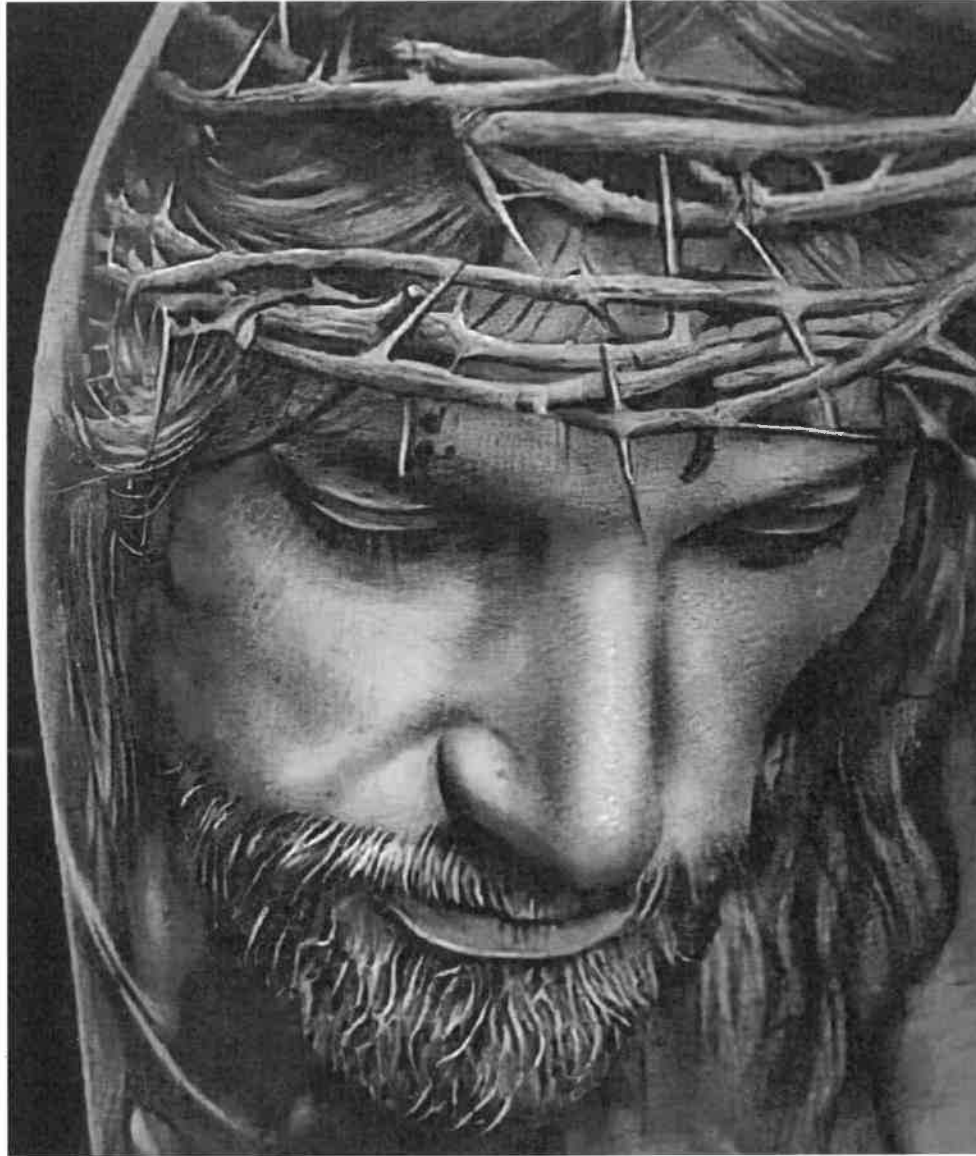


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Good Friday

*Tapestry of
Darkness*

Tenebrae
Service
of
Shadows

April 7, 2023 ✠ 7:30 PM

Ministers: ALL People of Christ's Church
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Preaching/Presiding: Mr. Thomas Booth
Organist/Music Coordinator: Joanne Vasey
Faith Formation Coordinator: Charlene Rineer



WELCOME TO ALL
who join with us in worship this evening

We welcome all guests and visitors. If you are new to us the following information might be helpful:

Our services are video and audio recorded. Services are also live streamed on our YouTube channel. **Rest room facilities**, including a unisex handicapped restroom, are located in the hallway south of the Atrium. **Large print bulletins and hearing enhancement devices** are available during our services. Please ask an Usher for assistance.

We invite you to join us throughout the year. We gather each Sunday for worship at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Experience the joy and peace that Jesus Christ can bring into your life! If you are interested in learning more about membership in our congregation please speak with the Pastor or call the Church Office (570.524.0745). Please sign your name and address in our worship attendance folder in order to be placed on our mailing list. Any special requests (prayers, visits, etc.) may be written on the back of these sheets. *Members are encouraged to record your name on the attendance sheets.*

Sunday School: Sunday School for youth is offered most Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome - please join us! Please note that there will be **NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday morning**. Join us that day for a special Easter breakfast in the Lower Church Hall at 9:15 a.m.

