



THERE THEY
CRUCIFIED
HIM,

AND WITH HIM TWO OTHERS, ONE ON EITHER SIDE,
WITH JESUS BETWEEN THEM. JOHN 19:18, NRSV

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024
7:00pm

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning "darkness" or "shadow." During the service, the lights of the church are gradually extinguished until the church is in darkness, symbolizing the darkness that covered the earth at Christ's crucifixion.

Ministers enter in silence.

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have each turned to our own way;

C: and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

P: You revealed your law to Moses, O God,

C: but your people preferred false prophets who set their consciences at ease.

P: At last, you sent your Son to bring them back;

C: but your people shut their ears and crucified him.

P: We are your people, O God, all of us;

C: guilty, judged, seeking forgiveness.

P: Accept our plea for mercy,

**C: For we ask in the name of your Son, our crucified and gracious Lord.
Amen.**

HYMN

Were You There

Green Book 92

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“The Heart of Jesus”*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

L: A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

A servant gives himself as an offering for sin. This servant is the lamb to be sacrificed.

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

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 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. 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.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 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. 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.

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. 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? 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.

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. 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. 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

L: A reading from Hebrews

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

Whenever we have a great need before God, Jesus is pleading on our behalf.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For 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. Let 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.

In 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. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

SERMON

Pastor Tom Jacobson

Silence for prayer and meditation.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Please kneel as you are able.

As each petition is introduced, there will be time for silent prayer before the pastor reads each prayer. The congregation responds to each petition with "Amen."

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility.

C: Amen.

Period of silence for prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation to people everywhere. We ask through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for our pastors, and other ministers, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people of God.

C: Amen.

Period of silence for prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you continually bless the Church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for Baptism. Give them a new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one Church all those who know Christ as Lord.

C: Amen.

Period of silence for prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church its unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. We are consecrated to you by our Baptism; make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God, that they may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

C: Amen.

Period of silence for prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and his posterity. Hear the prayers of your Church, that the people you first made your own may arrive with us at the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation.

C: Amen.

Period of silence for prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the Gospel. Help us, your people, to grow in love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of your Godhead, and so to become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God, that they may find him who is the author and goal of our existence.

C: Amen.

Period of silence for prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all might long to know you and have peace in you. Grant that, in spite of the hurtful things that stand in their way, they may all recognize in the lives of Christians the tokens of your love and mercy, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God and Father of us all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom.

C: Amen.

Period of silence for prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

C: Amen.

Period of silence for prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

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.

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

Green Book 123

Please stand.

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

P: May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

C: Let your ways be known upon the earth, your saving health among all nations.

P: Let all the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you.

C: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Please be seated.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

As the Passion narrative is read, the extinguishing of candles and the gradual darkening of the sanctuary represent the flight of Christ's disciples and his approaching crucifixion. At the conclusion of the reading, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the death and descent of Jesus. A time of silence for meditation is observed after each candle is extinguished.

John 18:1-11 - Pastor
First candle is extinguished

John 18:12-24 - Tom Rodgers
Second candle is extinguished

John 18:25-32 - Pastor
Third candle is extinguished

John 18:33-40 - Tom Rodgers
Fourth candle is extinguished

John 19:1-16a - Pastor
Fifth candle is extinguished

Please stand.

John 19:16b-27 - Tom Rodgers
Sixth candle is extinguished

John 19:28-42 - Pastor
Seventh candle is extinguished

THE LIGHT OF HOPE

After all the candles have been extinguished, a single candle – the Paschal candle – is lighted to symbolize our hope in Jesus' death, that Jesus is the light of the world that no darkness can overcome. All leave in silence. There is no benediction or postlude. The service continues with the Easter Vigil tomorrow at 7:00 pm Please remain and pray as long as you wish.

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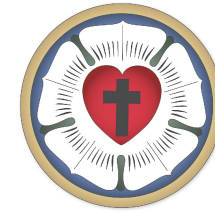
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Remaining Holy Week Worship Schedule:

March 30 - Easter Vigil - Worship at 7:00 pm

March 31 - EASTER - Worship at 8:00 & 10:30am; Breakfast 8-10am

Serving Good Friday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson

Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers

Lector: Bob Reynolds

Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons