

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sharing the Love, Joy & Peace of Jesus
Good Friday Tenebrae Service – April 10, 2020

***THE TENEBRAE SERVICE:** Originally a service that was observed during each of the last three days of Holy Week, Tenebrae has become a service widely used on the evening of Good Friday. Named from the Latin word for darkness, Tenebrae is a very solemn service that is conducted in subdued lighting and ends in darkness. Despite its somberness, Tenebrae is in no way a 'funeral' service for Christ. Instead it is a service that reflects the horrible price that Jesus paid to win the victory that freed us from sin, death and the devil.*

Pastor: Dear Friends, we have come together at this solemn moment in the life of the church to reflect on the suffering of Our Lord in his last days, and to dwell on our own shortcomings and human failures. Our hearts are heavy with sorrow and contrition as we pray forgiveness for the errors of our foolish and arrogant ways.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

THE PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Music: "Were You There" *Kathy on piano*

THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost

People: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: He was despised and rejected of all, a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, and we hid our faces from him. He was despised, and we knew him not.

People: Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. Yet we knew him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Pastor: But he was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

All: All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned each of us to our own ways, and God has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

THE COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, You do not desire the death of sinners, but rather you desire that we should turn from our wicked ways and live, we plead with You to turn from us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved and to grant us grace ever hereafter to serve You in holiness and pureness of living, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Cong. Amen!

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 12:1-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.

³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.

⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.

⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷ “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

⁸ They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.

¹⁰ And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

SPECIAL MUSIC – “There is a Fountain” by William Cowper *on piano by Kathy Hogue*

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, the precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E're since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 26:36-45

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. ⁴¹ “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. ⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.”

THE EXTINGUISHING OF A CANDLE

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sins are ever before me.

Pastor: Behold, I was raised in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden parts you shall make me to know wisdom.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not from your presence, and take not your holy spirit from me.

Special Music: #450 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs. 1

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 26:47-56

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁵² "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

⁵⁵ At that time Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶ But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF A CANDLE

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor chasten me in your displeasure

People: Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak. O Lord, heal me in my distress.

Pastor: For in death there is no remembrance of you. In the grave who shall give you thanks?

People: The Lord has heard my supplication. The Lord will receive my prayer.

SPECIAL MUSIC – #450 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs. 2

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 26:57-75

⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. ⁵⁸ But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

⁵⁹ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰ But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward ⁶¹ and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

⁶² Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

⁶⁴ "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think?" "He is worthy of death," they answered. ⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him ⁶⁸ and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?" ⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. ⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

⁷² He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!" ⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away."

⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed.

⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF A CANDLE

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto you.

People: Hide not your face from me in the days when I am in trouble. Incline your ear unto me when I call.

Pastor: My days are like a shadow that wanes, and I am withered like the grass.

People: But you, O Lord, shall endure forever, and your remembrance unto all generations.

HYMN - #450 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs. 3

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 27:1-5

¹ Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. ² They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

³ When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴ "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."

⁵ So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF A CANDLE

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are concealed.

People: Blessed are they unto whom the Lord punishes not wickedness, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: The Lord is our hiding place. He shall protect us from trouble, and shall surround us with songs of deliverance.

People: Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but those who trust in the Lord shall receive mercy.

HYMN - #450 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs. 4

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 23:12-25

¹² That day Herod and Pilate became friends before this they had been enemies.

¹³ Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ Therefore, I will punish him and then release him."

¹⁸ With one voice they cried out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" ¹⁹ (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

²⁰ Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. ²¹ But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

²² For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him."

²³ But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF A CANDLE

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord. Give ear to my supplications. In your faithfulness and in your righteousness, answer me.

People: **Enter not into judgment with your servant, for in your sight shall no man living be justified.**

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies, for I fly unto you for safety.

People: **Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Your spirit is good. Lead me into the land of righteousness.**

HYMN - #450 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Vs. 5

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 23:26-34

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, "Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!" ³⁰ Then they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"

³¹ For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals; one on His right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF A CANDLE

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: O Lord, rebuke me not in your wrath, neither chasten me in your displeasure.

People: For my iniquities are gone over my head, and as a heavy burden, I can bear them no more.

Pastor: I am troubled. I am bowed down greatly. I go mourning all the day long.

People: I am feeble and sore broken. I have cried out by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

Pastor: My heart pants. My strength fails me. The light of my eyes is gone from me.

People: Forsake me not, O Lord. O my God, be not far from me.

SPECIAL MUSIC – #450 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Vs. 6

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 23:39-47

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷ The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.”

THE EXTINGUISHING OF A CANDLE

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Out of the depths have I cried unto you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice, and let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

People: If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with you, that you might be feared.

Pastor: I will wait for the Lord. My soul waits, and in his word do I hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than they who watch for the morning.

All: Let us hope in the Lord. For with the Lord there is mercy and with him is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem us from all our iniquities.

HYMN - #450 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Vs. 7

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(To be whispered)*

ALL: 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.

SCRIPTURE VERSE - John 16:16

A little while and you shall not see me, and again, a little while, and you shall see me.

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED - *Symbolizing the removal of Christ from the Cross and his burial. The candle will return Easter Vigil Night.*

SCRIPTURE VERSE – Matthew 27:57-60

And Joseph of Arimathea took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

THE CLOSING OF THE BOOK - *Symbolizing the sealing of Christ's tomb.*

SPECIAL MUSIC – “Lamb of God”

Duet- Katie Wilcox & Michaela Farnsworth

SILENT PRAYER