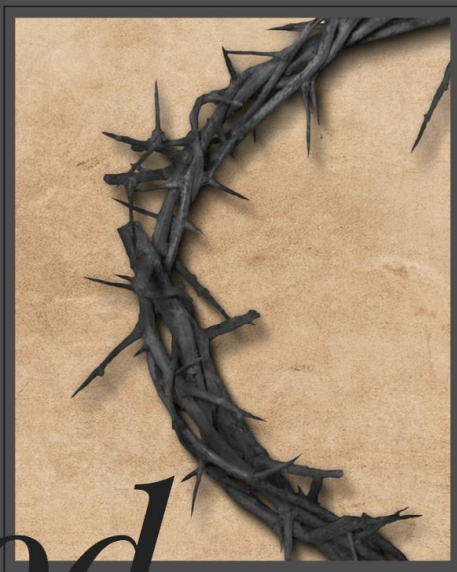
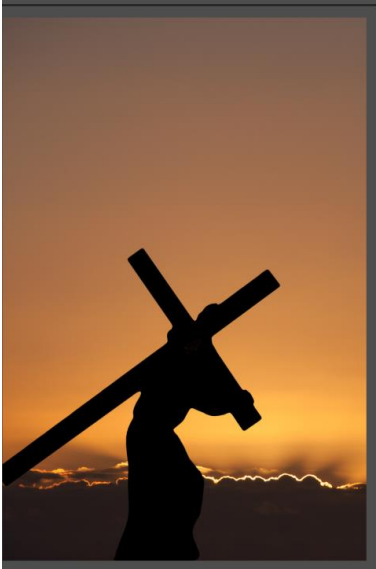


HOLY WEEK



Good FRIDAY



Good Friday

Tenebrae Service of Darkness

March 29, 2024 ~ 7:30PM

The service begins in silence, as we reflect upon the Lord's sufferings and death.

AS WE GATHER

Our Holy Week worship began last evening, as we remembered the Last Supper, and the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. These sacred and somber events were but a prelude to what took place on the awful, awesome day of Good Friday.

As we gather beneath the cross of Jesus tonight, and as we watch the light slowly fade, we are mindful of the depth of our Savior's love for us.

*Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such 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 his own creatures' sin.*

WELCOME

Congregation stands

GOOD FRIDAY VERSICLES

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

C: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

P: In you our fathers trusted;

C: They trusted, and you delivered them.

P: To you they cried and were rescued;

C: In you they trusted and were not put to shame. *(Psalm 22:2-5)*

GOOD FRIDAY HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (LBW104)



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam-ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream-ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

CONFESSION OF SINS & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Let us pray, with sincere repentance, for God's forgiveness. We plead for mercy in the name of Jesus, whose blood pays for our debts of wrong.

Silence for personal confession


P: Holy Father, we confess our sins to you, and we plead for forgiveness and renewal for your Son's sake.

C: O God, I pray for your mercy, as I stand in the shadow of Christ's cross this night.

**Accept his worthiness for my unworthiness,
his holiness for my transgression,
his purity for my uncleanness,
his sincerity for my guile.**

**Take Christ's truth for my deceits,
his meekness for my pride,
his faithfulness for my treachery,
his love for my enmity.**

**Admit my Savior's obedience for my lawlessness,
his holy life for my unchaste ways,
his righteousness for my dead works,
his death for my life. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus, who gave his life for you, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Hosea 6:1-6

"Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

EPISTLE LESSON

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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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.

⁷ 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. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Father, Forgive Them"
Adult Choir
Pam Montgomery, Soloist

Congregation stands

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

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. *(Luke 23:33-34)*

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." *(Luke 23:39-43)*

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. *(John 19:25-27)*

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, "Eli, Eli, lama sabach-thani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" *(Matthew 27:45-46)*

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." *(John 19:28)*

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. *(John 19:30)*

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. *(Luke 23:44-46)*

Congregation is seated

HYMN OF THE CROSS

"Ah, Holy Jesus" (LBW123)



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

SERMON

"Mother and Son"

Pastor Wayne Puls

ANTHEM

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Adult Handbell Choir

Congregation stands

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

P: Jesus, Son of God and Redeemer of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Jesus, betrayed by a friend with a kiss, accused by false witnesses, and sentenced to death,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Jesus, whipped and bruised for our sins, stripped of your garments, and nailed to the cross,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Crucified Savior, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

C: Grant us your peace. Amen.

