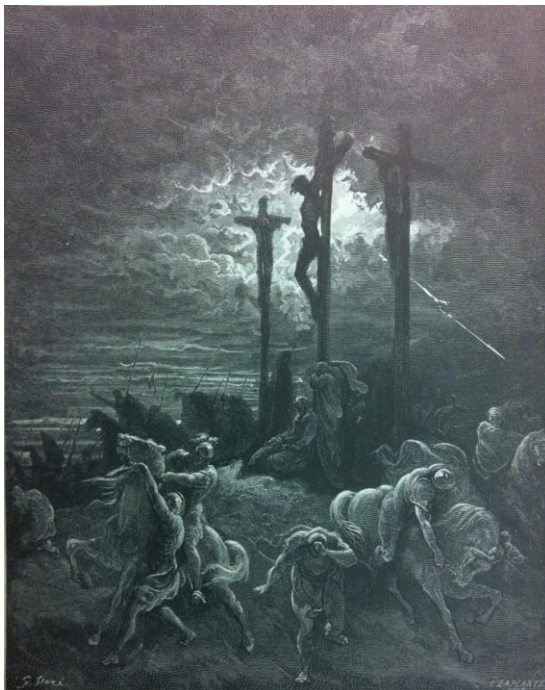


Good Friday/ Tenebrae Vespers
April 15, 2022 7:00 p.m. Service



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You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

** Please turn off cellphones **

(Worshippers enter in silence)

(Offerings may be placed in the offering plate on the piano)

As We Gather (Tenebrae – Service of Darkness)

The worship service begun yesterday, Maundy Thursday, when we celebrated Christ's institution of the Lord's Supper, continues today, Good Friday. On this most solemn day, we worship our Lord for His tremendous sacrifice. We also remember that, as the centurion spoke today, this was the death of a righteous man, The Righteous Man. Today's liturgy is an order of Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness"); because we begin with lights on and candles lit and gradually extinguish both as our Lord nears His death on that Friday afternoon. It ends with the strepitus, a loud sound signifying the closing of the tomb---in Christ's decisive moment our sins have been paid for by with His innocent death. And then the Christ Candle is returned; we know that Jesus lives in eternity, and we remain eager to celebrate His Easter resurrection.



TENEBRAE VESPER

GOOD FRIDAY

April 15, 2022 7:00 p.m.

[All enter in silence]

Stand

Opening Versicles

LSB 229

[P] O Lord, open my lips,

[C] and my mouth will declare Your
praise.

[P] Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

[C] make haste to help me, O Lord.

[P] [C] Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of
our salvation.

Sit

Psalm 2:1-12

1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

3 “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

6 “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

7 I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Hymn

LSB 451 sts. 1, 4

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, See Him dy-ing on the
4 Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, Here the ref-uge of the
tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; Yes, my
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal-va-tion, Is the
soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin-ners
Proph-et, Da-vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound-ed, Sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt! None shall
see suf-fi-cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith-ful Word.
ev-er be con-found-ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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★ *A candle is extinguished.*

Isaiah 53:1-12

1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities; the
punishment that brought us peace was upon
him, and by his wounds we are healed.

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each
of us has turned to his own way; and the
LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did
not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb
to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her
shearers is silent, so he did not open his
mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken
away. And who can speak of his
descendants? For he was cut off from the
land of the living; for the transgression of
my people he was stricken.

9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with

the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

★ *A candle is extinguished.*

Hymn

LSB 456 sts. 1-2

“Were You There”



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

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The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

[P] The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

John 19:1-16a

1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

2 The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe 3 and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck him in the face.

4 Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." 5 When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

6 As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."

7 The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

8 When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, 9 and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. 10 "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

11 Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you

from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

12 From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

13 When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). 14 It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

15 But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

16 Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

★ *A candle is extinguished.*

Hymn

LSB 449 sts. 1-2

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

Stand

John 19:16b-42

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. 17 Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). 18 Here they crucified him, and with him two others – one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

19 Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20 Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

21 The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,'

but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

23 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

24 "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did.

25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,

and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," 27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

28 Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

29 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. 30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

31 Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath.

Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. 32 The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. 33 But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. 35 The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. 36 These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be

broken," 37 and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced." 38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away.

39 He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.

40 Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. 41 At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. 42 Because it was the Jewish

day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

★ *A candle is extinguished.*

Responsory

1 John 2:1-2

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away. 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.

Sermon

Pastor Tom Rhodes

“Forgiveness Finished”

Hymn

LSB 439 sts. 1-2, 4-5

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
 5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
 The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
 They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants
 Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
 owe Him, Who would not know Him.
 quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

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★ *A candle is extinguished.*

Stand

Reproaches

P Thus says the LORD: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. Though I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. Though I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people. *(Micah 6:3-4)*

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.

P Thus says the LORD: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. Though I have conquered all your foes, you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. Though I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people. *(Jeremiah 2:6-7)*

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.

P Thus says 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.

(Isaiah 5:2-4)

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.

Sit

Hymn

LSB 436 sts. 1-4

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. “It is fin - ished!”
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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Stand

Prayers

Bidding Prayer

The Bidding Prayer finds its origins in the prayer of the faithful from the Early Church. In offering each bid, the deacon brought the needs of the people before God and the whole Church. The priest, symbolizing the intercessory work of Christ, spoke the prayer itself, while the people affirmed it with their “Amen.” Tonight, the assistant’s bid invites the congregation to silent prayer, and the presiding minister pauses briefly before collecting the thoughts of the congregation in each collect he speaks. The congregation assents to each prayer with a spoken “Amen” following the refrain “through Jesus Christ, our Lord.”

A *Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:*

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A *Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and especially for all the people of God:*

P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A *Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:*

P O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray that all who receive the sword at Your appointment may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A *Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick, and a safe journey to all who travel:*

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A *Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:*

P O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A *Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:*

P O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

★ *A candle is extinguished.*

P Lord, have mercy.

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mercy.

P Christ, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

★ *The final candle is extinguished.*

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.**

The Paschal Candle is removed from the chancel to remind us that Christ died – that the Light of God had gone out in the world. The sounding of the strepitus (a loud, sudden noise) after the candle is removed can recall the closing of Jesus' tomb with a large stone. The candle is then returned to remind us that Easter is coming with Christ's promised resurrection following His 3 days in the tomb. All leave in silence and minimal light.

(The minister and worshipers leave in silence)

(Offerings may be placed in the offering plate on the piano)

*The Story and our worship is not yet over.
Come and share the Good News at our
Easter celebration at 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Sunday.*