

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Good Friday

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The Good Friday service of Tenebrae is an ancient Holy Week devotion which began in the 7th or 8th century, or possibly earlier. The name "Tenebrae" means shadows. The service takes its name from the ceremony of extinguishing in succession all the lights in the sanctuary, casting it into total darkness which is symbolic of the disciples' desertion of our Lord, and of his death and burial. The purpose of the Tenebrae Service is to aid us in realizing the total impact of the darkest day in the history of the world, the day Author of Life, Jesus Christ, died on the cross. At the same time, we recognize that at the cross Jesus accomplished for us all things: the forgiveness of sins and peace with God.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP



TIME OF REFLECTION

Vocal Solo

"Via Dolorosa" – Billy Sprague and Niles Borop

Jane Parsons, Soprano

Laura Shaghoian, Accompanist

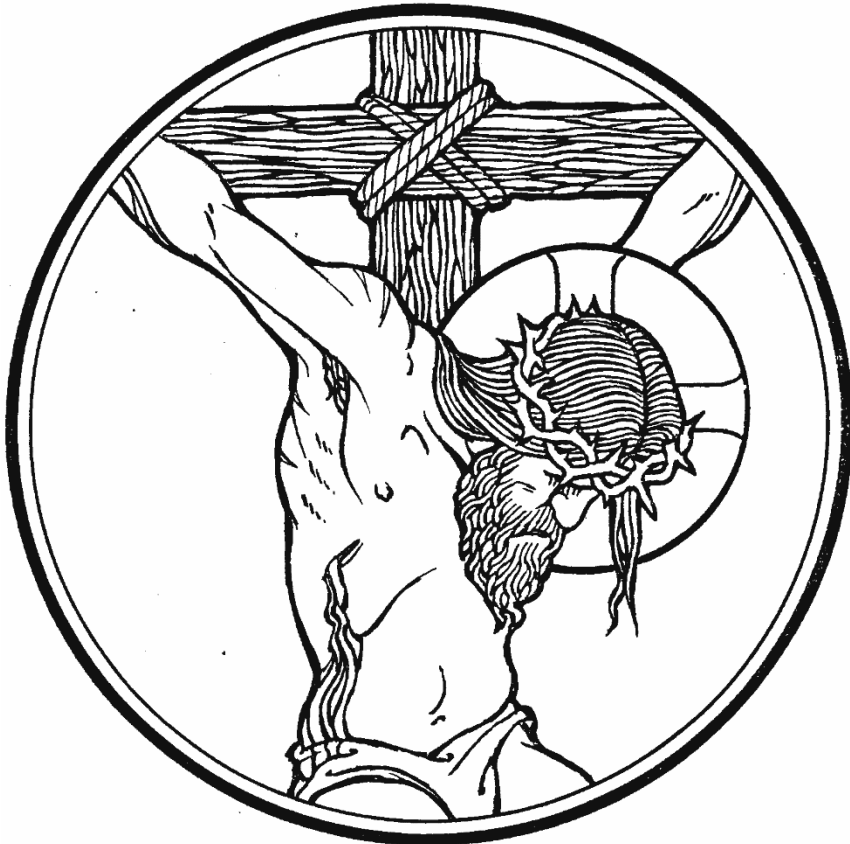
INVOCATION

P In the Name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF INVOCATION "Go to Dark Gethsemane" LSB 436 (v. 1-3)

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,



Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Merciful God, we come before You on this day, remembering the Savior whom You sent, the suffering that paid the cost of our redemption, and the death that killed death, once for all. Give us such faith in Your Son and in the salvation He has won, that we may not despair for lack of hope nor surrender ourselves to evil, but call upon His saving name with thanksgiving in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.
- C** Amen.

PEACE HANDBELL CHOIR

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" – *arr. by Barbara Kinyon*

+ THE FIRST WORD +

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.
- P** God did not spare His own Son,
C but gave Him up for us all.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:3

He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Luke 23:33-34

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments.

PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. O innocent Jesus, by false witness and lies You were condemned to death, but by Your true witness You showed us the way of life. Make us to remember how our sins and evil words and thoughts condemn us, and let us not be found false and faithless on the day when God holds court.