If you are new to Lutheran worship, most everything you need is printed in this bulletin. Hymns are found in the back section of the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* hymnal.

ABOUT TENEBRAE—*Tenebrae* means “darkness”. It is one of the oldest traditional services of the Christian Church for Holy Week. The service makes use of the drama of diminishing light to follow the story of the Passion and Crucifixion of the Christ. There is no benediction, no recessional hymn and no postlude. At the conclusion of the service, you are asked to leave the church building in silence. If you wish to make an offering, please leave it in the offering box.

Please silence your cell phones or switch them to “vibrate” before the service begins.

Good Friday Order of Worship ✠ April 7, 2023 ✠ 7:30 PM
Tenebrae/Service of Shadows

**The congregation please gather in silence*

Prelude

Cross of Sorrow – Franz Schubert; Arr. George Blake
Could You Not Watch With Me One Hour? – Lani Smith
Joanne Vasey, organ
When I Think of the Nail Prints – Mary Kay Beall
Vocal Ensemble

**The congregation please stand as you are able*

Invocation

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

C Amen.

P Jesus, although equal with God by His natural right as a Son, gave up His heavenly glory that we, by His suffering and death, might be granted the right to eternal life by the Father. The crowds have turned on Him and mocked Him, whom they once hailed; and death, proud death, has claimed Him, who came to conquer death, little knowing that already Christ stands at the threshold of victory (Phil. 2:6-8).

C Therefore, God has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:10).

**The congregation is seated*

First Candle

“Christ’s Agony in the Garden”

Matthew 26:36-50

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” ⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” ⁴⁹At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

Prayer

**The first candle is extinguished*

Second Candle

“The Trials of Jesus”

Matthew 26:57-68

⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.

⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” ⁶²The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶³But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your verdict?” They answered, “He deserves death.” ⁶⁷Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

Prayer

**The second candle is extinguished*

Third Candle

“Pilate Tries Jesus”

John 18:28-40

²⁸Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

⁴⁰They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Prayer

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW # 349

**The third candle is extinguished*

Fourth Candle

“Jesus is Mocked”

Matthew 27:26-31

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Prayer

Anthem

Come and Mourn

Frederick William Faber;
Arr. Hal Hopson
Vocal Ensemble

**The fourth candle is extinguished*

Fifth Candle

“The Crucifixion of Christ”

John 19:17-27

[So they took Jesus;] ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the Scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Prayer

Hymn

"Jesus, In Thy Dying Woes"

LBW # 112
(Stanzas 1 & 2)

- 1. Jesus, in thy dying woes, even while Thy life-blood flows,
Craving pardon for thy foes, hear us, Holy Jesus.*
- 2. Savior, for our pardon sue when our sins Thy pangs renew,
For we know not what we do, hear us, Holy Jesus.*

**The fifth candle is extinguished*

Sixth Candle

“The Suffering and Death of Christ” Luke 23:33-46

³³When they came to the place that is called “The Skull”, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

Prayer

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW # 352

**The sixth candle is extinguished*

Seventh Candle

“Jesus’ Descent From The Cross And Burial” John 19:31-42

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him.

³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another passage of Scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish Day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Prayer

Anthem

Were You There

African American Spiritual
Brandy Aguirre, soloist

**The seventh candle is extinguished*

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.

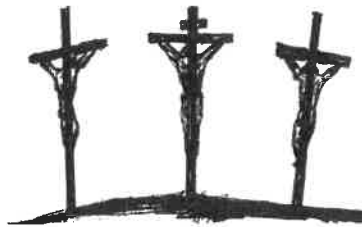
Bell will toll seven times.

*The Christ Candle will stay lit to signify that His light
through the darkness was never extinguished.*

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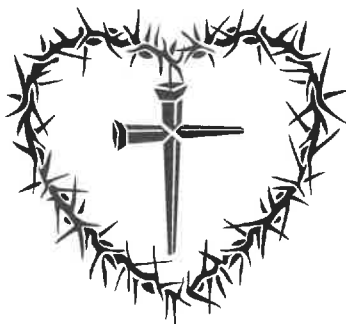
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There is no Benediction, Recessional Hymn or Postlude.
Following the Ending Hymn a few of the lights will be turned on.

Please leave the church building in silence.



Participating In Our Worship this Evening

Presiding Mr. Thomas Booth
Worship Assistant..... Joseph Martin
Organist/Pianist Joanne Vasey
Vocal Ensemble Director Brandy Aguirre
Acolyte Ruth E. Miller
Usher Team..... Gary Parks
Sound System Tom Stahlnecker
Councilperson-in-Charge..... Dan White

Please come again and join us in celebration of the

**Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on
Easter Sunday, April 9th, 2023**

**Worship Services at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast in the Lower Church Hall at 9:15 a.m.
All are Welcome!**

For this holy drama is not finished...