

**Good Friday
Tenebrae Vespers
April 7, 2023 7:00 p.m. Service**



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GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

There are several different options for the Good Friday portion of the Triduum liturgy. The Divine Service may be used, with or without Holy Communion. The full account of Christ's death from St. John's Gospel may be used or, as tonight, just a portion. Sermons may be on one of the appointed Readings, on the appointed Psalm, Psalm 22, or on Christ's Seven Last Words. Tonight's option, a Tenebrae Vespers, focuses our attention on Christ's time on the cross and the slowly developing darkness as He suffers and dies. During the course of the liturgy, the lights dim. Once the Lord's Prayer is spoken, they are turned off, so that only the Christ Candle is burning. It is then taken out of the sanctuary, symbolizing Christ's burial. The service book is slammed on the altar to symbolize the stone sealing the tomb. The other special elements in the liturgy, the Reproaches, the Unveiling Of The Cross, and the Collects On Christ's Seven Last Words, are meant to provide opportunity for us to ask for mercy for our sins sending Christ to the cross, to rejoice in the salvation He accomplishes through His cross, and to reflect, through prayer, on His seven last words. The Lord's Prayer is spoken without the concluding acclamation of praise, in keeping with the Good Friday practice of omitting such acclamations. Again, the Pastor leaves the altar in silence and the congregation also leaves in silence, to return for the last part of the Triduum liturgy: the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae Vespers

April 7, 2023 7:00 p.m.

(Pastor and congregation gather in silence.)

Stand

P Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death on the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

2 O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.

4 In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

5 They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

7 All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

8 "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

9 Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

10 From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

12 Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

13 Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

16 Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

18 They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

19 But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

20 Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

21 Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

22 I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.

23 You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

24 For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows.

26 The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him – may your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

28 for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him – those who cannot keep themselves alive.

30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

31 They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn – for he has done it.

Psalm Prayer

P Let us pray. 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 sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Reading

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

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

1 Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2 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. 3 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. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But 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. 6 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. 7 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. 8 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? 9 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. 10 Yet 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. 11 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. 12 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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reproaches

P Thus says the LORD: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

C Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn

LSB 434 st. 1

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”



1 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.



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!

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P Thus says the LORD: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to

those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

C Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn

LSB 434 st. 2

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

2 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.
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!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "2 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. 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!".

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P Thus said the LORD: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

C Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn

LSB 434 st. 3

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”



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.



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



Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Reading

Hebrews 4:14-5:9

14 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. 15 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.

16 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.

1 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but

was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; 6 as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” 7 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. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him...

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Unveiling of the Cross

P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

C O come, let us worship him.

P C We adore you, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world. God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us. We adore you, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into the all the world.

Hymn

LSB 454 sts. 1-5

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the
 △ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
 time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
 Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
 no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
 and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the
Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!
in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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Reading

John 19:17-42

...17 and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. 18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. 19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 20 Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city,

and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. 21 So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” 22 Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24 so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, 25 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother,

“Woman, behold, your son!” 27 Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. 31 Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would 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 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been 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 at once there came out blood and water. 35 He who saw it has borne witness – his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth – that you also may believe. 36 For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” 37 And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. 39 Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. 40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. 41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which

no one had yet been laid. 42 So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Office Hymn

LSB 438 sts. 1-4

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”



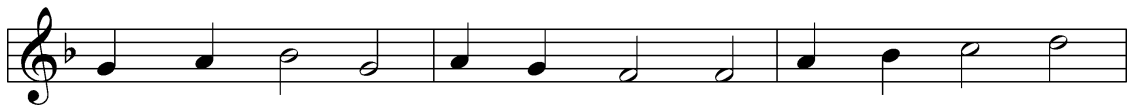
1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
3 “Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. “Go
Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me.” O
robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
forth, My Son,” the Fa - ther said, “And free My chil - dren
won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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Sermon

Pastor David Burge

“Atonement under the Cross: Christ’s Gift of Rescue”

Sermon Text Psalm 22

(Lights are turned down to 1/2 strength.)

