



Good Friday

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A Tenebrae Service

We welcome everyone who has come to worship with us this evening. Today we will be observing a variation of an ancient form of Good Friday worship known as a Tenebrae Service. In the early Christian Church a Tenebrae Service was held in remembrance of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus. During this ancient service a candle was extinguished after each Scripture reading was completed - symbolic of the isolation and suffering of our Lord, and of the black evil of the sins for which He died.

In our worship this evening we continue that ancient tradition with an adaptation of such a service. During the conclusion of the service one candle will be extinguished after each of the readings are completed, progressively darkening the church. At the end of the service, one candle will remain burning. This is the Christ candle. This candle will be carried out at the end of the service to symbolize the assurance of His resurrection after three days in the tomb. Our Savior was not overcome by death, but rather He overcame sin and hell through death. When Jesus died on the cross, God's love for mankind did not die. That is why the Christ candle remains lighted. The burial of our Savior only serves to heighten our anticipation of Easter morning, when Jesus would be raised from death to give us confidence in the forgiveness of sins and life eternal.

Though the death of our Savior has now removed the threat and terror of death for us sinners, Good Friday remains a most solemn observance. This is a time for prayerful reflection on the part of God's Children. Though you may find it difficult to see and read by the end of the service, this serves also to remind us of our spiritual blindness apart from Christ Jesus our Lord. May God bless your meditation and worship this evening.

Invitation - We invite you to join us this weekend for the continuation of this Good Friday service. Our services will be held at 6:00pm on Saturday and at 10:00am on Sunday. We will also have a Sunrise service at 7:00am on Sunday morning.



Pre-service Devotion: Matthew 27:50-51

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split.

..... SERVICE OF THE WORD

Bells

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn #153

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 22 (selected verses)

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning? ² O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent. ³ But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. ⁴ Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. ⁵ They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. ⁶ But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. ⁷ All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, ⁸ "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

¹⁴ I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; ¹⁷ I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. ¹⁸ They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹ But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

²⁷ All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. ²⁸ For the kingdom is the LORD'S, And He rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive. ³⁰ A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, ³¹ They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done this.

Confession and Absolution

P: All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way. *(Isaiah 53:6)*

C: Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. *(Psalm 51:4-5)*

P: But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed! *(Isaiah 53:5)*

C: Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. *(Micah 7:18)*

P: Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

C: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith. (1 Peter 5:6-9)

P: In the mercy of our almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jn. 1:12; Phil. 1:6)

C: Amen.

Response

Hymn 148:7-8

**Lord, in Your nail-prints let me read
That You to save me have decreed
And grant that in Your opened side
My troubled soul may ever hide.**

**Since You have died, the Pure, the Just,
I take my homeward way in trust.
The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide
When here I may no more abide.**

Passion Reading

Part VIII – Good Friday

Ensemble

**1pm – “My Savior Jesus”
7pm – “Thy Will be Done”**

Confession of Faith

Luther’s Explanation to the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

Sermon: Matthew 27:57-61

Pastor Joe Naumann

Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. ⁵⁹ When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. ⁶¹ And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

MEMENTOS OF HIS PASSION

A Heavy Stone

Response

Hymn 155:2,5

Here we rest in wonder, viewing All our sins on Jesus laid;
 Here we see redemption flowing From the sacrifice He made.
 Lord, in loving contemplation Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee
 Till we taste Thy full salvation And Thine unveiled glory see.

The Offering**Prayer and Lord's Prayer****Hymn #760****“Oh, Love, How Deep”**

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The lights will be turned off while the final Scripture passages are read. At the end of each reading a candle will be put out. This is to show the increasing agony and darkness that our Savior suffered for us, until finally, He willingly gave up His life for us.

If you wish, you may remain in the church for personal meditation following the service. Please refrain from speaking until you have left the church building, and out of respect for those wishing to remain, please greet each other quietly outside of the church.

First Scripture Reading: *John 19:1-9*

1 So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. 3 Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. 4 Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." 5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" 6 Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." 8 Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, 9 and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.

Second Scripture Reading: *John 19:10-18*

10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" 11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." 12 From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." 13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" 15 But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" 16 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away. 17 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.

Third Scripture Reading: *John 19:19-24*

19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. 21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews.'"" 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. 24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Fourth Scripture Reading: *John 19:25-30*

25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" 27 Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Fifth Scripture Reading: *John 19:31-37*

31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

The Exit of the Christ Candle

SERVING US TODAY

PASTOR Joe Naumann **DEACON** 1pm – Steve Wolle; 6pm – Brent Schreyer

ORGANIST 1pm – Lane Fisher; 6pm – Grace Schreyer

SCREEN Cliff Kuehne **HEAD USHER** Paul Bade