



# CROWN OF GLORY

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



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*We are one family of God,  
inspired by the Holy Spirit to welcome everyone,  
to serve our neighbors, and to share God's love and saving grace.*



## Good Friday Cantata

April 3, 2026  
6:30 p.m.

## GATHER IN SILENCE

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crown of Glory is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- There will not be Holy Communion or a Sermon in worship today.
- All are invited to place their offering in an offering plate, located at the exit, after worship.
- The Kiddos' Corner is located at the North side of the Sanctuary along with Activity Bags. Please utilize these resources as needed throughout our worship service.
- Thank you to our Readers, Doug Sayles, Hannah Larson, John Posselt, Tammy Wolf, Grant Taylor, Grace Becker, and David Delforge, to our AV Technician, Matt Scherer, to Ginger Larson and the Chancel Choir for their music, and to our Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service.

### OPENING PRAYER

P: Almighty God,

C: **look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, 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. Amen.**

### JOHN 18:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.<sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place because Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" <sup>5</sup> They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these people go." <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup> Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*O, Come and Mourn* (John B Dykes, arr. Stacey Plays Hymns)  
(Chancel Choir)

### JOHN 18:12-18

<sup>12</sup> So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. <sup>15</sup> Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup> Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Ah, Holy Jesus* (ELW 349, vs. 1 & 3)

## **JOHN 18:19-27**

<sup>19</sup> Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered, “I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?” <sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. <sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” <sup>26</sup> One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” <sup>27</sup> Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

## **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Ah, Holy Jesus* (ELW 349, vs. 2 & 5)

## **JOHN 18:28-40**

<sup>28</sup> Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate’s headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” <sup>30</sup> They answered, “If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.” <sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.” The Jews replied, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death.” <sup>32</sup> (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) <sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” <sup>38</sup> Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>40</sup> They shouted in reply, “Not this man but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a rebel.

## **CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Were We There* (Pamela Martin, arr. Craig Courtney)  
(Chancel Choir)

## **JOHN 19:1-16a**

<sup>1</sup> Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face. <sup>4</sup> Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.” <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” <sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.” <sup>8</sup> Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. <sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?” <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over

to you is guilty of a greater sin.”<sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against Caesar.”<sup>13</sup> When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha.<sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!”<sup>15</sup> They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”<sup>16</sup> Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

## CHORAL RESPONSE

*Forsaken and Alone* (J. Paul Williams, arr. Larry Shackley)  
(Chancel Choir)

## JOHN 19:16b-30

So they took Jesus,<sup>17</sup> and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.<sup>18</sup> There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.<sup>19</sup> Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”<sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.<sup>21</sup> Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’”<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.<sup>24</sup> So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.”<sup>25</sup> And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.<sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.”<sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.<sup>28</sup> After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.”<sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.<sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## SILENCE

## BIDDING PRAYER

P: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: **Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## JOHN 19:31-42

<sup>31</sup> Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed.<sup>32</sup> Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him.<sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw

that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup> Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup> (He who saw this has testified so that you also may continue to believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup> These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” <sup>37</sup> And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.” <sup>38</sup> After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and removed his body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup> They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup> And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

## CHORAL RESPONSE

*Crucified* (Susan Bentall Boersma, arr. Craig Courtney)  
(Chancel Choir)

## EXTINGUISH ETERNAL FLAME

## LEAVE IN SILENCE

*All are invited to take a few moments of prayer and depart in silence.*

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## Announcements

**Crown of Glory Building and Offices Closed:** Monday, April 6 in observance of Easter Monday.

**Prayer Vigil for Peace:** April 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Crown of Glory Sanctuary

The Justice & Inclusion Team invites you to join us for a prayer vigil for peace as we gather in faith and unity to pray for peace in our communities, our nation, and around the world. In times of uncertainty and conflict, we turn our hearts to prayer, asking for compassion and healing for all people. The vigil will include quiet reflection, candle lighting, and music. Whether you stay for a few minutes or the entire time, your presence and prayers are welcome. Let us come together as a community to be a light of hope and peace.

## New Member Information

### **Interested in Becoming a Crown of Glory Member?**

Contact Pastor Reggie or fill out a New Member Form online at [www.crownofglory.org/join-us](http://www.crownofglory.org/join-us)

**New Member Orientation:** April 12 at 10:15 a.m.

All visitors and guests looking to make Crown of Glory their church home are invited to attend an orientation with Pastor Reggie.

**New Member Welcome:** April 19 during 9:00 a.m. worship

During the service, your family will be briefly introduced to the congregation.

A photo will also be taken for our New Member Bulletin Board.

