



# † GOOD FRIDAY †

Tenebrae Service

April 19, 2019

*The Tenebrae Service is a traditional service which impresses upon the minds and hearts of believers the awful consequence of sin and the magnitude of the Savior's sacrifice. It is structured around the 7 Words of Jesus from the cross or the 14 Stations of the Cross (which lead us through the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday). Tonight's service will follow the 7 Words of Jesus. To remind us that we deserve to live in darkness without God and that Christ went into darkness for us, we begin our service in silence and end in darkness. The altar candles will gradually be extinguished to signify both the darkness, which covered the earth when Jesus hung on the cross, and the resentment and hatred of the world against our Savior.*

## Prayer Before Worship:

*Lord Jesus, as I hear Your words of love and commitment from the cross, deepen my love for You and my commitment to trust You. Let my celebration of this dark day, which You made good for me, feed my spirit in true faith and lead me to live a devoted life. Amen.*

**Hymn:**            *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

LSB # 425

## Invocation and Processional Sentences

Pastor:            In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:            **Amen.**

Pastor:            Jesus suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil

People:            **And free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.**

Pastor:            For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants.

People:            **For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way,**

Pastor:            in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God,

People:            **And that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.**     Hebrews 2:9,14-17

Pastor:            Let us pray:

People:            **Almighty God, graciously look on me in this hour. For my sake, my Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed, was given into the hand of sinners, and suffered death on the cross. I marvel at Your love for me! I praise Him who carried my sin, so that I might have His holiness and righteousness. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Confession of Sins and Announcement of Forgiveness

Pastor: I ask you now before God, who searches the heart: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserve His wrath and punishment?

People: **I do confess! For Holy Scripture declares: “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”**

Pastor: Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?

People: **I do repent! As did the remorseful sinners of the bible: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; and the prodigal son who humbled himself to the level of a servant.**

Pastor: Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus’ sake, will forgive you all your sins?

People: **I do believe! For Holy Scripture declares: ‘For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.’”**

Pastor: Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit, you will amend your sinful life?

People: **I do so promise! For Christ, our Lord, says: “let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”**

Pastor: Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?

People: **I do so believe! For Christ, our Lord, says: “If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”**

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you; and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**Hymn:** *Were you There*

LSB # 456

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely;

**he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.**

<sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,

**and his form beyond that of the  
children of mankind—**

<sup>15</sup>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.**

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us?

**And to whom has the arm of the  
LORD been revealed?**

<sup>2</sup>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.**

<sup>3</sup>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.**

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;

**yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.**

<sup>5</sup>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.**

<sup>6</sup>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.**

<sup>7</sup>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.**

<sup>8</sup>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?**

<sup>9</sup>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.**

<sup>10</sup>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.**

<sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul  
**he shall see and be satisfied;**  
By His knowledge My righteous Servant will  
justify many,

**and he shall bear their iniquities.**

<sup>12</sup>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.**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Offering Hymn: *Old Rugged Cross* George Bennard**

- 1. On a hill far away, Stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross, Where the dearest and best,  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

*Refrain:*

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it someday for a crown.**

- 2. Oh, that old rugged cross, So despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God, Left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary.**

*Refrain*

3. In the old rugged cross, Stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross, Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me.

*Refrain*

4. To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day, To my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

*Refrain*

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### Offering Prayer:

Let us pray: **Lord Jesus, Thanks to You shall be, that You have died to set us free.  
Made righteous through Your precious blood, we now are reconciled to God.  
Our lives to deeds of love be given to our neighbor here, and You, in heaven.  
Let nothing in us, or what we own, serve any will but Yours alone. Amen.**

### Responsive Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, this day marks the anniversary of Your greatest gift to the world.  
People: **Your love for the human race is beyond our understanding.**  
Pastor: We praise You for that love, which caused You to give up Your only-begotten Son unto death for sinful humanity.  
People: **Cleansed of our sin and clothed in His righteousness, we now live in Your presence.**  
Pastor: O Lord, Jesus Christ, because You asked Your Father to forgive those who put You on the cross,  
People: **We know that we, whose sins put You there, are forgiven.**  
Pastor: Because You promised the thief who believed eternal life,  
People: **We are sure that, in spite of our sins, we too have eternal life.**  
Pastor: As, in the midst of Your suffering You cared for Your mother,  
People: **We are confident You are with us in our lives.**  
Pastor: Because of Your declaration that the work of redemption was finished,  
People: **We never need to be doubtful about our salvation.**  
Pastor: O Holy Spirit, abide in our hearts,  
People: **Grant us a faith that shares with our friends, neighbors, relatives, and acquaintances Your wonderful work done upon the cross.**  
Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray...  
People: **Our Father...**

