थियो। <sup>9</sup> त्यसबेला, मानिसहरूले भन्नेछन्, “उहाँ हाम्रो परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्छ, जसलाई हामीले पखिरहेका थियौं। उहाँ हामीलाई बचाउन आउनु हुनेछ। हामी हाम्रो परमप्रभुलाई पखिरहेका छौं। यसकारण जब उहाँले हामीलाई बचाउनु हुनेछ, हामी आनन्दित र खुशी हुनेछौं।”

## **EPISTLE READING ... Colossians 2:13-15 कलस्सी 2:13-15**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>13</sup> तिमीहरूको पापहरूको कर्मले गर्दा अनि आफ्नो पापमय प्रकृतिबाट मुक्त नभएकाले गर्दा तिमीहरू मरेका थियौ। तर परमेश्वरले तिमीहरूलाई ख्रीष्टसितै जीवित तुल्याउनु भयो अनि हाम्रा सम्पूर्ण पापहरूलाई क्षमा गर्नु भयो। <sup>14</sup> हामी ऋणी छौं किन कि हामीले परमेश्वरको नियम तोडेका थियौं। त्यस ऋण-पत्रमा नियमको सूची थिएन जुन हामीले मानेका थिएनौं। तर परमेश्वरले हामीलाई त्यस ऋणदेखि पनि मुक्त पारिदिनु भयो। परमेश्वरले त्यो ऋण लगेर क्रूसमा ठोकिदिनु भयो। <sup>15</sup> परमेश्वरले आत्मिक शक्ति र अधिकारहरूलाई जित्नुभयो। क्रूसले परमेश्वर विजयी बन्नुभयो अनि ती अधिकारहरू, शक्तिहरूलाई परास्त गर्नुभयो। तिनीहरू शक्तिहीन थिए, भन्ने कुरो परमेश्वरले संसारलाई देखाउनु भयो।

## GOSPEL READING ... Luke 23:33-49 लूका 23:33-49

*(Video)*

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing

wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.” It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

<sup>33</sup> येशू र ती दुइ अपराधीहरूलाई “खप्परे” भन्ने ठाँउमा लगियो। सिपाहीहरूले येशूलाई काँटी ठोकेर क्रूसको दुइ छेउमा तिनीहरूले ती दुइ अपराधीहरूलाई पनि टाँगे। तिनीहरूले एकजनालाई येशूको दाहिनेपट्टि र अर्कोलाई देब्रेपट्टि राखे। <sup>34</sup> येशूले भन्नभयो, “हे पिता, तिनीहरूलाई माफ दिनुहोस् किनभने तिनीहरू के गरिरहेछन्, जान्दैन।” सिपाहीहरूले चिट्ठा उढाएर उनको लुगाहरू बाँडे। <sup>35</sup> मानिसहरू येशूलाई हेरेर उभिए। यहूदी प्रमुखहरू येशूलाई यसो भन्दै निन्दा गरे, “यदि ऊ नै परमेश्वरले छान्नु भएको, ख्रीष्ट हो भने, जसरी उसले अरूलाई बचायो उसले आफैँलाई बचाउने काम गरौस्?” <sup>36</sup> सिपाहीहरूले पनि येशूको खिल्ली उडाए। तिनीहरू येशूको नजीक गए अनि उहाँलाई दाखरसको सिर्का-दिए। <sup>37</sup> ती सिपाहीहरूले भने, “यदि तिम्रो यहूदीहरूको राजा हो भने आफैँले आफैँलाई बचाउ।” <sup>38</sup> क्रूसको माथिल्लो भागमा यी शब्दहरू लेखिएको थिए “यो यहूदीहरूको राजा हो।” <sup>39</sup> एकजना अपराधीले येशूलाई अपमान गर्दै भन्यो, “के तपाईं ख्रीष्ट हुनुहुन्न? त्यसो हो भने आफूलाई बचाउनु