C Amen.

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450 (v. 1-3, 7)

- 1 O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.
- 2 How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now languish
That once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cruel rigor,
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor,
Thy strength, in this sad strife.
- 3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
And grant to me Thy grace.
- 7 Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

REFLECTION

The first candle is extinguished.

+ THE SECOND WORD +

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.

P Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me
C cannot be My disciple.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:4

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Luke 23:38-43

There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

PRAYER

P Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, You said, "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Grant us grace to bear whatever cross may be ours to carry; and grant that by Your cross the world may be crucified to us and we to the world, and that through Your cross and passion we may gain life everlasting.

C Amen.

KYRIE LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

REFLECTION

The second candle is extinguished.

+ THE THIRD WORD +

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.

P The Lord has laid on Him the guilt of us all.
C He was smitten for the people's transgressions.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

John 19:25-27

But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

PRAYER

P Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, You have said: "Take My yoke upon You and learn from Me; for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Grant that, as You bore Your cross willingly for love of us, we may bear our cross for the love of You. Give us grace in every trial and temptation and save us by Your cross and passion.

C Amen.

HYMN "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" LSB 451 vv. 1, 2

- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.
- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,

Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

REFLECTION
The third candle is extinguished.

+ THE FOURTH WORD +

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.

P Those who sow in tears
C shall reap with shouts of joy.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Mark 15:33-34

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

PRAYER

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing that You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us a new and contrite heart, that we, lamenting our sins and holding to Your mercy, may receive full forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" *LSB 451 vv. 3, 4*

3 Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;

'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

4 Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

REFLECTION
The fourth candle is extinguished.

+ THE FIFTH WORD +

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.

P They have pierced My hands and feet.
C I can count all My bones; they stare and gloat over Me.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:10

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for guilt, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

John 19:28

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

PRAYER

P Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, nailed to the cross for us, crucify in us all that is evil. With Your precious blood cleanse us from all our sins, renew a right spirit within us, and strengthen our hearts to forgive.

C Amen.

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *LSB 425 vv. 1, 2*

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,

My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

REFLECTION

The fifth candle is extinguished.

+ THE SIXTH WORD +

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.
- P** Surely He has borne our griefs
C and carried our sorrows.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:11

Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

John 19:29-30

A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Gracious and loving Father, as You listened to Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the midst of His agony and suffering, so hear the cries of Your people and teach us in all humility and obedience to call on You in all our needs, trusting that You will never leave us nor forsake us.
C Amen.

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LSB 425 *vv.* 3, 4

- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

REFLECTION

The sixth candle is extinguished.

+ THE SEVENTH WORD +

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.
- P** Christ, for our sake, became obedient to the point of death,
C even death on a cross.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:12b

He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Matthew 27:50-54

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, out of tender love toward Your creation, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to become our flesh and to suffer death on the cross. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience and also be made partakers of His resurrection.
C Amen.

HYMN "Upon the Cross Extended" LSB 453 (*v.* 1, 4, 5, 8)

- 1 Upon the cross extended
See, world, your Lord suspended.

SILENT MEDITATION

(Please exit in reverence and silence.)

TENEBRAE SERVICE



*This is a service that will end in total darkness,
symbolizing the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Please remain seated during the entire service.*

*At the conclusion of the service,
please depart reverently and in silence.*

*Candles during the service will be extinguished,
symbolizing the death of Jesus.
The candles will be lit again on Easter morning,
celebrating Christ's Resurrection!*

Your Savior yields His breath.
The Prince of Life from heaven
Himself has freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.

4 I caused Your grief and sighing
By evils multiplying
As countless as the sands.
I caused the woes unnumbered
With which Your soul is cumbered,
Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.

5 Your soul in griefs unbounded,
Your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
You healed my wounds and set me free.

8 Upon the cross extended
Our Lord's work now is ended;
He breathes His final breath.
The soldier then confesses;
The world his word then blesses:
"Truly, this was the Son of God."

REFLECTION

The seventh candle is extinguished.

All lights are turned off

LORD'S PRAYER

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