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#### Welcome

We are glad you've taken the time to come and worship this evening during the season of Lent. This is a time to reflect upon our Lord Jesus Christ and our own personal sins which helped nail Him to the cross. We pray your time of worship this evening will be a source of strength for you as we pray for cleansing and renewal of our faith and discipleship. In the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our longings and prayers are answered!

#### **Our Mission Statement**

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

- † reaching up to God in worship and prayer,
- † reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &
- † reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

### Large Print Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Please ask an usher for further assistance.

## Nursery/Moms' Room

An un-staffed nursery is available for families with young children in Room 109. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions. The nursery is professionally staffed on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM Sunday school and the 10:45 AM service.



# **Good Friday**

April 18, 2025 7:30 PM Service of Tenebrae

Enter in silence.

#### **Choral Introit**

"My Song is Love Unknown" arr. Edwin T. Childs

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me, Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I, That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing; Resounding all the day Hosannas to their king. Then "Crucify" is all their breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done To cause this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, and gave the blind their sight. What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies, My Savior dies, My song of love So cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing of Him my soul adores. Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like yours! This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

# Collect of the Day

P Let us 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.

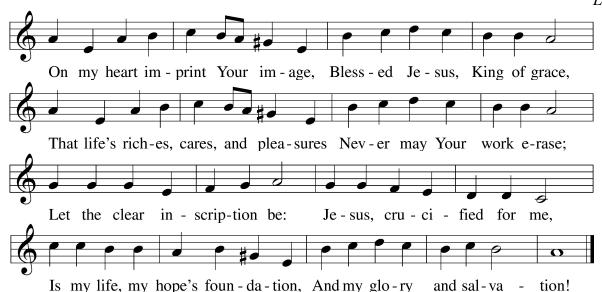
C Amen.

The first candle is extinguished.

### Entrance Hymn

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

LSB 422



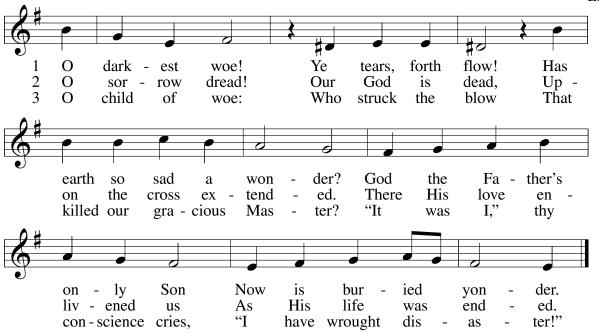
Reading The Last Supper Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 449 sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down, 2 What Thou,my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain: bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Choir only: 3 What lan-guage shall I Friend, Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I 4 Be die: must Now scorn-ful-ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown. Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy Thine the dead - ly pain. pit - y with - out end? Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh. O sa - cred Head, what glo What bliss, till now was Thine! ry, fall, my Sav ior! 'Tis de - serve Thy place; make me Thine for - ev And should I er! faint - ing be, Thee, Up - on Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thy cross shall dwell, Yet, though de-spised and call Thee mine. Ι joy gor у, to Look on me with Thy fa Thy grace. vor, And grant to me for Thee. Out - live my Lord, let me nev - er, er, love nev heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

The third candle is extinguished.

**Reading** Gethsemane



Hymn "O Darkest Woe" LSB 448

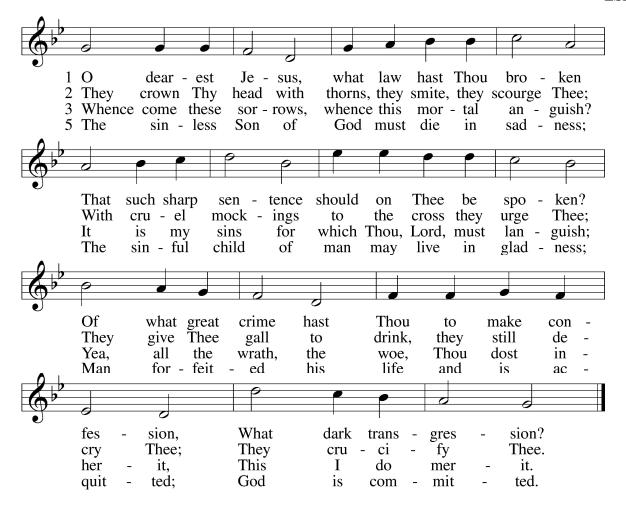


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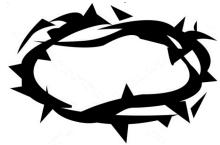
Hymn

"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" *LSB* 439



The fifth candle is extinguished.

**Reading** The Praetorium



Hymn

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" *LSB* 451



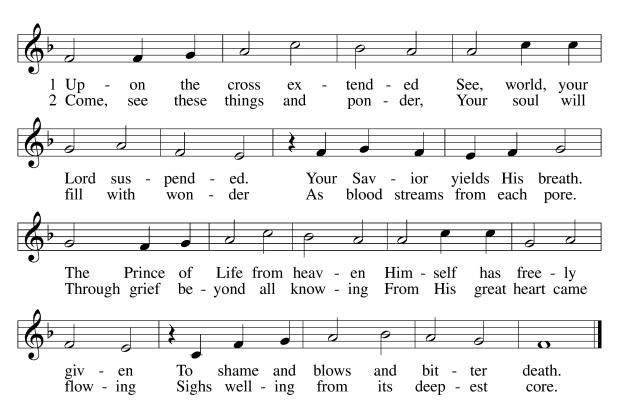
The sixth candle is extinguished.

