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March 29, 2024

Good Friday Tenebrae



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 celebration.

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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We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

Serving Tonight...

Message:
Pastor Brad Stoltenow

Musicians:
Gail Black, organ
Mary Brown, piano
Susan Shoaf, cello
Shepherd's Chorale



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

TOLLING OF THE BELL

The bell is tolled, as church bells traditionally were tolled at a death, in remembrance of Jesus' life.

INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSES

Matthew 28:19b; Lamentations 5:15 21-22; Psalm 31:9-10, 1

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

Congregation (C): Amen!

P: The joy of our hearts has ceased.

C: **Our dancing has been turned to mourning.**

P: Be gracious to me, LORD; I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

C: **My life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my sin.**

P: Restore us to Yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored!

C: **Renew our days as of old—unless You have utterly rejected us, and You remain exceedingly angry with us.**

ALL: In You, LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Psalm 30:5; p. 291 LSB; John 16:20, 20:23

P: Dear Friends, God's anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but JOY comes with the morning. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the Lord, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness:

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: **AMEN**

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C: **Yes.**

P: Jesus promised, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into JOY." Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN**

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

p. 305 LSB

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 restrained joy and 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 that what has just been spoken or read is truth!*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

 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 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. 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.

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

ANTHEM

LSB # 438: Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

The four stanzas of this hymn lead us through a conversation between the Father and the Son that determines the final obedient sacrifice of the Son because of divine love. God is Love, and the Son's death is not due to God's fury but to saving love. This is true Love, from the one who is Love to us sinners. This is why we have JOY amid sorrow—why the last stanza is sung with firm conviction!

EPISTLE 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.

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

PSALM 22:1-19

L: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

Choir: *O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.*

L: Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.

Choir: *To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.*

L: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

ALL: "He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver hi; let Him rescue him, for He delights in him!"

L: Yet You are He who took me from the womb; You made me trust You at my mother's breasts. On You was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb You have been my God.

Choir: Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

L: Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;

Choir: You lay me in the dust of death.

L: For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

ALL: But You, O LORD, do not be far off! O You my help, come quickly to my aid!

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: AMEN

HYMN # 451:1, 3 & 4 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree! ‘Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, ‘tis He, ‘tis He!

‘Tis the long-expected Prophet, David’s Son, yet David’s Lord; Proofs I see sufficient of it: ‘Tis the true and faithful Word.

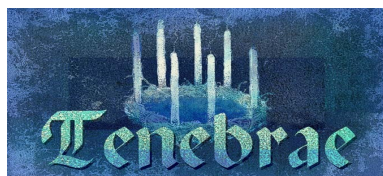
Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.

Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load; ‘Tis The Word, the Lord’s anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost: Christ, the Rock of our salvation, is the name of which we boast;

Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.

MESSAGE “Our Priest and His Loving Sacrifice for Us” text: Hebrews 4:14-16



As each segment 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 judgement 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 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

SOLO *What Wondrous Love Is This*

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

HYMN # 453:2-5 "Upon the Cross Extended"

Come, see these things and ponder, your soul will fill with wonder as blood streams from each pore.

Through grief beyond all knowing from His great heart came glowing sighs welling from its deepest core.

Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so sore abused You and caused You all Your woe?

We all must make confession of sin and dire transgression while You no ways of evil know.

I caused Your grief and sighing by evils multiplying as countless as the sands.

I caused the woes unnumbered with which Your soul is cumbered, Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.

Your soul in griefs unbounded, Your head with thorns surrounded, You died to ransom me.

The cross for me enduring, the crown for me securing, You healed my wounds and set me free.

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 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 "What Man Is This" *tune: What Child Is This*

What man is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap seems sleeping?

The angels weep with sorrow deep, as they are vigil keeping.

This, this is Christ our Lord, who came to save this sinful world;

Cry! Cry! He's crucified, the Son of Man, our Shepherd!

Why hung He in such mean estate, while soldiers, people mocked Him?

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word was broken.

Nails, spear, have pierced Him through, the cross is borne for me, for you.

Wail! Wail! — the Word made flesh, the Christ, our JOY, our Savior!

Lights, candles extinguished

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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 not 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 # 448 "O Darkest Woe"

Choir: O darkest woe! Ye tears, forth flow! Has earth so sad a wonder? God the Father's only Son now is buried yonder.

O sorrow dread! Our God is dead, upon the cross extended. There His love enlivened us as His life was ended.

O child of woe: who struck the blow that killed our gracious Master? "It was I," thy conscience cries, "I have wrought disaster!"

Thy Bridegroom dead! God's Lamb has bled upon thy sin forever, Pouring out His sinless self in this vast endeavor.

Congregation: Such innocence! His countenance a fount of faith undying!

Worlds on worlds cannot contain grief at Him here lying.

O Virgin's Son, what Thou hast won is far beyond all telling:

How our God, detested, died, hell and devil felling.

O Jesus Christ, who sacrificed Thy life for lifeless mortals:

Be my life in death and bring me to heaven's portals!

Lights, candles extinguished

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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

HYMN # 588 “Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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

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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

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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!** ✠



Shepherd of the Hills Celebrates Resurrection JOY!

Easter ~ The Resurrection of Our Lord!

Sunrise: 6:30 AM | Traditional: 8/10:45 AM | Contemporary: 10:45 AM

Easter Breakfast: 7-10 AM in the Parish Hall