



TENEBRAE SERVICE

...a service of the shadows...



The Service of Tenebrae is an ancient Holy Week devotion. *Tenebrae* means *shadows* or *darkness*, and the service has taken its name from the ceremony of extinguishing the candles/lights in the worship space, gradually casting the church into complete darkness. This marks the end of the Good Friday observance.

To impress on the minds and hearts of Christians the awful consequences of their sin and the magnitude of the Savior's sacrifice, the ancient church held a Tenebrae service most nights in Holy Week and/or early in the morning at the Offices of Matins and Lauds on all

three days of the *Triduum* (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil). The service, conducted in solemn dignity, went from light to darkness, representing the darkness on the earth while Jesus hung on the cross and reminding us of the darkness of sin and eternal death.

When the Christ Candle is removed, we are reminded of Christ's death and His three days in the tomb. Its return to the chancel points us to Jesus' glorious resurrection on Easter and to Christ as the Light of the World. As the service begins, the Bible is open to Isaiah 53, the most magnificent Old Testament prophecy of our Lord's Work of Redemption. The loud closing of the Bible symbolizes the completion of the Old Testament era of anticipation of Jesus' great Work of Salvation: His death in full payment for our sins. The Bible is then reopened to John 3:16, symbolizing the New Testament era when not only is our redemption complete, but in the new life of His resurrection we are also to tell the world of God's Gift of Forgiveness and Eternal Life in Jesus. **May the Lord be with you this solemn night.**



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Cards are in the pew racks in front of you. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

May the Lord be with you as you ponder His greatest gifts to you.

Serving Tonight...

Message:
Pastor Brad Stoltenow

Liturgist:
Pastor Ben Oesch

Musicians:
Gail Black, organ
Brad Gillund, piano
Patrick Barnthson, viola
Shepherd's Chorale



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL

The bell is tolled, as church bells traditionally have been tolled at a death, in remembrance of Jesus' life on earth.

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Setting 1 ~ LSB p. 151; Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): **AMEN**

CONFESSION OF SINS WITH PSALM 22 AND THE EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 4 & 5

P: We confess to the Lord:

C: **O Lord, we are sinful from birth. We have followed the sinful lures of the world, of Satan, and of our own selfishness. We cannot rescue ourselves, and no other will rescue us—except Jesus! "But You, O LORD, do not be far off! Come quickly to my aid!"**

P: Children of God, since 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.

C: **Rescue me, Father, from the curse of sin, and delight in me once more.**

ABSOLUTION ~ FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P: 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. Therefore, by God's command and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen! From You comes my praise in the great congregation.**

P: Those who seek Him shall praise the LORD! For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations. Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the LORD to the coming generation;

ALL: they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it!



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SALUTATION AND PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We pray: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **AMEN**

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PRAYER

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P: Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Use these gifts, that by Your Holy Spirit, the good news of Your salvation may be proclaimed so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **AMEN**

*In keeping with the solemnity of Good Friday, certain elaborations such as the Gospel Acclamation are omitted. Please note: the response to each Scripture reading is **AMEN**. AMEN means we affirm: what is spoken is truth!*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 52:13-53:12

P: 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.

C: **Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

P: 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.

C: **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.**

P: 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.

C: **Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;**

P: 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;

C: **yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.**

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

TONIGHT'S THEME Matthew 6:9a, 13b

Jesus taught: "Pray then like this: Deliver us from evil."

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

HYMN # 766:1, 8-9 "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" *Please turn to # 766 in the hymnal.*

CATECHISM LEARNING

P: The Seventh Petition is: "Deliver us from evil." It is a summary petition in which we ask our Father in heaven to rescue us from the evil one, Satan, who is God's enemy, is always opposed to God and to all that is good, and whose goal is to deceive and destroy the human race. From what else do we ask to be rescued?

