
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service
April 15, 2022
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.

AS WE GATHER – *"The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord" (LSB 634:1). Those words of a Swedish hymn written in the 1600s may seem difficult for us to comprehend. What is there to celebrate? Why is today good? In Old English, the word good meant "sacred" or "holy"—so it would be proper to refer to this day as "Holy Friday." And yet the great goodness of God in Jesus Christ is most fully on display at the cross. Without the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, on this day, there would be no basis for His glorious resurrection in three days. Today is the good day that leads us to the great day of Easter yet to come!*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Were You There"

by Dale Wood

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

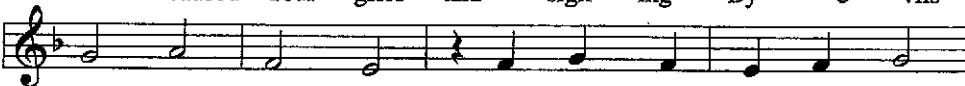
♯OPENING HYMN

Upon the Cross Extended

LSB 453



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so
4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.
sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?
mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.

(continued)



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
 Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came
 We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -
 I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and (bit - ter death.
 flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.
 gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.
 cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed 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.
6. Your cords of love, my Savior,
 Bind me to You forever,
 I am no longer mine.
 To You I gladly tender
 All that my life can render
 And all I have to You resign.
7. Your cross I place before me;
 its saving pow'r restore me,
 Sustain me in the test.
 It will, when life is ending,
 Be guiding and attending
 My way to Your eternal rest.

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INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
C And also with you.
P *Let us pray.*

All: Almighty and Everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—¹⁵so 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.

¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For 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. ³He 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. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But 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. ⁶All 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. ⁷He 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. ⁸By 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? ⁹And 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. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out 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. ¹²Therefore 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.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

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

⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL SELECTION

"Kyrie Eleison"

(means: Lord have mercy)

+ 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.

Meditation from Pastor Roger Wohletz

The first candle is extinguished.

HYMN LSB 447

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."

Meditation from Pastor Roger Wohletz

The second candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 4-6

4. Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief, who near You dies,
Promising him paradise:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

5. May we in our guilt and shame
Still Your love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Your name:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

6. May our hearts to You incline
And their thoughts Your cross entwine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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.

Meditation from Pastor Roger Wohletz

The third candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 7-9

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?").

Meditation from Pastor Roger Wohletz

The fourth candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 10-12

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.

Meditation from Pastor Roger Wohletz

The fifth candle is extinguished.

HYMN

13. Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 13-15

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.

Meditation from Pastor Roger Wohletz

The sixth candle is extinguished.

HYMN

16. Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All Your Father's will obeyed;
By Your sufferings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 16-18

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.

Meditation from Pastor Roger Wohletz

The seventh candle is extinguished.

HYMN

19. Jesus, all Your labor vast,
All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, In Your Dying Woes vs. 19-21

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

- 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.

(continued)

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.**

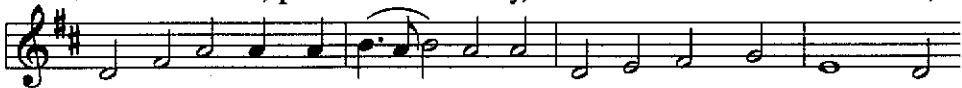
BENEDICTION

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.*

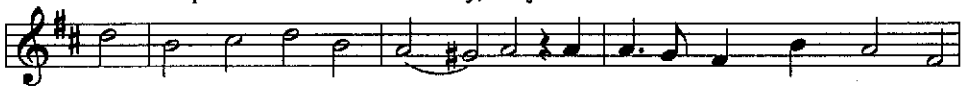
C **Amen.**



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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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:

Acolyte Steve Rolen
 Altar Guild Elsie Leiker & Sharon Milliken
 Elder on Duty David Kurth
 Music Director / Organist Beth Buss
 Special Music Christ Choristers; Beth Buss, Director
 Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter
 Service Live Streaming..... Donna Eaton
 Usher Phil Vandre, Naomi Kettner

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***The story is not over. Come and share the good news yet to come on Easter Sunday!***



**JOINT WORSHIP SERVICES WITH  
 UNIVERSITY HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Easter Sunday, April 17:                      Pastor Vanderhyde, Preaching  
**7:00 AM: Easter Sunrise Worship w/Communion**  
 8:30 AM: Easter Breakfast  
 9:15 AM: Easter Activities for Children  
**10:15 AM: Easter Worship with Communion**