

Good Friday

Why call this day ‘good’? Because this is the day that Jesus Christ died and with this powerful act, sin and death were defeated - which is tremendously good for us. As we read in 1 Corinthians 15,

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54–57)

Life and Death are connected in our faith. What seems like life in this world is death, and what seems like the death of Christ is life. The Heidelberg Catechism begins with a question about life and death:

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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The **vision** of the Flathead Lake Parish is to be the heart and hands of Jesus Christ. Our **mission** is to renew our faith, grow our faith, and live our faith. Together, we are a community which is welcoming, supportive, renewing, and empowering.

Welcome & Call to Worship

from Isaiah 53

Leader: Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

People: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

People: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned, every one of us, to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Prayer of the Day

† **Opening Hymn** # 101
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Scripture John 18:1 - 19:37
The congregation may remain seated as the Gospel is read, and then all may rise at John 19:17 as Christ bears his cross to Golgotha.

Sermon Pastor Noah McIntee

Special Music “It Is Finished!” Faith Morken



The Solemn Intercession

Prayers are offered for the Church and for the world, for believers and non-believers, for family and for strangers, and for all concerns and cares upon our hearts. After each section of prayer, the people are invited to affirm their prayer in response to the prompting:

“We pray to you O, Lord, and ask, in your mercy,”
Hear our prayer.

[the prayer concludes with the Lord’s Prayer]

“As you, O Christ have taught us, we are bold 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† **Closing Hymn** # 102
“Were You There?”

† **Final Charge**

† Please rise, in body or in spirit