

*Welcome to worship at  
Faith Lutheran Church*

**GOOD FRIDAY**

April 10, 2020

*Service of Shadows*

Print = Pastor or Worship Leader

**Bold** = Congregation



*This service is an adaptation of the ancient Tenebrae service. Tenebrae is the Latin word meaning “shadows.” The gradual extinguishing of the light during the service, along with the readings, hymns and prayers, symbolize the final hours of our Lord Jesus’ earthly life. This somber service invites you to think on the darkness of sin, death and evil which infect our world today. Darkness at the end of the service represents the apparent overcoming of “the light of the world” by death.*

GATHERING

LIGHT CANDLE

*Gathering in the Shadows*



**Invocation**

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

**Amen**

He was despised and rejected; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

**And as one from whom men and women 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 wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities:

**Upon Him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with His stripes we are healed.**

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to their own way;

**And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

Lord God help us to be ever aware of those events that caused Jesus to be taken to the cross.

As we become mindful of those who confronted Jesus with betrayal, denial, rejection, injustice, torture, ridicule, and mockery, we realize that these same traits might be found in our lives.

Help us to re-examine our inner selves in this hour, as we reflect upon the lives to those who

failed our Savior. If we have crucified Jesus anew, grant us forgiveness and cleanse our lives of sin.

Uplift us that we might see beyond the shadows of the cross and find the spirit of Jesus who came as the light of the world.

**Amen**

# *The Service of Shadows*

## **The Shadow of Betrayal**

Scripture: Luke 22:1-22

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. <sup>2</sup> The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> to death, for they were afraid of the people.

<sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; <sup>4</sup> he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup> They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup> So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

## **The Preparation of the Passover**

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> So Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup> They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" <sup>10</sup> "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters <sup>11</sup> and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" <sup>12</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." <sup>13</sup> So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

## **The Institution of the Lord's Supper**

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it<sup>[c]</sup> until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>21</sup> But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

Reflection

Hymn

**"Ah, Holy Jesus"**

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

## ***The Shadow of Desertion***

Scripture: Mark 14:26-50

### **Peter's Denial Foretold**

<sup>26</sup> When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup> And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered.'

<sup>28</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>29</sup> Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." <sup>30</sup> Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." <sup>31</sup> But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

### **Jesus Prays in Gethsemane**

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup> He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> He said, "Abba,<sup>[a]</sup> Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." <sup>37</sup> He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? <sup>38</sup> Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;<sup>[b]</sup> the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. <sup>41</sup> He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

<sup>43</sup> Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. <sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup> So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>46</sup> Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup> But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? <sup>49</sup> Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup> All of them deserted him and fled.

Reflection

Hymn

#### **"O Sacred Head"**

**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.**

## ***The Shadow of Denial***

Scripture: Luke 22:54-62

### **Peter Denies Jesus**

<sup>54</sup> Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup> When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup> Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." <sup>58</sup> A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" <sup>59</sup> Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." <sup>62</sup> And he went out and wept bitterly.

Reflection

Hymn

### **"In the Hour of Trial"**

**In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me,  
Lest by base denial, I depart from thee.  
When thou seest me waver, with a look recall;  
Nor from fear or favor, Suffer me to fall.**

## ***The Shadow of Death***

Scripture: Mark 15:1-39

### **Jesus before Pilate**

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." <sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup> But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

### **Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified**

<sup>6</sup> Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup> Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup> So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup> Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup> For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup> Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do<sup>[a]</sup> with the man you call<sup>[b]</sup> the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup> They shouted back, "Crucify him!" <sup>14</sup> Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" <sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

## **The Soldiers Mock Jesus**

<sup>16</sup> Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters<sup>[c]</sup>); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup> And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup> They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup> After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

## **The Crucifixion of Jesus**

<sup>21</sup> They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup> Then they brought Jesus<sup>[d]</sup> to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup> And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup> It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup> And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>29</sup> Those who passed by derided<sup>[f]</sup> him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup> save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup> In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup> Let the Messiah,<sup>[g]</sup> the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

## **The Death of Jesus**

<sup>33</sup> When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land<sup>[h]</sup> until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup> At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"<sup>[i]</sup> <sup>35</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup> And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup> Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he<sup>[j]</sup> breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"<sup>[k]</sup>

Reflection  
Hymn

### **"Where You There"**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh...  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh...  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

# *Leaving in the Shadows*

## **Closing Words**

He endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have born.

**He was put to death for the sins of the people.**

Because of our sins he was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did.

**We are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by the blows he received.**

He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death - His death on the cross.

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

PEACE

Live in peace. Stay well.

**Thanks be to God**

BLOW OUT THE CANDLE