Congregation is seated

✠ THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE ✠

The Service of Tenebrae is adapted from an ancient order of worship appointed for Holy Week. This solemn observance of Good Friday has been used in the Church to impress on Christian minds and hearts the awful consequences of sin, and the magnitude of the Savior's suffering and death. The service is marked by quiet, and ends in darkness. The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin for "shadows" and reminds us of the "darkness" which overshadowed Calvary.

The gradual extinguishing of the candles, as the Passion according to St. John is read, signifies the growing bitterness of the world against the Son of Man, the flight of his disciples, the increasing darkness without, and the agony within. The central candle signifies Jesus himself, the Light of the world. The removal of this candle from the altar symbolizes the death of Jesus. Its return reminds us of his resurrection to come.

The loud sound called the "strepitus" signifies the door of the tomb is shut and acknowledges that the meaning of the cross is fulfilled. After the Benediction, the congregation rises and leaves in silence, taking the mood of the service home.

ORGAN INTERLUDE

TRIAL

John 19:1-11

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³ They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

Two candles are extinguished

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

*O the 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

*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.*

SENTENCING

John 19:12-16a

¹² From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

Two candles are extinguished

*Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See him dying on the tree!
This is Christ, by man rejected;
Here, my soul, your Savior see.
He's the long-expected prophet,
David's son, yet David's Lord.
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
He's the true and faithful Word.*

*Tell me, as you hear him groaning,
Was there ever grief like this?
Friends through fear his cause disowning,
Foes insulting his distress;
Many hands were raised to wound him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that justice gave.*

GOLGOTHA

John 19:16b-22

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

Two candles are extinguished

*Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land,
A home within a wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat
And burdens of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus,
My eye at times can see
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears,
Two wonders I confess:
The wonder of his glorious love
And my unworthiness.*

CRUCIFIXION

John 19:23-27

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

*"They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots."*

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Two candles are extinguished

*O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
What bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.*

*How art thou pale with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter Passion
Were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain.*

DEATH

John 19:28-30

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Two candles are extinguished

"Were You There?"
Adult Choir

PIERCING

John 19:31-37

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

Two candles are extinguished

"O Christ, Thou Lamb of God"
Adult Choir

BURIAL

John 19:38-42

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED

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.**

THE STREPITUS

THE BLESSING

After the blessing, all shall leave in silence and go immediately to their cars. Take the mood of the service home, and return on Easter Morning to celebrate Christ's victory.



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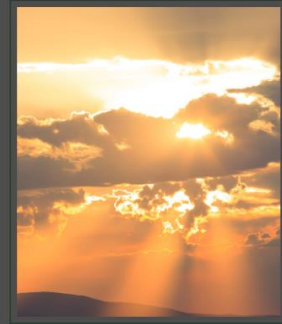
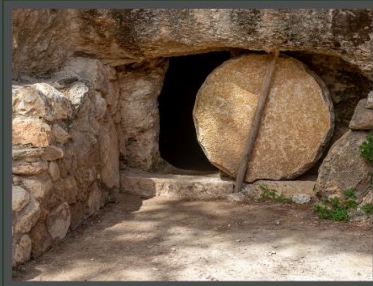
Holy Week & Easter

A T H O P E L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

Eggstravaganza

March 30 at 10:00 AM

All kids grades 4 and below are invited to Hope's Eggstravaganza event complete with egg hunting, chicks, bunnies, bouncing, and celebrating Jesus.



Easter Sunday

March 31, 6:45AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM

Hope's celebration of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead will remind us all of the meaning and power of Easter for our everyday living as God's people. This glorious day begins with an outdoor (indoor in case of rain) Sunrise Service of Holy Communion, with special music led by the Praise Team. Three festival services will follow, in the worship Sanctuary, with special music led by the Handbell Choir, Adult Choir, and Brass Ensemble. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at three of the four Easter Sunday services (6:45, 8:00, and 11:00AM). At the 9:30AM Easter Sunday service, we'll focus especially on the new life given to Christians in the Sacrament of Baptism, as we remember and renew our Baptismal vows.

Easter Cross of Flowers

The Easter Cross of Flowers will be placed on the church lawn for Easter Sunday. All worshippers are invited to bring one flower (any color, any style) and place it through the wire mesh on the cross before entering the service.

Easter Breakfast

The Fellowship Volunteers will be hosting an Easter Morning Reception after the 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00AM services. Please consider bringing plated and ready-to-serve brunch goodies, and gallon lemonade or sweet tea.