

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30, 2018

7:00 pm



AS WE GATHER

The Good Friday Tenebrae helps us experience the time of darkness that occurred during Jesus' crucifixion. The Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") is a worship service observed during Holy Week to impress upon us the horrifying consequences of our sin and the magnitude of our Savior's sacrifice for us. Candles are extinguished to remind us of the darkness of that day and the darkness of our sinful world. Tonight, we use seven candles as we remember Jesus' seven last words from the cross. The removal of the Christ Candle near the end of the Tenebrae signifies the death of Jesus. The loud sound—the *strepitus*—represents the closing of the tomb. However, we do not leave in total darkness. The return of the Christ Candle reminds us that death is not the end of Jesus, nor the end of us. We depart in both silence and confidence, knowing that the light of Easter will soon scatter the darkness of Good Friday.

PRELUDE



WELCOME

(Please Stand)

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

(Please face the processional cross, turning as it passes by.)

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Pastor: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

People: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

(Please Be Seated)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 449

**O sacred head now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
No 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.**

**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.**

What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.

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.

(Please Stand)



INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross † may be made by all
in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b (18:20)*



CONFESSION

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Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word: and deed by my fault, by my own most grievous fault: wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

People: **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” *LSB 611, v. 1-4*

All: **Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His and He is mine.**

Women: *Oh, the height of Jesus’ love, Higher than the heav’ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity!
Love that found me wondrous thought, Found me when I sought Him not.*

Men: *Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.*

All: **Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.**

+ WORD +

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, Your innocent suffering and death is beyond our comprehension.

People: **In love and grace You have bore the enormity of our sin and guilt securing for us life eternal.
By faith, may we confidently know that Your great sacrifice is sufficient to sustain us in this
life and the next.**

Pastor: Grant us Your peace, Lord, as we remember this day the ultimate price You paid for our salvation.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.¹⁴ As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ⁵³ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 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. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 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. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. 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. 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. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)



APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

SERMON HYMN "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" LSB 454, v. 1-3

**Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy, Sound the loud triumphant lay;
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, As a victim won the day.**

**Tell how, when at length the fullness Of the appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman, Left for us His Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience, Shone as light amidst the gloom.**

**Thus, with thirty years accomplished, He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing, Did His work, and met His death;
Like a lamb He humbly yielded On the cross His dying breath.**



SERMON

SERMON RESPONSE "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" LSB 454, v. 4-5

**Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit thine equal be;
Symbol of the world's redemption, For the weight that hung on thee!**

**Δ Unto God be praise and glory; To the Father and the Son,
To the eternal Spirit honor Now and evermore be done;
Praise and glory in the highest While the timeless ages run.**



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, in the words of Isaiah the prophet. O Lord, Jesus Christ, surely You have borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed You stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

People: Lord, we give You heartfelt thanks for knowing our griefs and sorrows.

Pastor: You were wounded for our transgressions; You were crushed for our iniquities; upon You was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with Your stripes we are healed.

People: **Lord, we ask that You would continually forgive our sins.**

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

People: **Lord, when we stray from Your Word of grace and wisdom, restore us to Your eternal fold.**

Pastor: You were oppressed, and You were afflicted, yet You opened not Your mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so You opened not Your mouth.

People: **Lord, we praise You for being the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

LSB 162

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.

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS “In Silent Pain the Eternal Son”

Ascension Choir

✠TENEBRAE – CHRIST’S WORDS FROM THE CROSS ✠

THE FIRST WORD Luke 23:32-38

“Father, Forgive Them”

HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LSB 436, v. 1-2

**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.**

**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.**

(The first candle is extinguished)

THE SECOND WORD Luke 23:39-43

“Today You will be with Me...”

HYMN “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” *LSB 439, v. 1-3*

**O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?**

**They Crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.**

**Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.**

(The second candle is extinguished)

THE THIRD WORD John 19:23-27

“Woman, Behold Your Son”

HYMN “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

LSB 439, v. 4-5

**What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.**

**The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
God is committed.**

(The third candle is extinguished)

THE FOURTH WORD Matthew 27:45-49

“My God, My God . . .”

HYMN “My Love is Love Unknown”

LSB 430, v.1-3

**My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?**

**He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!
Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then Crucify!” Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.**

(The fourth candle is extinguished)

THE FIFTH WORD John 19:28-29

“I Thirst”

HYMN “My Love is Love Unknown”

LSB 430, v. 4-5

**Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease And ‘gainst Him rise.**

**They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a way;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He To suff’ring goes That He His foes From thence might free.**

(The fifth candle is extinguished)

THE SIXTH WORD John 19:30

“It Is Finished”

HYMN “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

LSB 451, v. 1-2

**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.**

**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.**

(The sixth candle is extinguished)

THE SEVENTH WORD Luke 23:44-49

“Father, Into Your Hands . . .”

(The seventh candle is extinguished)

HYMN “Were You There”

LSB 456

(While the hymn is being sung, the sanctuary lights are fully dimmed and the flame of the Christ Candle is removed signifying Christ’s death. It is then returned in anticipation of His resurrection.)

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh... Sometimes it cause me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

**Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Oh... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?**

STREPTICUS

*(After the reading of John 3:16, a loud sound is heard,
signifying the closing of Christ's tomb.)*

*Worshippers may remain for silent meditation.
Please observe silence while departing.*

Our offerings are collected as worshippers exit the sanctuary.

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MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Gabe Maichel, organist, Caroline Maichel, violin;
Ascension Choir

USHERS: Paul Brock Sr., Paul Brock Jr., Roger Jensen

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 1 - Easter Celebration Services With Communion

8:00 a.m., 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast – Sr. Youth 7:30 am-10:30 am