**Reading** Calvary



Hymn

"Upon the Cross Extended" *LSB* 453



- 3. Your cords of love, my Savior,
  Bind me to You forever,
  I am no longer mine.
  To You I gladly tender
  All that my life can render
  And all I have to You resign.
- 4. Your cross I place before me;
  Its saving pow'r restore me,
  Sustain me in the test.
  It will, when life is ending,
  Be guiding and attending
  My way to Your eternal rest.

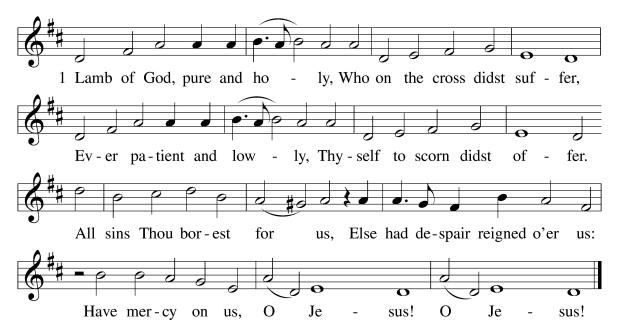
The seventh candle is extinguished.

### The Reproaches

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people.

### Choir:

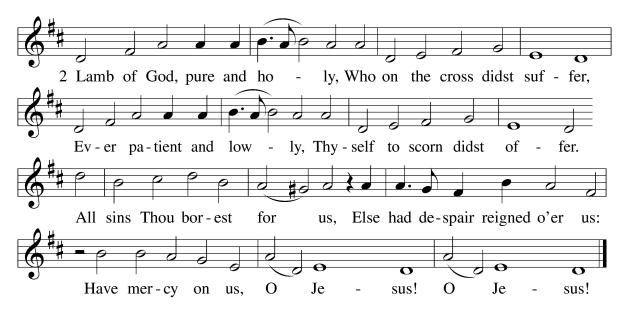
Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.



Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people.

#### Choir:

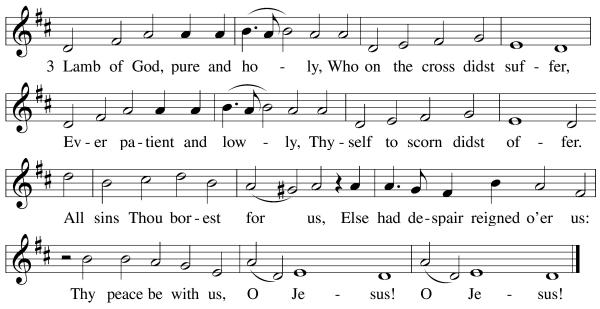
Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.



P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people.

### Choir:

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



## The Litany of Good Friday

- **P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C O Lord, have mercy upon us.

- **P** O Christ, have mercy upon us.
- C O Christ, have mercy upon us.
- **P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- **P** O Christ, hear thou us,
- C O Christ, hear thou us.
- **P** O God, the Father in heaven,
- C Have mercy upon us.
- P O God, the Holy Spirit,
- C Have mercy upon us.
- P Be gracious unto us.
- C Spare us, good Lord.
- P O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- **C** We beseech You to hear us.
- P O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
- C Have mercy upon us.
- P O Christ, hear thou us,
- **C** O Christ, hear thou us.
- P O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- **P** O Christ, have mercy upon us.
- C O Christ, have mercy upon us.

### **Prayers**

(After the general prayers, the final candle is removed, symbolizing Christ's entombment.)

### The 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.

### Silence and Closing of the Tomb

(At this time a loud noise will sound, symbolizing the closing of Christ's tomb.)

The congregation leaves in reverent silence.

An offering may be placed in the basket in the narthex as you exit.

### About the Service of Tenebrae

The name "Tenebrae" comes from the Latin for: "Shadows" or "Darkness". The service grew out of a combination of evening and early morning prayer, with a focus on the commemoration of our Lord's Passion. This service is used in the final days of Holy Week to impress upon the hearts of believers the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of the Savior's sacrifice.

The most significant feature of the service is the gradual extinguishing of the candles and dimming of lights. The candles represent the disciples who one by one ran away, leaving Jesus in His time of suffering. The increasing darkness symbolizes the growing resentment and hatred of the world against the Savior.

The large candle near the altar represents the Savior Himself. It is removed from the altar to symbolize the death of Jesus. The candle is removed from sight in accordance with Jesus' prophecy in John 16:16, which says, "In a little while you will see me no more ..." After the Lord's Prayer, a time of silence is observed in total darkness. The silence is broken with the *strepitus*, a loud noise symbolizing the closing of Christ's tomb.

Upon completion of the service, the worshippers leave silently, maintaining the spirit of reverence appropriate for this most solemn occasion.

## Serving Our Worship Tonight:

Pastor: Organist: Elder: Acolyte Usher:

Sound Tech:

Pastor Joel Shaltanis Victoria Frinsko Tim Ozlowski Sean Tweedie John Frinsko Doug Hite

### Sunday, April 20, Easter

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM 9:30 AM

The Festival of the Resurrection with Holy Communion Easter Brunch