



# GOOD FRIDAY

## Tenebrae Service

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

6:00 PM

**As We Gather** From Holy Thursday, we move to Good Friday. This is the most solemn day of the Church Year – the day on which we remember the death that saves us. Today we worship our Lord for His tremendous sacrifice. We also remember that our own sins, which, like nails, have placed Jesus on the cross, have been forgiven because of Jesus' death. Tenebrae, which means darkness, lends its name to this service, because we begin with lights on and candles lit and gradually extinguish both to point to the darkness that came to earth on that Friday afternoon when Christ died, and to the darkness of the tomb in which our Lord's body was placed after His death.



### THE PREPARATION

[The bell is tolled 7 times, once for each of Jesus' Seven Words]

#### OPENING VERSICLES

**P** O Lord, open my lips,

**G** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**G** make haste to help me, O Lord. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

#### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

**P** We adore You, Lord Jesus, in Your cross and Passion, through which You have brought life and joy into the world through Your suffering and death.

**G** Be gracious to us according to Your mercy and bless us. Shine the light of Your face on us and give us Your peace.

**P** Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God,

**All:** You bore our sins in Your body on the tree, so that we, being dead to sin might live in Your righteousness. Have mercy on us now and at the hour of our death and give us a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, God forever. Amen.

- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
- C** **grant us peace.**
- P** Jesus, the Lamb of God, has taken away the sins of the world and yours.  
By the command of Christ and the power of His death, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

**INTROIT - Isaiah 53:1-11** *(Good News Translation)*

- P** Who would have believed what we now report?  
Who could have seen the LORD's hand in this?
- C** **It was the will of the LORD that His servant  
grow like a plant taking root in dry ground.**
- P** He had no dignity or beauty to make us take notice of Him –  
nothing attractive about Him, nothing that would draw us to Him.
- C** **We despised him and rejected Him;  
He endured suffering and pain.**
- P** No one would even look at Him –  
we ignored him as if he were nothing.
- C** **But he endured the suffering that should have been ours,  
the pain that we should have borne.**
- P** All the while we thought that His suffering  
was punishment sent by God.
- C** **But because of our sins He was wounded,  
beaten because of the evil we did.**
- P** We are healed by the punishment He suffered,  
made whole by the blows He received.
- C** **All of us were like sheep that were lost,  
each of us going his own way.**
- P** But the LORD made the punishment fall on Him,  
the punishment all of us deserved.
- C** **He was treated harshly, but endured it humbly;  
He never said a word.**
- P** Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be  
sheared, He never said a word.
- C** **He was arrested and sentenced and led off to die,  
and no one cared about His fate.**
- P** He was put to death for the sins of our people.

**G** He was placed in a grave with those who are evil,  
he was buried with the rich,

**P** even though He had never committed a crime  
or ever told a lie.”

**G** The LORD says, “It was my will that he should suffer;

**P** My devoted Servant, with whom I am pleased, will bear the  
punishment of many and for His sake I will forgive them”.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**All:** Merciful God, we come before You on this day remembering the Savior whom You sent, the suffering that paid the cost of our redemption, and the death that killed our death, once for all. Give us such faith in Your Son and in the salvation, He has won, that we may not despair for lack of hope nor surrender ourselves to evil, but call upon His saving name with thanksgiving in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

*LSB 440, v. 1-5*

### **+ THE SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS+**

**The First Word - Luke 23:13-25, 32-34**

*“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do”.*

**Hymn – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted**

*LSB 451, v. 1, 3*

**P** Let us pray.

**All:** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. When You were mocked, You did not respond with harsh words. When You were tormented, You did not react in anger. When You were nailed to the cross, You prayed for forgiveness for those who caused You to suffer. Give to us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and a forgiving spirit, that we may repay evil with good. Teach us also to love our enemies, and as children of the heavenly Father, to live in peace with all people. Amen.

**The Second Word - Luke 23:35-43**

*“Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise”.*

**Hymn – Upon the Cross Extended**

*LSB 453, v. 1, 5, 7*

**P** Let us pray.

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your infinite mercy You heard the plea of the thief dying on the cross next to You. We pray that You would open our hearts in mercy to welcome those who turn to You and rejoice in their salvation. When our last hour comes, hold us firm in our faith, and bring us also to live with You in Paradise. Amen.**

**The Third Word - John 19:23-27**

*"Woman! Behold your son! ... [to the disciple] Behold your mother!"*

**Hymn – Jesus, In Your Dying Woes**

**LSB 447, v. 7-9**

**P** Let us pray.

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, while You suffered the agony of the cross, Your thoughts turned to the welfare of others. Your concern was for Your mother in her sorrow. We pray that You would regard with pity all parents who mourn the death of their children, and all parents who sorrow because their children have suffered tribulations or forsaken their faith. By the power of Your healing, we pray that parents and children may know peace, and that relationships may be restored. Amen.**

**The Fourth Word - Matthew 27:45-47, 49**

*"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me"?*

**Hymn – Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow**

**LSB 428, v. 1-3**

**P** Let us pray.

**All: Lord God, Father of all people and Creator of all that exists, You hold all people in Your power. We pray that You would not forsake the world which Your Son died to redeem. Even though we still see the influence of sin and evil all around us, assure us of Your continued presence in our midst. Help us to know Your love in our lives, so we can show Your presence to others. Amen.**

**The Fifth Word - John 19:28-29** *"I thirst".*

**Hymn – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

**LSB 435, v. 1, 3**

**P** Let us pray.

**All: Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, You endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing that only You can provide. When we find ourselves suffering, give us peace and patience to endure the pain that comes our way. Comfort us with the memory of the cross, and use this to give us the strength we need to bear our burdens. Amen.**

**The Sixth Word - John 19:30** *"It is finished!"*

**Hymn – Jesus, in Your Dying Woes** *LSB 447, v. 16-18*

**P** Let us pray.

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. We pray that You would complete in us also everything that You intend for us, so that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for His glory. Amen.**

**The Seventh Word - Luke 23:44-49**

*"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit".*

**Hymn – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

*LSB 450, v. 5-7*

**P** Let us pray.

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father. Amen.**

**[The bell is tolled 33 times, once for each year of Jesus' life.]**

**Jesus Is Buried – Luke 23:50-56**

<sup>50</sup> Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, <sup>51</sup> who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup> Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. <sup>53</sup> Then he

took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>54</sup> It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. <sup>55</sup> The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. <sup>56</sup> Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

**Sermon – “Joseph of Arimathea – Jesus Was Laid in MY Tomb”**

**P** Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**G** Amen.

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn – Were You There**

**LSB 456, v. 1-3**



(You are asked to leave in silence anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday. You may remain in the sanctuary for meditation or prayer as long as you like.)

Our Easter services are at 8:00 AM at Christ Lutheran Church West Bloomfield and 10:00 AM at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Poy Sippi. Holy Communion will be part of both celebrations of our Lord’s resurrection.

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