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Friday, April 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE (Service of Darkness)

AS WE GATHER

The Tenebrae Worship Service is an adaption of the ancient “Office of Tenebrae” dating from the 8th Century. It was sung originally on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week to commemorate the trial, suffering, and death of Christ. Other names for this day are *Day of the Lord’s Passion*, *Day of the Absolution*, and *Day of the Cross*, Its original Old English meaning may have been *God’s Friday*. The literal translation of the Latin word, “**Tenebrae**,” is “**Shadows**.” In more recent years it has been used as a ceremony moving worshippers from light to darkness. The service begins in silence, and as the candles are extinguished, the entire Sanctuary will progress into total darkness. This symbolizes the fading life of Jesus Christ as “The Light of the World” is removed briefly to the darkness of His grave and the realm of Hell.

Please stand for portions of the service marked with asterisk (*)

RING BELL (*chimes on organ*)

(Please enter the Sanctuary in silence)

***OPENING HYMN**

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

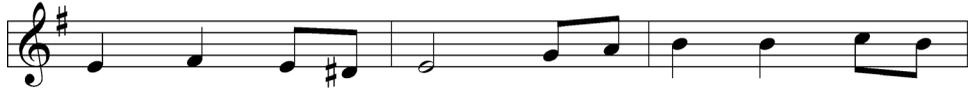
LSB 451



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
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
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 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 Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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*INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 31

Pastor: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

People: **in Your righteousness deliver me!**

Pastor: Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily!

People: **Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**

Pastor: For You are my rock and my fortress;

People: **and for Your name's sake you lead me and guide me;**

Pastor: You take me out of the net they have hidden for me,

People: for You are my refuge.

Pastor: Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

People: You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Pastor: I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,

People: but I trust in the LORD.

Pastor: I will rejoice and be glad in Your steadfast love,

People: because You have seen my affliction; You have known the distress of my soul,

Pastor: and You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;

People: You have set my feet in a broad place.

Pastor: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;

People: my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

Pastor: For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;

People: my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

Pastor: Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances;

People: those who see me in the street flee from me.

Pastor: I have been forgotten like one who is dead;

People: I have become like a broken vessel.

Pastor: For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—

People: as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

Pastor: But I trust in You, O LORD;

People: I say, “You are my God.”

Pastor: My times are in Your hand;

People: rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Pastor: Make Your face shine on Your servant;

People: save me in Your steadfast love!

Pastor: O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon You;

People: let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.

Pastor: Let the lying lips be mute,

People: which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.

Pastor: Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear you

People: and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!

Pastor: In the cover of Your presence You hide them from the plots of men;

People: You store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

Pastor: Blessèd be the LORD,

People: for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.

Pastor: I had said in my alarm, “I am cut off from Your sight.”

People: But You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to You for help.

Pastor: Love the LORD, all you His saints!

People: The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

Pastor: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

People: all you who wait for the LORD!

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—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. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 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. 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. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 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. 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. 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? 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. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 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. 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

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. 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. 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.

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. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Were You There"

LSB 456 vs. 1-3



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
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh . . .
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh . . .
there when they laid Him in the tomb? 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.
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?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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SERMON

"The Gospel According to Isaiah"

Pastor Chris Matthis

*LITANY

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: hear us.

Pastor: God the Father in heaven,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Holy Spirit,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: We poor sinners implore You

People: to hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: To prosper the teaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayer; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

People: we implore You to hear us.

Pastor: O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“And He Died”

Adult Choir

✠SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS✠

THE FIRST WORD *Luke 23:32-34*

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

The first candle is extinguished.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O innocent Jesus, by false witness and lies You were condemned to death, but by Your true witness You showed us the way of life. Make us to remember how our sins and evil words and thoughts condemn us, and let us not be found and faithless on the day when God holds court.

People: Amen.