# + The Seven Words from the Cross +

**A WORD OF FORGIVENESS:** *Father, forgive them...*

**Scripture:** Luke 23:32-38

**Hymn:** *Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*

LSB # 447, stanzas 1-3

**Meditation on the First Word**

**Prayer**

Let us pray: **Gracious Lord, may Your forgiving heart, broken for me, cleanse me from the sin of bitter revenge. Fill me with the joy of Your forgiving heart and unconditional love toward those who sin against me. Amen.**

**Extinguishing of Candles**

**A WORD OF CONCERN:** *Today you will be with me in paradise.*

**Scripture:** Luke 23:39-43

**Hymn:** *Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*

LSB # 447, stanzas 4-6

**Meditation on the Second Word**

**Prayer**

Let us pray: **Lord of Promise, Your Kingdom extends beyond the kingdoms of this world and lasts forever. Bring me and many into Your Kingdom, through Your victory over death. Enable me to lead others to You, my Way, my Truth, and my Life. Amen.**

**Extinguishing of Candles**

**A WORD OF LOVE:** *Here is your mother . . . here is your son.*

**Scripture:** John 19:25-27

**Hymn:** *Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*

LSB # 447, stanzas 7-9

**Meditation on the Third Word**

**Prayer**

Let us pray: **Lord of Love, You see my needs and care for them even before I do. Thank You for Your loving care in my life through the hands, hearts, and lips of others. Lead me to see the needs of others and to provide loving care to them, sharing Your care with my world. Amen.**

**Extinguishing of Candles**

**A WORD OF LONELINESS:** *My God, why have you forsaken me?*

**Scripture:** Matthew 27:45-49

**Hymn:** *Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*

LSB # 447, stanzas 10-12

**Meditation on the Fourth Word**

**Prayer**

Let us pray: **Forsaken Lord, I will never know Your awe-full pain because You experienced it for me. May Your presence in my life fill me with comfort, joy, and hope in every situation and circumstance. Amen.**

**Extinguishing of Candles**

**A WORD OF SUFFERING:** *I am thirsty.*

**Scripture:** John 19:28-29

**Hymn:** *Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*

LSB # 447, stanzas 13-15

**Meditation on the Fifth Word**

**Prayer**

Let us pray: **Lord, You felt thirst to fulfill the will of Your Father revealed in the Law and the Prophets for me. May the knowledge of Your thirst for me lead me to thirst for the living water of Your Word of Life. Amen.**

**Extinguishing of Candles**

**A WORD OF VICTORY:** *It is finished*

**Scripture:** John 19:30

**Hymn:** *Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*

LSB # 447, stanzas 16-18

**Meditation on the Sixth word**

**Prayer**

Let us pray: **Sacrificial Lord, You finished the sacrifice for my sin, declaring that the debt of my sin was fully paid. Lead me to offer daily sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving that show how thankful I am for Your payment of my debt, and the gift of Your grace. Amen.**

**Extinguishing of candles**

**A WORD OF TRUST:** *Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.*

**Scripture:** Luke 23:44-46

**Hymn:** *Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*

LSB # 447, stanzas 19-21

**Meditation on the Seventh word**

**Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray

People: **Son of the eternal Father, You committed yourself to Your Father's care in life and in death. Lead me to entrust my heart and life, our body and soul, in confident faith, to the same Father. Amen.**

**The Final Candle is Extinguished**

*The final candle is taken away indicating Jesus's death*

**Lamb of God Starts softly as the Benediction is being said**

*The final candle is brought back indicating that he is not dead but alive*

**Benediction**

Pastor: By His stripes we are healed, By His wounds, we are made whole.

Go in the name of Jesus Christ and live in the forgiveness and salvation made possible by the Goodness of this Friday. Amen.

**Closing Song:**

**St. John's Choir**

**The Power of the Cross**

**Dismissal**

*As we meditate on the thoughts of this evening,  
remembering the price Jesus paid for our sins and anticipating Jesus' resurrection,  
we leave the sanctuary humming the melody of the hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives.*

### **EASTER SERVICE TIMES**

**6:30 a.m.**

**Sunrise Service with Communion**

**7:15 a.m.**

**Easter Breakfast served by Walther League**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Easter Service with Communion**