

# Liturgy for Corporate Worship

Good Friday

April 3, 2026

Welcome to tonight's Good Friday Tenebrae Service. Please take a moment to read the back page of the bulletin for an explanation of what exactly a Tenebrae Service is.

Prelude

Chris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

In His Cross I Glory

Holmberg Family

In the cross of Christ I glory;  
There for all was grace made free.  
None deserving, yet receiving  
Life through death at Calvary.

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Not in power, wealth, or fame.  
In the cross sin's curse is broken  
For the sake of Jesus' name.

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Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:2

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## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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,

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?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss 'til 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,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment for our offense, so we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 2:13-14

Good Friday Meditation

Luke 22:54-62

Rev. Pete Scribner

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1 & 2

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.**

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

# 282 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed and did my Sov - 'reign die?  
 2. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut His glo - ries in,  
 3. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would He de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I?  
 When Christ the might - y Mak - er died for man the crea - ture's sin.  
 Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned up - on the tree?  
 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while His dear cross ap - pears.  
 A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed and did my Sov - 'reign die?

A - maz - ing pit - y grace un - known and love be - yond de - gree!  
 Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness and melt my eyes with tears.  
 A - maz - ing pit - y grace un - known and love be - yond de - gree!

# The Shadow of Sin

Musical Offering

## The Service of Shadows

Beautiful, Scandalous Night

### Verse 1

Go on up to the mountain of mercy,  
To the crimson perpetual tide.  
Kneel down on the shore,  
Be thirsty no more.  
Go under and be purified.

### Verse 2

Follow Christ to the holy mountain,  
Sinner, sorry and wrecked by the fall.  
Cleanse your heart and your soul  
In the fountain that flows  
For you and for me and for all.

### Chorus

At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree  
On that beautiful scandalous night  
You and me were atoned by His blood  
And forever washed white—  
On that beautiful scandalous night.

### Verse 3

On the hillside you will be delivered,  
At the foot of the cross justified,  
And your spirit restored  
By the river that pours  
From our blessed Savior's side.

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# Romans 5:12-14

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# The Shadows of Betrayal and Denial

John 18:1-11  
Matthew 26:69-75

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## Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1. Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the tree!  
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan-ing, was there ev-er grief like his?  
3. Ye who think of sin but light-ly nor sup-pose the e-vil great  
4. Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, here the ref-uge of the lost;

'Tis the Christ by man re-ject-ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
Friends thro' fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-sult-ing his dis-tress;  
here may view its na-ture right-ly, here its guilt may es-ti-mate.  
Christ's the Rock of our sal-va-tion, his the name of which we boast.

'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed Proph-et, Da-vid's son, yet Da-vid's Lord;  
man-y hands were raised to wound him, none would in-ter-pose to save;  
Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-point-ed, see who bears the aw-ful load;  
Lamb of God, for sin-ners wound-ed, sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt!

by his Son God now has spo-ken: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.  
but the deep-est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus-tice gave.  
'tis the Word, the Lord's A-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
None shall ev-er be con-found-ed who on him their hope have built.

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 321

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 6:14

Unison

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of Glo - ry died,  
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down;  
 That were a pres - ent far too small:

My rich - est gain I count but loss,  
 All the vain things that charm me most -  
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

rit. last stanza  
 And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

# Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended 337

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
 2. Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee?  
 3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;  
 4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,  
 5. There - fore kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord  
 • the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a -  
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of  
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 • tone - ment, while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

**Were You There?**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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O! 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?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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Strepitus and Dismissal

**Please remember to depart tonight's service in silent meditation, reflecting upon all that Christ endured for us.**

*Thank you so much to everyone who played a part in making tonight's Good Friday Tenebrae Service possible:*

Chris Holmberg: Piano, Guitar, Timpani, Vocals

Carol Holmberg: Clarinet

Anna Black, Flute

Grace Holmberg: Oboe

Lydia Holmberg: Vocals

Jeff & Lori Austin: Sound System & Livestream

Bill Carb, David Carb & Chris Carb: Communion Preparation

Erin Scribner: Lights

**We look forward to seeing you again Sunday morning for breakfast at 8:30am followed by Easter worship at 10am.**

## Explanation of Tenebrae Service

Tonight's Good Friday service is what is called a Tenebrae Service. *Tenebrae* is a Latin word, meaning "shadows" or "darkness." A Tenebrae Service, therefore, is one which is characterized by diminishing light. Light is a symbol of joy and life, while darkness is a symbol of mourning and death. Jesus, who is the Light of the World, came that we might have life in him, but when he was crucified, we read in Luke 23:44, "there was darkness over the whole land." So it is that throughout the service tonight, candles will be extinguished and the sanctuary will progressively become more dark as we work our way through our readings of Scripture.

It is worth noting that this is a reversal of what happens during Advent. In that season, we light a candle each week, leading up to Christmas Eve when we light the Christ Candle, signifying his birth in human flesh. Tonight, we will extinguish those very same candles one-by-one, realizing Good Friday as an "anti-Advent" of sorts. Whereas in Advent we anticipate the light of Christ breaking into a world darkened by sin, tonight we remember when that light was overcome (at least for a time) by the darkness of sin and death.

You will notice that the chancel area of our sanctuary is far more bare than usual, pointing to the fact that this is an occasion of somber penitence and reflection. Flags, flowers, paraments, and other items are absent, focusing our visual attention on the aforementioned candles, the communion elements, and the cross placed upon the communion table.

One other item you should note is that there will be a *Strepitus* marking the conclusion of our service. *Strepitus* is another Latin word, meaning "great noise," and traditionally in Tenebrae Services that noise represents either the earth quaking at the death of Jesus, or the sound of the tomb being closed. In our service tonight, that sound will be made on the timpani. At this time, some lights will come back on so that you are able to see your way out of the sanctuary. Please depart in silence, meditating upon all that Christ endured for our sake and on our behalf.

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There for all was grace made free.  
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Life thru death at Calvary.