Collects on Christ's Seven Last Words

The First Word: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” (*St. Luke 23:34*)

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God was taken, and by the hands of wicked men was crucified and slain, and did make intercession for the transgressors, we pray You, grant unto us all the blessed assurance that there is now no condemnation to them which are in You, and that, if any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father in You, the Righteous, whose blood speaks better things than Abel's blood; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”



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.

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The Second Word: “Truly I say to you, Today you will be with me in Paradise.” (*St. Luke 23:43*)

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, merciful King and Prince of Peace, who did veil Your divine glory and was robed in humility, crowned with thorns, nailed upon the tree of shame, and numbered with the transgressors, we thank You that You have remembered us in our condemnation and have

translated us into Your Kingdom of Grace. We pray You, rule in our hearts and lives with the scepter of Your Word, and when life's brief day is ended, take us with You into Paradise; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn

LSB 447 sts. 4-6

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

- 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.

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The Third Word: “Woman, behold your son!
Behold, your mother!” (*St. John 19:26 and 27*)

P Let us pray. O Compassionate Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for Your perfect obedience which You did render for us even to Your death on the cross. We pray You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that He may write Your holy Law upon our hearts, so that following Your example of filial love and obedience, we may honor and serve our parents, and, from the least to the greatest, may learn obedience and walk in Your footsteps. And let Your strength be made perfect in our weakness; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn

LSB 447 sts. 7-9

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

- 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.

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The Fourth Word: “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?
My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?”
(*St. Matthew 27:46*)

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who did tread the winepress of God's wrath alone and was made a curse for us on the accursed tree, being forsaken of God, we pray You, grant that our faith in You may never know doubt or change. Strengthen us in the sure knowledge and confidence that nothing shall separate us from the love of God in You and that, though Your Father hide His face from us in a little moment of wrath, we may never despair of His loving-kindness, for the sake of Your bitter agony; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn

LSB 447 sts. 10-12

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

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.

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(The fourth pair of candles is extinguished.)

The Fifth Word: “I thirst.” (St. John 19:28)

P Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, who on the cross did endure the pains and anguish of body and soul to accomplish all things for our redemption and in Your cry “I thirst!” did reveal Your fervent desire and zeal to draw all people unto Yourself, grant that the souls of people everywhere may hear Your gracious Gospel and drink of the waters of life and be satisfied; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn

LSB 447 sts. 13-15

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

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.

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The Sixth Word: “It is finished!” (*St. John 19:30*)

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus, who on the cross did cry out: “It is finished!” we thank You that You did complete the work which Your Father gave You to do: You did fulfill the Law of God for us, You did bear its curse in our stead; You did reconcile all people to God. Grant that we may with our whole heart believe this and that we may never rely on any work or merit of our own, but always trust in Your finished work on Calvary; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

C Amen.

Hymn

LSB 447 sts. 16-18

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

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.

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The Seventh Word: “Father, into Your hands I
commit My spirit.” (*St. Luke 23:46*)

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, who in Your dying moment did commit Your soul into Your Father's hands, thereby assuring us that You did finish the work of our redemption and that Your Father is well pleased in You, we pray You, grant us by Your Holy Spirit such confidence in Your redemption that, washed of our sin in Your blood, we, too, in our dying hour may confidently commit

our souls into the Father's hands, trust wholly in
Your merits; who lives and reigns with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn

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“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

- 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.

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(The seventh pair of candles is extinguished.)

(The lights are at 1/4 strength.)

Stand

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. Amen.**

(The lights are turned off. Only the Christ Candle on the altar is still burning.)

****Removal of the Christ Candle****

****Slamming of the Book on the Altar****

(Pastor leaves the altar in silence. When he has left, the congregation may leave in silence.)

EASTER WORSHIP

Sunday, April 9, we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord with our ***Easter Communion Service at 10:30 a.m.*** This service is the last service in the services of the Triduum, the Three Days. It features such elements as the Return of the Christ Candle to the altar, the Easter Acclamation, the Easter Proclamation, and the return of The Hymn of Praise and The Post-Communion Canticle as well as the celebration of Holy Communion on the chief feast day of the Church Year. Pastor Burge's sermon, "Resurrection Under The Cross: Christ's Gift Of Victory," will be based on Psalm 118. Come and celebrate the victory we have because Jesus is risen from the dead on ***Sunday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m.***