HYMN RESPONSE

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447 vs. 1-3



1 Je - sus, in Your dy - ing woes, E - ven while Your
2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue When our sins Your
3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, Be like You in



life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don for Your foes:
pangs re - new, For we know not what we do:
heart and deed, When with wrong our spir - its bleed:



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THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The second candle is extinguished.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O Innocent Jesus, by false witness and lies You were condemned to death, but by Your true witness You showed us the way of life. Make us to remember how our sins and evil words and thoughts condemn us, and let us not be found false and faithless on the day when God holds court.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447 vs. 4-6



4 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the thief, who
5 May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and
6 May our hearts to You in - cline And their thoughts Your



near You dies, Prom - is - ing him par - a - dise:
mer - cy claim, Call - ing hum - bly on Your name:
cross en - twine. Cheer our souls with hope di - vine:



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THE THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The third candle is extinguished.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, You have said: "Take my yoke upon You and learn from me; for My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Grant that, as You bore Your cross willingly for love of us, we may bear our cross for the love of You. Give us grace in every trial and temptation, and save us by Your cross and passion.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447 vs. 7-9



7 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose heart Your
8 May we in Your sor - rows share, For Your sake all
9 May we all Your loved ones be, All one ho - ly



sor - rows rend, And Your dear - est hu - man friend:
per - il dare, And en - joy Your ten - der care:
fam - i - ly, Lov - ing, since Your love we see:



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THE FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:45-47

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."

The fourth candle is extinguished.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing that You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us a new and contrite heart, that we, lamenting our sins and holding to Your mercy, may receive full forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447 vs. 10-12



10 Je - sus, whelmed in fears un - known, With our e - vil
11 When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems
12 Though no Fa - ther seem to hear, Though no light our



left a - lone, While no light from heav'n is shown:
far a - way, In the dark - ness be our stay:
spir - its cheer, May we know that God is near:



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THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

Lector: After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." 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.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, nailed to the cross for us, crucify in us all that is evil. With Your precious blood cleanse us from all our sins, renew a right spirit within us, and strengthen our hearts to forgive.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447 vs. 13-15



13 Je - sus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your
14 Thirst for us in mer - cy still; All Your ho - ly
15 May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our



life - blood drain, Thirst - ing more our love to gain:
work ful - fill; Sat - is - fy Your lov - ing will:
sin and woe Where the heal - ing wa - ters flow:



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THE SIXTH WORD

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious and loving Father, as You listened to Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the midst of His agony and suffering, so hear the cries of Your

people and teach us in all humility and obedience to call on You in all our needs, trusting that You will never leave us nor forsake us.

People: Amen.

HYMN RESPONSE

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447 vs. 16-18



16 Je - sus, all our ran - som paid, All Your Fa - ther's
17 Save us in our soul's dis - tress; Be our help to
18 Bright - en all our heav'n - ward way With an ev - er



will o - beyed; By Your suf - f'ings per - fect made:
cheer and bless While we grow in ho - li - ness:
ho - lier ray Till we pass to per - fect day:



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THE SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, out of tender love toward Your creation, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to become our flesh and to suffer death on the cross. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience and also be made partakers of His resurrection.

People: Amen.

HYMN RESPONSE*“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”*

LSB 447 vs. 19-21



19 Je - sus, all Your la - bor vast, All Your woe and
 20 When the death shades round us low'r, Guard us from the
 21 May Your life and death sup - ply Grace to live and



con - flict past, Yield - ing up Your soul at last:
 tempt - er's pow'r, Keep us in that tri - al hour:
 grace to die, Grace to reach the home on high:



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***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Whispered*)

**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.**

CLOSING HYMN“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

LSB 449



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;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
 4 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



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.
 For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
 Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



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;
 O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
 Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



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.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.
 My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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SILENT PRAYER

The loud closing of the altar book (strepitus) reminds us of the sealing of Christ's tomb with a large stone.

Then the lights are darkened, leaving only the Christ candle lit, marking the hope of the resurrection.

A bell chimes 33 notes, one for each year of Christ's life.

When the lights are raised, please depart in silence, reflecting on Christ's death for our sins.

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED IN SILENCE AT THE DOOR AFTER THE SERVICE.

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