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Good Friday-The Tenebrae Service-A

The Passion according to Matthew

Tonight, God in Christ confronts sin, death and the devil. Through His active and passive obedience on our behalf, Jesus follows His prayer to His Father, yes our Father, "Not My will, but Your Will be done." Jesus submits to death, even death on a cross. Yet there is more, we know that through His death, the serpent's head is finally crushed, death is defeated, and atonement for sin is made once and for all.

TENEBRAE means "darkness" or "shadow" - - - *The seven candles employed in tonight's service symbolize the life of Jesus. As we read the account of Lord's passion, we hear how the earthly life of Jesus was "snuffed out," and so too do we extinguish the candles as a reminder of all our Savior endured for us and for our salvation. You may practice this as you worship along at home using candles you may have on hand, or battery-powered LED tea lights. You may wish to set them out on your dining room table, or coffee table in the living room. Your children may enjoy being able to "put the candles out" at the appointed times.*

At the end of that first Good Friday, Christ's body was removed from the cross to the tomb, and so we close our worship in somber silence, mixed with hopeful joy. That hopeful joy comes from the knowledge that our LIGHT OF HOPE, Jesus, still shines on, in spite of the darkness of our sinfulness and the evil of this world. In this way, we look forward to singing the song of Easter victory, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the actual conclusion of this worship service on Sunday at 7am.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC & SOLO:

"Why?"

Addie Rossow

THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty God, graciously behold us, Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to confront sin, death and the devil, by being betrayed, given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE HYMN

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

LW #90:1,2/LSB #423

Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see you wounded, bleeding, See your throne encircled brow?
Yet your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.

THE GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTION

“By Faith the Children of Israel”

Hebrews 11:29-30

THE HYMN

"Christ, The Life Of All The Living"

LW #94/LSB #420

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe.
Christ, yourself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through your suffering, death and merit Life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, Dearest Jesus, unto you.

You have suffered great affliction And have borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
For You chose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, Dearest Jesus, unto You.

Then, for all that bought my pardon, For the sorrows deep and sore.
For the anguish in the garden, I will thank You evermore,
Thank You for the groaning, sighing, For the bleeding and the dying,
For that last triumphant cry, Praise You evermore on high.

THE READING

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

Matthew 26:30-35

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

THE RESPONSE

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C: according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

P: Against You, only against You, have I sinned, and done evil in your sight -

C: So you are right in sentencing me; and blameless are your judgments against me.

THE HYMN

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

LW #100/LSB #422

On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, king of grace.
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase,
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation.

THE READING

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36-43

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with

me.” And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

THE RESPONSE

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God

C: and put a new and right spirit in me.

P: Cast me not away from your presence,

C: and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

THE HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LW#110:1/LSB #436:1

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r

Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;

Turn not from his griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

THE READING

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Matthew 26:45-56

Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.” While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.

THE RESPONSE

P: I have been sinful from birth, sinful from my conception.

C: Give me again the joy of your salvation; give me a willing spirit.

THE HYMN

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

LW #111:1,3/LSB #438:1,3

A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing

And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing;

Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,

That spotless life to offer,

He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mockery, and yet replies,

“All this I gladly suffer.”

“Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I’ll bear what You command Me.
My will conforms to Your decree, I’ll do what You have asked Me.”
O wondrous Love, what have You done! The Father offers up His Son,
Desiring our salvation.
O Love, how strong You are to save! You lay the One into the grave
Who built the earth’s foundation.

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The first candle is extinguished

THE READING

Jesus Before Caiaphas

Matthew 26:57-68

Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

THE RESPONSE

P: A faithful heart is what you want; so fill my mind with your wisdom.

C: Help me to speak, O Lord, and I will praise you.

"THE HYMN"

"O Dearest Jesus"

LW #119:1,3/LSB #439

O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken
That such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?
Of what great crime have you to make confession, What dark transgression?

What is the source of all your mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which You, Lord, must languish;
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit, This I do merit.

THE READING

Peter Denies Jesus

Matthew 26:69-75

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

THE RESPONSE

P: Remove my sin and I will be clean;

C: wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

P: Hide Your face from my sins, O Lord;

C: And wipe out all my evil.

THE HYMN

"Jesus! Oh, How Could It Be True"

LW #393

Jesus! Oh, how could it be true, A mortal man ashamed of You?

Ashamed of You, whom angels praise, Who glories shine through endless days?

Ashamed of Jesus, that dear friend On whom my hopes of heaven depend?

No; when I blush, be this my shame, That I no more revere His name.

THE READING

Jesus Delivered To Pilate

Matthew 27:1-2

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

THE RESPONSE

P: He was despised and rejected by us, a man of sorrows, knowing grief;

C: and we hid, as it were, our faces from him; he was despised, and we gave him no honor.