होस् अनि हामीलाई पनि बचाउनुहोस्।”<sup>40</sup> तर अर्को अपराधीले गाली गर्यो अनि भन्यो, “के तिमी परमेश्वरसँग डराउँछौ? हामी चाँडै मर्नेछौं।”<sup>41</sup> तिमी र म अपराधी हौं हामीले मर्ने पछि किनभने हामीले अपराध गरेका छौं। तर यस मानिसले केही भूल गरेको छैन!”<sup>42</sup> त्यसपछि उसले येशूलाई भन्यो, “हे येशू! जब तपाईं राजा भएर शासन गर्नुहुन्छ त्यसबेला मलाई सम्झनु होस्।”<sup>43</sup> तब येशूले त्यसलाई भन्नुभयो, “सुन! जे भन्दछु त्यो साँच्चो हो: आज नै तिमी पनि मसँग स्वर्ग-लोकमा हुनेछौ!”<sup>44</sup> अतः प्रायः मध्यदिन समय भएको थियो, र सारा देश-भरि नै तीन बजे सम्म अन्धकार छायो।<sup>45</sup> सूर्यको उज्यालो थिएन! मन्दिरको पर्दा दुइटुक्रा भएर वारपार च्यातियो।<sup>46</sup> येशू चिच्याउनुभयो, “हे पिता, म तपाईंलाई मेरो आत्मा दिँदैछु।” यति भनेर उहाँले आफ्नो प्राण त्यागनुभयो।<sup>47</sup> सैनिक अधिकारीले के भएको थियो देखे। तिनीले परमेश्वरको प्रशंसा गर्दै भने, “निश्चय यी मानिस धार्मिक मानिस हुन्।”<sup>48</sup> धेरै मानिसहरू यो दृश्य हेर्न त्यहाँ भेला भएका थिए। जब तिनीहरूले के भयो, देखे तिनीहरूले आफ्नो हृदय गह्रौं गराए अनि गए।<sup>49</sup> येशूका घनिष्ट सबै साथीहरू त्यहीं थिए। गालीलदेखि येशूलाई पछ्याएर आउने केही स्त्रीहरू पनि त्यहाँ थिए। तिनीहरू क्रूसदेखि धेरै टाढा थिए अनि हेरिरहेका थिए।

**HYMN Were You There LSB 456**

**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 laid Him in the tomb?**

## **SERMON**

**OFFERING** *"Lamb of God" sung by the Choir*

## **PRAYERS**

Almighty and merciful God, we approach your cross with sorrow over sin.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Parmeshur le kripa garun** परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

Remind us of the tremendous sacrifice that Jesus made in his suffering and death.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Parmeshur le kripa garun** परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

Rekindle in us a deep appreciation for the pains that he bore for us and for our salvation.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Parmeshur le kripa garun** परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

Reconcile us by the blood of Jesus so that we may dwell with you in righteousness.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Parmeshur le kripa garun** परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

Restore to us the image of Christ through the blood of the everlasting covenant.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Parmeshur le kripa garun** परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to respond to Jesus' death by living for him, to the glory of your holy name.

**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor and glory and blessing.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Said together with Nepalese)*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)

प्रभु को प्रार्थना

‘हे हाम्रा स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुने पिता,

तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र रहोस्।

तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,

तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा झैं यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।

आज दिनभरिको भोजन हामीलाई दिनुहोस्।

हाम्रा अपराधहरू क्षमा गरिदिनुहोस्।

जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।

हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,

तर हामीलाई दुष्टहरूबाट बचाउनु होस्।’

किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्। आमेन।

**BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

परमप्रभुले तिमीहरूलाई आशीर्वाद दिऊन् र रक्षा गरून्।  
परमप्रभुको मुहार (मुखारबिन्द) तिमीहरूमाथि चम्काऊन्,  
अनि तिमीहरूमाथि अनुग्रह गरून्।  
परमप्रभुले तिमीहरू माथि दया दृष्टि राखुन्,  
अनि तिमीहरूमा शान्ति दिऊन्।

## **REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*(The removal of the Christ Candle symbolizes that our Savior hung in darkness for three God-forsaken hours before he died for the sins of the world.)*

## **STREPITUS**

*(A great noise symbolizes the closing of Christ's tomb.)*

*The congregation walks out of the sanctuary and the building silently, contemplating the death of Christ and looking forward to resurrection victory.*

Preacher	Sam Schick
Liturgist	Pastor Michael Tanney
Lector	Vicars
Elders	Al Bohannon and Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	William Gebhart and Roger Schmidt

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