

# GOOD FRIDAY

April 19, 2019

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

*Caroline Maichel, violin*



## 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

*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 AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dear Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to reverently behold the agony of your rejection, the pain of your condemnation, and the horror of your crucifixion.

People: **Bring us to the places you walked and to the people you encountered on that Friday so long ago.**

Pastor: Stay with us, Lord, as we witness your suffering and listen to your last words of love.

People: **As we approach Calvary let us become mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against your holy commandments.**

Pastor: Eternal God, we confess that we have turned away from you in our thinking, speaking, and doing.

People: **We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others.**

Pastor: We have passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

People: **O God, we have tried to hide from you and from one another.**

Pastor: We confess our fatal attractions that enslave us and the failed relationships that haunt us.

People: **We cannot plead the strength of our temptations or the frailty of our nature or place the blame on other people.**

Pastor: We can only say, "For the sake of Jesus, God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

*(A moment of silent reflection)*

Pastor: By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. O God, make your face shine upon us.

**ALL: Only then will we be saved!**

**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 +

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

*(Please Be Seated)*



### OLD TESTAMENT *Exodus 12:1-14*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup> “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup> And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup> and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. <sup>7</sup> “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup> And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup> In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup> “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** “The Blood of Jesus” [TEXT Lisa Clark] *Ascension Choir*



**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 1:18–24*

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?<sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,<sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

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*

**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.**

**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!**

**ΔUnto 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.**



**SERMON**



**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** “The Power of the Cross”

*Worship Team Quartet*

*Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7*

*(Please Stand)*

**OFFERTORY** “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

*LSB 192*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen**

*(Please Be Seated)*

✠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** “In Silent Pain the Eternal Son”

*Ascension Choir*

*(The fourth candle is extinguished)*

**THE FIFTH WORD** John 19:28-29

*“I Thirst”*

**HYMN** “My Song 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 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.*

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**PREACHER:** Pastor Matthew Clark  
**LITURGIST:** Trevor Freudenburg  
**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Gabe Maichel, organist, Caroline Maichel, violinist;  
Ascension Choir; Worship Team Quartet  
**USHERS:** Paul Brock, Sr., Paul Brock, Jr., Roger Jensen

**EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

April 21 - Easter Celebration Services with Communion  
8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am  
Easter Breakfast – Sr. Youth 7:30 am-10:30 am