THE HYMN

"Go To Dark Gethsemane"

LW #110:2/LSB #436

Follow to the judgement hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;

Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!

Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from him to bear the cross.

The second candle is extinguished

THE READING

Judas Hangs Himself

Matthew 27:3-10

Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

THE RESPONSE

P: Spare my life, O God my Savior, so that I can gladly proclaim your righteousness:

C: let me hear again the sounds of joy and of gladness, and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be joyful once again.

THE HYMN

"In the Hour of Trial"

LW #511:1

In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me

Lest by base denial I depart from thee.

When thou see'st me waver, With a look recall
Nor, for fear or favor Suffer me to fall.

The third candle is extinguished

THE READING

Jesus Before Pilate

Matthew 27:11-26

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

THE RESPONSE

P: He was oppressed and he was afflicted,

C: yet he opened not His mouth

P: like sheep led to slaughter, or a sheep before its shearers is silent

C: so he opened not His mouth

THE HYMN

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LW #95:3,5/LSB #430:3,5

Sometimes they strew His way

And His sweet praises sing;

Resounding all the day

Hosannas to their King.

Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,

And for His death They thirst and cry.

They rise and needs will have

My dear Lord made away;

A murderer they save,

The Prince of Life they slay.

Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes

That He His foes From thence might free.

The fourth candle is extinguished

THE READING

Jesus Is Mocked

Matthew 27:27-31

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

THE RESPONSE

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

THE HYMN

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

LW#116:3,4/LSB #451

You who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed; See who bears the awful load;
It's the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation; Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ, the rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on him their hope have built.

The fifth candle is extinguished

THE READING

The Crucifixion

Matthew 27:32-38

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

THE RESPONSE

P: He was taken from prison to judgment; who shall declare his generation?
C: **For He was cut off from the land of the living, for the sins of my people He was stricken.**
P: It was the will of the Lord to bruise Him; he has put him to grief,
C: **because he poured out his life to death, and was counted among evil-doers.**

THE HYMN

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LW #113:1,3/LSB #450

O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, your only crown.
O sacred head, what glory And bliss did once combine;
Though now despised and gory, I joy to call you mine!

All this for my transgression, My wayward soul to win;
This torment of your Passion, To set me free from sin.

I cast myself before you, Your wrath my rightful lot;
Have mercy, I implore you, O Lord, condemn me not!

THE READING

The Cruelty of the Bystanders

Matthew 27:39-44

And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

THE RESPONSE

P: Hide your face from my sins, O Lord,

C: and wipe out all my evil.

P: But he was mutilated for our transgressions, and mangled for our sins;

C: the punishment for our peace was on Him, and by His stripes, we are healed.

THE HYMN

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

LW #109:5,6/LSB #440

If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm, Peace and pardon give me.
Grant that I may trust in You And Your holy Passion;
If His Son forgives anew, God must have compassion.

Jesus, Lord, my heart renew, Let me bear my crosses
Learning humbleness from You, Peace despite my losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

The sixth candle is extinguished

THE READING

The Death of Jesus

Matthew 27:45-50

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

THE RESPONSE

P: All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned, each in his own way,

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

THE HYMN

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

LW #97: 1,3/LSB #437:1,3

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head For... such a worm as I?

Was it for sins that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love... beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut its glories in
When God, the mighty Maker died, For man... the creature's sin.

THE READING

The Centurion's Confession

Matthew 27:51-54

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

THE RESPONSE

P: My sacrifice is a submissive spirit, O God;

C: **a submissive and obedient heart you will not reject.**

P: Because He bore the sins of many,

C: **and made intercession for the transgressors.**

THE HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LW #115:1,3/LSB #425

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the prince of glory dies,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

The final candle is extinguished

THE READING

Jesus is Buried

Matthew 27:55-66

There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph 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. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

THE RESPONSE

P: 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. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God of my salvation. [My] sacrifice is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God You will not despise.

THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that we turn from our evil ways and live. Graciously spare us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and grant us always to serve You in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and help 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.**

A moment of silence before the pastors exit

- + There is no blessing--the service concludes on Easter Day as we wait to be "confronted with the new life" in **celebrating the Resurrection.**
- + To aid your devotion after the service has concluded, we suggest that you keep silence in your homes. Avoid conversation, television, computer or phone use, and other activities that might distract from a quiet ending to this day and its message.
- + We are grateful to all of you who continue to submit your regular monetary contributions to the church during this time, and we continue to encourage you to make use of the various means available to assist you with your giving. You can continue to submit offerings by:
 - mailing your physical contribution to the church office;
 - using the "Donate Online" link on the church website, standrewlcms.org;
 - installing the GivePlus mobile app on your iOS or Android device;
 - setting up electronic funds transfer (EFT) from your bank account.
- + God continue to bless you, His people, and grant you a joyful celebration of the Resurrection.