

GOOD FRIDAY *TENEBRAE* SERVICE

April 19, 2019 7:00 pm



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AS WE GATHER

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John the Baptist spoke that prophetic phrase at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. Today we see these words fulfilled, as we meditate on the death of the Son of God on our behalf. In His death, we have life. *Tenebrae* is the Latin word which means darkness or shadows. This worship is one of the oldest devotional services of the Christian church. It dates back to the 7th or 8th century AD and it is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses.

Its purpose is to call attention to the fact that we have been accomplices in the death of Christ, and to allow us to reflect on the suffering and death that He suffered for us.

[Worshippers are invited to place their tithes and offerings in plates located in the narthex.]

THE INTROIT

Adult Choir

THE REPROACHES

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross.

C: **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God Eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have Mercy.**

THE HYMN

Lamb of God, Pure And Holy

**Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink.

C: **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God Eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**

THE HYMN

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Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God?

C: **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God Eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.**

THE HYMN

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Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**



SERVICE OF THE WORD



P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You carried our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in You now and in the world to come, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

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

THE HYMN

LSB 438

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
(The choir will sing stanza 3)

THE WORDS FROM THE CROSS



THE FIRST WORD



THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:14-16a; Luke 23:32-34a

It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify Him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified.

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Him, along with the criminals—one on His right, the other on His left, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

THE HYMN

LSB 439 st. 1,2,3,7

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken?

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. When You were mocked, You did not respond with harsh words. When You were tormented, You did not react in anger. When You were nailed to the cross, You prayed for forgiveness for those who caused You to suffer. Give to us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and a forgiving spirit, that we may repay evil with good. Teach us also to love our enemies, and as children of the heavenly Father, to live in peace with all people.

C: **Amen.**

The first candle is extinguished



THE SECOND WORD



THE SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:35-43

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save Yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise."

THE ANTHEM

Gerhard Schroth

Drawn to the Cross

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in your infinite mercy You heard the plea of the dying thief on the cross next to You. We pray that You would open our hearts in mercy to welcome those who turn to You, and rejoice in their salvation. When our last hour comes, hold us firm in our faith, and bring us also to live with You in Paradise.

C: **Amen.**

The second candle is extinguished



THE THIRD WORD



THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

THE HYMN

LSB 422

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

- P:** Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, while You suffered the agony of the cross, Your thoughts turned to the welfare of others. Your concern was for Your mother in her sorrow. We pray that You would regard with pity all parents who mourn the death of their children, and all parents who sorrow because their children have gotten into trouble or forsaken their faith. By the power of Your healing, we pray that parents and children may know peace, and that relationships may be restored.
- C:** **Amen.**

The third candle is extinguished



THE FOURTH WORD



THE SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:45-4

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” – which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

THE ANTHEM

Douglas E. Wagner

And No Bird Sang

- P: Let us pray.
Lord God, Father of all people and Creator of all that exists,
You hold all people in your power. We pray that You would
not forsake the world which Your Son died to redeem. Even
though we still see the influence of sin and evil all around us,
assure us of Your continued presence in our midst. Help us to
know Your love in our lives, so we can show Your presence to
others.
- C: Amen.

The fourth candle is extinguished



THE FIFTH WORD



THE SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:38-42, John 19:28-29

[Jesus told his disciples,] “Anyone who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the one who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. And if anyone gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

THE HYMN

LSB 425

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

P: Let us pray.

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, You endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing that only You can provide. When we find ourselves suffering, give us peace and patience to endure the pain that comes our way. Bring to our minds all that You endured for us, and give us the strength to bear our burdens by the grace of Your holy example.

C: **Amen.**

The fifth candle is extinguished



THE SIXTH WORD



THE SCRIPTURE READING

Heb. 9:11-12, 15, 27-28; John 19:30a

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption...

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant...Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him...When He had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.”

THE ANTHEM

F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author and Perfecter of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. We pray that You would complete in us also everything that You intend for us, so that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for His glory.

C: **Amen.**

The sixth candle is extinguished



THE SEVENTH WORD



THE SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:44-46, Matthew 27:54

Darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit My spirit." When He had said this, He breathed His last.

Pause for meditation

When the centurion and those with Him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely He was the Son of God!"

THE HYMN

LSB 451

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of our heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace, that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.

C: **Amen.**

The seventh candle is extinguished

Stand

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Back of Hymnal

THE HYMN

LSB 430

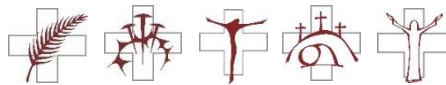
My Song Is Love Unknown

As the choir sings this hymn, the congregation is asked to leave in silence

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND MEMBERS!

- We like to know who our visitors are, so please complete a Visitor Connection Card from the Pew Rack in front of you.
- Personal Listening Devices for persons with hearing problems are available from an usher.
- The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Trinity, moved by God's love, to support this ministry. Visitors should not feel obligated to participate. We want you to feel welcome and we truly wish to serve you.
- If at any time during the service it becomes difficult for you to stand, by all means take a seat, even if others are standing. God knows our strengths and He understands our weaknesses and frailties. God bless you!

HOLY WEEK



Saturday, April 20

5:30pm: Holy Saturday Service (School)

Sunday, April 21

6:30am, 9am, and 10:30am: Easter Sunday Services (Church)

7:30 – 10:30am: Easter Breakfast (School)

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR



Thursday, May 30

6:30pm: Ascension Service

Saturday, June 8

5:30pm: Pentecost Services

Sunday, June 9

8 am and 10:30am: Pentecost Service



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