

The Adoration of the Holy Cross

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(Silence)

(Remain Seated) Hymn ELW 349
LBW 123

(Silence)

Hymn ELW 360
LBW 122

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

C **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

P Let us go in peace.

C **May God have mercy on us.**

Again we leave the sanctuary in silence.

**The Good Friday Liturgy
Of
St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish**

(All enter in silence keeping watch & praying)

Stand

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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.

C **Amen**

Sit

Readings

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22:1-23

Hebrews 4:14-16 and 5:7-9

The Gospel Procession

Stand

Hymn ELW 351 vs. 1 & 2

LBW 117 vs. 1 & 2

(The traditional Gospel acclamations and responses are omitted.)

The Passion According to St. John 18:1-19:42 (you may be seated)

Hymn ELW 351 vs. 3 & 4
LBW 117 vs. 3 & 4

Homily

The Bidding Prayer

A Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation to people everywhere. We remember especially our brothers and sisters in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania and the challenges that they face as a minority church in remaining faithful in their witness and outreach. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

G Amen

A Let us pray for [name] and [name], for our pastors and other ministers, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

A Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

G Amen

A Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. 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. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **G Amen**

A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

G 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

P Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors and our leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church, and help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask your special blessing upon Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis and the pastors of the Lithuanian Lutheran Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray for those preparing for Baptism, that God make them responsive to his love, and give them new life in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you continually bless the Church with new members. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for Baptism. Give them a new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one Church all those who know Christ as Lord.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you give your Church its unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. We are all consecrated to you by our Baptism; make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God, that they may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and his posterity. Hear the prayers of your Church that the people you first made your own may arrive with us at the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the Gospel. Help us, your people, to grow in love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of your Godhead, and so to become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray for those who do not believe in God, that they may find him who is the author and goal of our existence.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all might long to know you and have peace in you. Grant that, in spite of the hurtful things that stand in their way, they may all recognize in the lives of Christians the tokens of your love and mercy, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God and Father of us all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen