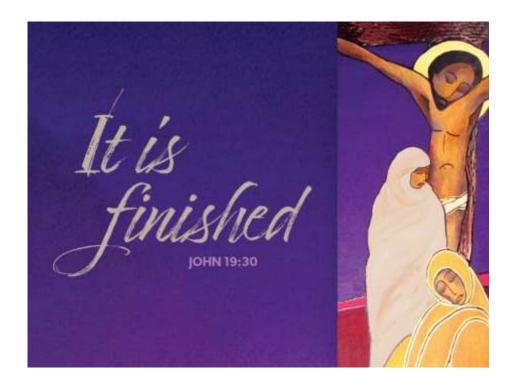
Good Friday



March 29, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.

Kviteseid Lutheran Church 308 North Third Street Milan, Minnesota



Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... From the cross, Jesus gave Mary and John into each other's care. He gives us, too, into each other's care. Welcome to Good Friday worship.

PRELUDE OF SILENCE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introduction

In this service for Good Friday, we remember that Jesus preached that good trees can be recognized by their fruits. Despite its appearance, the tree of the cross on Good Friday proved to be the best tree of all, because by Christ's death upon it came the fruit of everlasting life.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

- P By a tree death entered the world. And by a tree death was destroyed.
- C A good tree is recognized by its fruit.
- P The first tree's fruit was poison. The second tree's fruit was life-giving.
- C A good tree is recognized by its fruit.
- P The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was off limits.
- C A good tree is recognized by its fruit.
- P Good Friday's tree wins forgiveness for all people.
- C A good tree is recognized by its fruit.
- P The tree of the cross is the best tree of all. By Christ's death it bears the fruit of everlasting life.
- C A good tree is recognized by its fruit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN "My Song Is Love Unknown"

(vs. 1 & 2) ELW #343 (Alt. tune: ELW #640)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-6, 8-9, 11b-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 7th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 7:15-20

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

HYMN "Abide With Me" (vs. 1 & 5) ELW #629

OFFERING

— THE PASSION OF OUR LORD —

Prayer in the Garden Matthew 26:36-46

SILENCE

HYMN "Go To Dark Gethsemane" (vs. 1) ELW #347

The Darkness of Betrayal Matthew 26:14-16, 47-56

SILENCE

HYMN "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #349

FIRST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

The Darkness of Trials

John 18:12-27

SILENCE

HYMN "Go To Dark Gethsemane" (vs. 2) ELW #347

SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

The Darkness of Rejection John 18:28-40

SILENCE

Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 3-5) ELW #349

THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

The Darkness of Ridicule John 19:1-16a

SILENCE

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ELW #351

FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

The Darkness of Crucifixion

Matthew 27:33-44

SILENCE

Hymn

"Go To Dark Gethsemane"

(vs. 3)

ELW #347

FIFTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

The Darkness of Death

Matthew 27:45-46, John 19:28-30, Matthew 27:51, 55-56

SILENCE

HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ELW #338

SIXTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

The Darkness of Preparation

John 19:31-37

SILENCE

Hymn

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

ELW #337

SEVENTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Darkness of Burial

Matthew 27:57-66

SILENCE

VEILING OF THE CROSS

Hymn

"Were You There"

ELW #353

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

The congregation departs in silence, symbolic of leaving the scene of the crucifixion, death, and burial of our Lord.

Worship continues Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. at Big Bend and 9:00 a.m. at Kviteseid.

Thank you to Richard Olson for the drumroll this evening.

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