

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service
April 19, 2019
7:00 PM

THE HISTORY OF TENEBRAE

The Tenebrae Worship Service is an adaption of the ancient "Office of Tenebrae" dating from the 8th Century. It was sung originally on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week commemorating the trial, suffering, and death of Christ. Other names for this day are *Day of the Lord's Passion*, *Day of the Absolution*, and *Day of the Cross*. Its original Old English meaning may have been *God's Friday*. The literal translation of the Latin word, "**Tenebrae**," is "**Shadows**." In more recent years it has been used as a ceremony moving worshippers from light to darkness. The service begins in silence and, as the candles are extinguished, the entire Sanctuary will progress into total darkness. This symbolizes the fading life of Jesus Christ as "The Light of the World" is removed briefly to the darkness of His grave and the realm of Hell.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"O Christ, Thou Lamb of God"

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

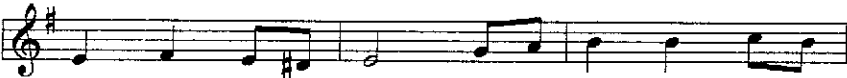
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1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ~~F~~ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 22:1-18

- P** *My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?*
C **Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**
P *O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,*
C **and by night, but I find no rest.**
P *Yet You are holy,*
C **enthroned on the praises of Israel.**
P *In You our fathers trusted;*
C **they trusted, and You delivered them.**
P *To You they cried and were rescued;*
C **in You they trusted and were not put to shame.**
P *But I am a worm and not a man,*
C **scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**
P *All who see me mock me;*
C **they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**
P *"He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver him;*
C **let Him rescue him, for He delights in him!"**
P *Yet You are He who took me from the womb;*
C **You made me trust You at my mother's breasts.**
P *On You was I cast from my birth,*
C **and from my mother's womb You have been my God.**
P *Be not far from me, for trouble is near,*
C **and there is none to help.**
P *Many bulls encompass me;*
C **strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**
P *they open wide their mouths at me,*
C **like a ravening and roaring lion.**
P *I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;*
C **my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**
P *my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;*
C **You lay me in the dust of death.**
P *For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;*
C **they have pierced my hands and feet--**
P *I can count all my bones--*
C **they stare and gloat over me;**
P *they divide my garments among them,*
C **and for my clothing they cast lots.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

See, My servant will act wisely; He will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at Him—His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and His form marred beyond human likeness—so He will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of Him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem. Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.

By oppression and judgment He was taken away. Yet who of His generation protested? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of My people He was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the LORD makes His life an offering for sin, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in His hand. After He has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge My righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities.

Therefore, I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

✠ *This is the Word of the Lord.*

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

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+ SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS +

FIRST WORD

Luke 23:32-34

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Him there, 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." And they divided up His clothes by casting lots.

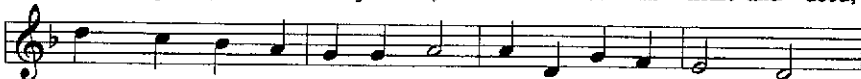
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HYMN

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 1-3



1 Je - sus, in Your dy - ing woes, E - ven while Your life-blood flows,
 2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue When our sins Your pangs re - new,
 3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, Be like You in heart and deed,



Crav - ing par - don for Your foes: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 For we know not what we do: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 When with wrong our spir - its bleed: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't you the Messiah? 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, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The second candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 4-6

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| <p>4. Jesus, pitying the sighs Of the thief, who near You dies, Promising him paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus.</p> | <p>5. May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and mercy claim, Calling humbly on Your name: Hear us, holy Jesus.</p> |
| <p>6. May our hearts to You incline And their thoughts Your cross entwine. Cheer our souls with hope divine: Hear us, holy Jesus.</p> | |

THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "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 third candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 7-9

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| 7. Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart Your sorrows rend, And Your dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus. | 8. May we in Your sorrows share, For Your sake all peril dare, And enjoy Your tender care: Hear us, holy Jesus. |
| 9. May we all Your loved ones be, All one holy family, Loving, since Your love we see: Hear us, holy Jesus. | |

FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:45-46

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

The fourth candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 10-12

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| 10. Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, With our evil left alone, While no light from heav'n is shown: Hear us, holy Jesus. | 11. When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems far away, In the darkness be our stay: Hear us, holy Jesus. |
| 12. Though no Father seem to hear, Though no light our spirits cheer, May we know that God is near: Hear us, holy Jesus. | |

FIFTH WORD

John 19:28-29

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that 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 fifth candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 13-15

- 13. Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 14. Thirst for us in mercy still;
All Your holy work fulfill;
Satisfy Your loving will:
Hear us, holy Jesus
- 15. May we thirst Your love to know.
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

SIXTH WORD

John 19:30

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 16-18

- 16. Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All Your Father's will obeyed;
By Your sufferings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 17. Save us in our soul's distress;
Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 18. Brighten all our heav'nward way
With an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 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.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 19-21

- 19. Jesus, all Your labor vast,
All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 20. When the death shades round us low'r,
Guard us from the tempter's pow'r,
Keep us in that trial hour:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 21. May Your life and death supply
Grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the home on high:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

♫ **LITANY** [from LSB 288]

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P God the Father in heaven,

C have mercy.

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C have mercy.

P God the Holy Spirit,

C have mercy.

P Be gracious to us.

C Spare us, good Lord.

P Be gracious to us.

C Help us, good Lord.

P From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; from pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; from lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

C Good Lord, deliver us.

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C Help us, good Lord.

P We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, O Lord.

P To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived; to beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit.

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people; to watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; to grant

all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; to strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

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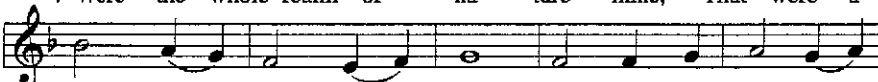
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace. **C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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✠ **Silent Prayer** ✠

The loud closing of the altar book reminds us of the sealing of Christ's tomb with a large stone.

Then the lights are darkened, leaving only the Christ candle lit marking the hope of the resurrection.

A bell chimes 33 notes, one for each year of Christ's life.

When the lights are raised, please depart in silence, reflecting on Christ's death for our sins.

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this evening:

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 Altar Guild Elsie Leiker, Sharon Milliken, Beth Tevah
 Greeter..... Teri Cueva
 Music Director / Organist Beth Buss
 Special Music.....Christ Choristers; Beth Buss, Director
 Ushers..... Brian Albee, Tim Cueva, Devin Monasmith, Phil Vandre

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