

# *Good Friday*



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

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church  
308 North Third Street  
Milan, Minnesota*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*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 7<sup>th</sup> 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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