



**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 07/2023 - Pastor Piet Heerema**

*\*Rise in body or in spirit*

*Gathering*

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer for Worship

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

**because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

God of power and mercy, in love you sent your Son

**that we might be cleansed of sin and live with you forever.**

Bless us as we gather to reflect on your suffering and death that we may learn from your example the way we should go.

We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.** - from traditional Stations of the Cross liturgy

*Reading: Walk in His Steps*

The Garden of Gethsemane

Art: "Prayer at Gethsemane" He Qi, 1999

Reader: Matthew 26:36-41

Prayer:

Lord of power and might,  
in this moment, you submitted yourself to the Father.

We are weak and weary.

Our spirits are willing, sometimes.

May we keep watch on this dark night with you, for you, because of you.

We submit our wills and our prayers to you, knowing that you hear.

May we accept your plans as exceedingly greater than we can imagine.

**Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. Amen.**

**Singing: Go to Dark Gethsemane**

**LUYH 161 (Vs. 1&2)**

Betrayed by Judas

Art: "Betrayal of Christ" Michelangelo Caravaggio, 1603

Reader: Mark 14:43-46

Prayer:

O faithful Friend,  
in this moment, you surrendered yourself into the  
hands of a faithless friend.

With the symbol of love and trust, you were betrayed;

that you would be a steadfast companion

to all who accept your offer of friendship.

May we turn to you now in loyalty and love,

and remember your faithfulness to all generations.

**Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. Amen.**

**Singing: Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended**

**LUYH 172 (st. 1 & 2)**

Denied by Peter

Art: "The Denial of Saint Peter," Michelangelo Caravaggio, 1610

Reader: Matthew 26:69-75

Prayer:

Resolute Savior,  
in this moment, your strongest follower proved to be a coward.

So often we waver and whimper our way through life.

When we hang out with like-minded people, we are bold and brazen.

When we face hostile consequences,

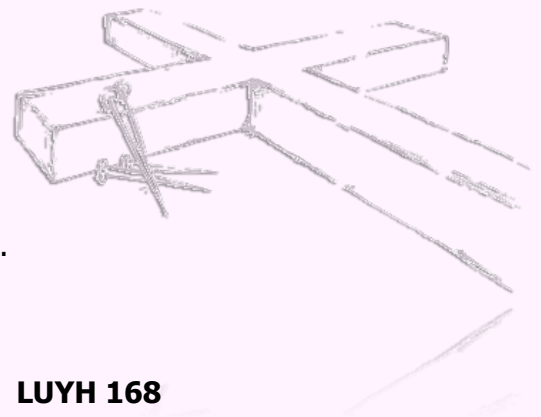
we are ashamed of you and ashamed of the gospel, like Peter.

Give us the courage to claim your name with boldness.

**Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. Amen.**

**Singing: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

**LUYH 168**



Judged by Pilate

Art: "Christ Before Pilate," Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1308-11

Reader: Mark 15:1-5, 11-15

Prayer:

O just Judge,  
in this moment, you made yourself weak and gave your enemies power over you.  
Your trial was rigged, your jury blinded by jealousy, and your judges unjust.  
As sinners, you judge us with honesty and equity –  
based upon your holiness, we have been found guilty.  
As our Savior, you took our punishment as your own;  
Based upon your sacrifice, we have been made righteous.  
In response, may our hearts be grateful, our attitudes toward others gracious, and our lives holy.

**Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. Amen.**

**Singing: Meekness and Majesty**

**LUYH 157**

Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

Art: "The Mocking of Christ," Peter Rogers, 1961

Reader: John 19:1-3

Prayer:

O suffering Servant,  
in this moment, you endured scorn and ridicule from those you came to save.  
You were crushed for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities.  
The punishment that brought us peace was placed upon you,  
and with your stripes we are healed.  
May we see your sacrifice clearly, feel your suffering deeply,  
and hear your voice calling us to repentance and holiness.  
Lord, we come.

**Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. Amen.**

**Singing: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

**LUYH 173**

Crucified

Art: "Crucified tree form," Theyre Lee-Elliott, 1959

Reader: John 19:15-17; Luke 23:33-34

Prayer:

Healer of the broken, we broke you.  
Binder of the wounded, we wounded you.  
Lamb of God, we slaughtered you.  
Yet it was the Father's will that you be crushed,  
that your life be a bloody sacrifice for our sin.  
You emptied out your life unto death, that we may have life overflowing.  
May this be ever before us, never far from us, always within us:  
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Blessed are those whose sin the Lord will never count against them.

**Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. Amen.**

**Singing: Oh, to See the Dawn**

**LUYH 177**

Promises His Kingdom to the Thief

Art: "Christ and the Thief," Nikolai Ge, 1893

Reader: Luke 23:39-43

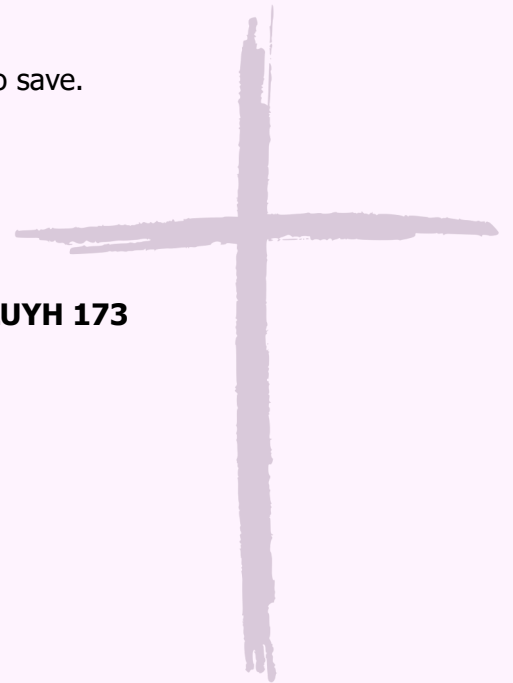
Prayer:

O lover of the Unlovely,  
in this moment, you made straight the path  
for a crooked thief to enter your rest.  
Our ways are bent, and our hearts are twisted,  
but the kingdom of God is not populated by perfect spiritual specimens.  
We are in a holy company of thieves, prostitutes,  
murderers, and liars who have met God, in Christ.  
Remind us of the grace that does not give us what we truly deserve.

**Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. Amen.**

**Singing: Jesus, Remember Me**

**LUYH 169 (sing twice)**



Dies on the Cross

Art: "And the Curtain of the Temple Was Torn in Two" Kirsten Malcolm Berry

Reader: Luke 23:44-46

Prayer:

Oh Giver of life,  
in this moment, you gave yours up for us.  
Through the rending of your flesh,  
a way was made for us to enter your presence.  
Remind us of the depth of this death and the breadth of  
your love,  
that we, ever thankful, may die to ourselves daily  
and live a life worthy of your sacrifice.

**Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps. Amen.**

**Singing: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**LUYH 175**

Placed in the Tomb

Art: "The Entombment," Rembrandt, 1639

Reader: Matthew 27:57-60

Prayer

Oh Rock of our salvation,  
in this moment, all hope was sealed away.  
May we remember the silence of your grave, and keep silence.

**Singing: Were You There**

**LUYH 166 (Vs. 3 & 4)**

Choir: The Tree of Life (Wexford Carol)

Communion

Art: "The Last Supper," John August Swanson, 2014

Institution and Invitation

**Singing: Behold the Lamb**

**LUYH 840**

The Communion

Offerings: First: Multifaith Housing Initiative of Ottawa

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Solo (during the offering): "King of Calvary" sung by Alex Robinson

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven;  
through your blood you have reconciled us to you.  
May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries  
follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen. - *from traditional Stations of the Cross liturgy*

**Singing: What Wondrous Love**

**LUYH 164**

Congregation departs in silence.

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)  
PH = Psalter Hymnal (grey hymnal)  
MP = Maranatha Praise (red book)  
WS = Worship Sourcebook  
RW = Reformed Worship Magazine