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C: We pray in this petition that God would keep us from all evil, which has come into the world because of sin.
ALL: “The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.” (Psalm 121:7-8)
P: How does the Lord rescue us from every evil of Satan, of body and soul, and of possessions and reputation?
C: In a world ruined by sin, the Lord keeps us from harm and helps us to endure the troubles that He allows to come into our lives.
ALL: Scripture reminds us: “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.” But God also promises, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” (Acts 14:22; 2 Corinthians 12:9)
P: What is the final deliverance from evil we ask of our Father in this petition?
C: We pray that our Father in heaven will keep us faithful to Him and, when we die, will take us from this sinful world to Himself in heaven.
ALL: “The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen!” (2 Timothy 4:18)
MESSAGE “Deliver Us from the Evil One” Matthew 6:9a, 13b

✠ SERVICE OF TENEBRAE ✠

ANTHEM O Come and Mourn

*O come and mourn with me a while; all ye now come to the Savior’s side;
Come see the One who frees us all; the Lord of Life is crucified.
Have we no tears to shed for Him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride?
Upon the cross He bears the pain, the Lord of Life is crucified.
Seven times He speaks, seven words of love. His silence too, cries out to all.
His words of love our hearts receive. The Lord of Life is crucified.
O Love of God, O sin of man, in this dread hour true strength is found.
It is with love we triumph still. The Lord of Life is crucified.*
As each segment of Scripture is read, a set of candles/lights is extinguished.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 18:1-14

Jesus went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I AM He.” Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I AM He,” they drew back and fell to the ground. So He asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus answered, “I told you that I AM He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go.” This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: “Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one.” Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?”

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: AMEN

HYMN # 436:1-2 “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**
**Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss; learn from Him to bear the cross.**

Lights, candles extinguished

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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 18:15-32

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to

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the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said." When Jesus had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how You answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?" Annas then sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: AMEN

HYMN # 550 "Lamb of God" *Please turn to # 550 in the hymnal.*

Lights, candles extinguished

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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 18:33-19:1

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, Pilate went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in Him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: AMEN

ANTHEM Behold the Lamb of God

Behold! Behold, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

Behold! The Lamb of God.

Lights, candles extinguished

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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 19:2-16a

The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. They came up to Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck Him with their hands. 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." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" 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." 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."

When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 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?" 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."

From then on Pilate sought to release Jesus, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's

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friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” 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. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour [about noon]. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” 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.” So Pilate delivered Jesus over to them to be crucified.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

HYMN # 451 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” *Please turn to # 451 in the hymnal.*

Lights, candles extinguished



THE HOLY GOSPEL John 19:16b-30

So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 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. 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.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

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, 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, but 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 to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill 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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

HYMN # 588:2 “Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me!

He who died heaven’s gates to open wide.

He has washed away my sin, lets His little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

Lights, candles extinguished



THE HOLY GOSPEL John 19:31-42

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.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. 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. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

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 Jesus’ body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where Jesus was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

RECITATION Joseph's Lullaby by Ron Klug

*Sleep now, little one.
I will watch while you and your mother sleep.
I wish I could do more.
This straw is not good enough for you.
Back in Nazareth I'll make a proper bed for you
of seasoned wood, smooth, strong, well-pegged.
A bed fit for a carpenter's son.
Just wait till we get back to Nazareth.
I'll teach you everything I know....
You'll be a man whose life centers
on hammer and nails and wood.
But for now,
sleep, little Jesus, sleep.*

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THE PROPHECY Genesis 3:14 & 15

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

CANTICLE AT TENEBRAE ~ FROM THE SONG OF HABAKKUK

Habakkuk 3:17-19a

P: Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,

ALL: yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. GOD, the Lord, is my strength.

P: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith.

ALL: O Lord, have mercy. AMEN

Lights, candles extinguished



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: 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.

REMOVAL OF CHRIST CANDLE

The Light of Christ is removed as a sign that Christ has been forsaken by the Father.

STREPITUS

The Strepitus is heard (the Bible is closed), representing the closing of the tomb and the completion of the Old Testament era of anticipation of Jesus' great Work of Salvation—His death in full payment for our sins.

RETURN OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Light of Christ returns, as a sign of hope and the promise of Christ's Resurrection.

DISMISSAL

P: You may depart in peace. He has promised to return on the third day.

Please observe silence while exiting the sanctuary and the building.

✠ THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT! ✠

Today He who hung the earth upon the waters is hung upon the cross.

He who is King of the angels is arrayed in a crown of thorns.

He who wraps the heaven in clouds is wrapped in the purple of mockery.

The Bridegroom of the Church is transfixed with nails. The Son of the Virgin is pierced with a spear.

We venerate Thy Passion, O Christ. Show us also Thy glorious Resurrection.