## Adult Ministry and Education

### **Lutheran Women Gone Wild: April 9**

Join this group of women for good food and fellowship at Winchester and Rye, Victoria, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Sandi Rue.

### **Women's Bible Study: April 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sun Hall**

Led by CoG member, Sherri Taylor, this group of curious and delightful women meet once a month on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. throughout the program year to study a book of the Bible together. This year, they will be journeying through First and Second Corinthians.

### **Men's Pub Ministry: April 16**

Join this group from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Hackamore Brewing Company, Chanhassen, for good brew and fellowship.

## Children and Youth

### **VBS at Crown of Glory: Registration is Open at [www.crownofglory.org/vbs-registration](http://www.crownofglory.org/vbs-registration)**

Monday, July 27– Thursday, July 30 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Kids who have completed Kindergarten - 5th Grade are welcome to attend. (members and non-members) Early bird rate is \$60/camper from now until June 1. Contact Gretchen with any questions.

### **Easter Egg Hunt: April 5**

Calling all kiddos to join us for an Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. The hunt will take place at 9:45 a.m., between the services. You may bring your own Easter basket, or bags will be provided. We strongly prefer to hold the event outside, but if the weather makes that impossible, it will take place inside.

### **Summer Camp Wapo Opportunities**

Are you thinking about sending your child to Bible Camp this summer? Lake Wapogasset (aka Wapo) has options for just about every age. Camp Offerings: 1-day option for kids in K-2, "Seeds" weekends for kids in grades 1-3, "Youth Camps" for kids in grades 4-9, "Roots" camps for grades 8-12. Feel free to reach out to Gretchen if you have any questions, or check out more information on their website, <https://lakewapo.org/>.

## Wednesday Night Programming

### **Wednesday Night Dinner:**

Do you want a night off from making dinner? Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served almost every Wednesday from 5:15-6:15 p.m. The cost is \$6 per youth or \$16 per family. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups.

#### Menu

April 8– Breakfast for Dinner

**April 15– No Meal**– Service Event at Feed My Starving Children

April 22– Brats

April 29– Pizza

May 6– Grill Out Hotdogs & Burgers    Connect

#### Kitchen Helpers

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Connect

All dinners include a salad and yogurt bar.

**Connect and Confirmation Service Event: April 15 at Feed My Starving Children**

## Donations, Fundraisers, and Volunteering

### **Rummage Sale**

As you may start to do Spring Cleaning, keep in mind we will be seeking donations for the Rummage Sale later this Spring. More information to come.

### **Fundraising at Target Field**

Volunteers from Crown of Glory will be doing concessions again this year at Target Field during the upcoming Minnesota Twins season. We are looking for additional volunteers to join us in this fundraising venture that will help support Crown of Glory. Youth (16 or 17 yrs old) are eligible to volunteer along with their parent/guardian. For more information contact Pastor Reggie, Mikel Jones, Deb Peterson, Kate Peterson, or Grant Taylor.

### **Bountiful Basket Donations:**

During April we will be collecting donations of tortillas, crackers, and Ramen Noodles. They could also use brown and plastic bags. These items should be placed in the Bountiful Basket box located in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

A poster for Holy Saturday Taize. The background is dark with a bright, glowing light source at the bottom center, surrounded by a shower of golden and blue sparkles. The text is in a serif font, with the title in a larger, bold font.

**Holy Saturday Taize**  
**April 4**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
*In Person in the Sun Hall*  
*No Sermon or Holy Communion*

A poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. The background is a light blue wooden plank texture. Several colorful Easter eggs are scattered on the left side. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**April 5**  
**9:45 a.m.**  
Weather permitting, this event will be held outdoors.

A poster for Easter Sunday. The background is a gradient of purple and blue, with a large, faint white cross visible. The text is in a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts.

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5**  
8:30 a.m.  
*In Person & Livestream*  
&  
10:30 a.m.  
*In Person*

## Church Council



An updated Church Council photo will be published soon!

Pastor Reggie Klindworth (Senior Pastor), Sherri Eriksrud (President),  
Eric Larson (Vice President), Kristi Kirsch (Secretary),  
Krista Hammann, Deb Kielty, Rich Latterner, Deb Mangen, Leah Skille, and Bill Tyler.

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<b>Servant Song Leader</b> <b>Interim Chancel Choir Director</b> (March-May) Grace Becker	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Electronic Giving</u></p> <p>To give via Venmo, scan the QR code. Include the amount you would like to contribute and the fund you are giving to.</p>	



**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
**Worship Schedule (All Year):** Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
**SPARK Sunday School (Program Year):** Sunday 9:55-10:35 a.m.