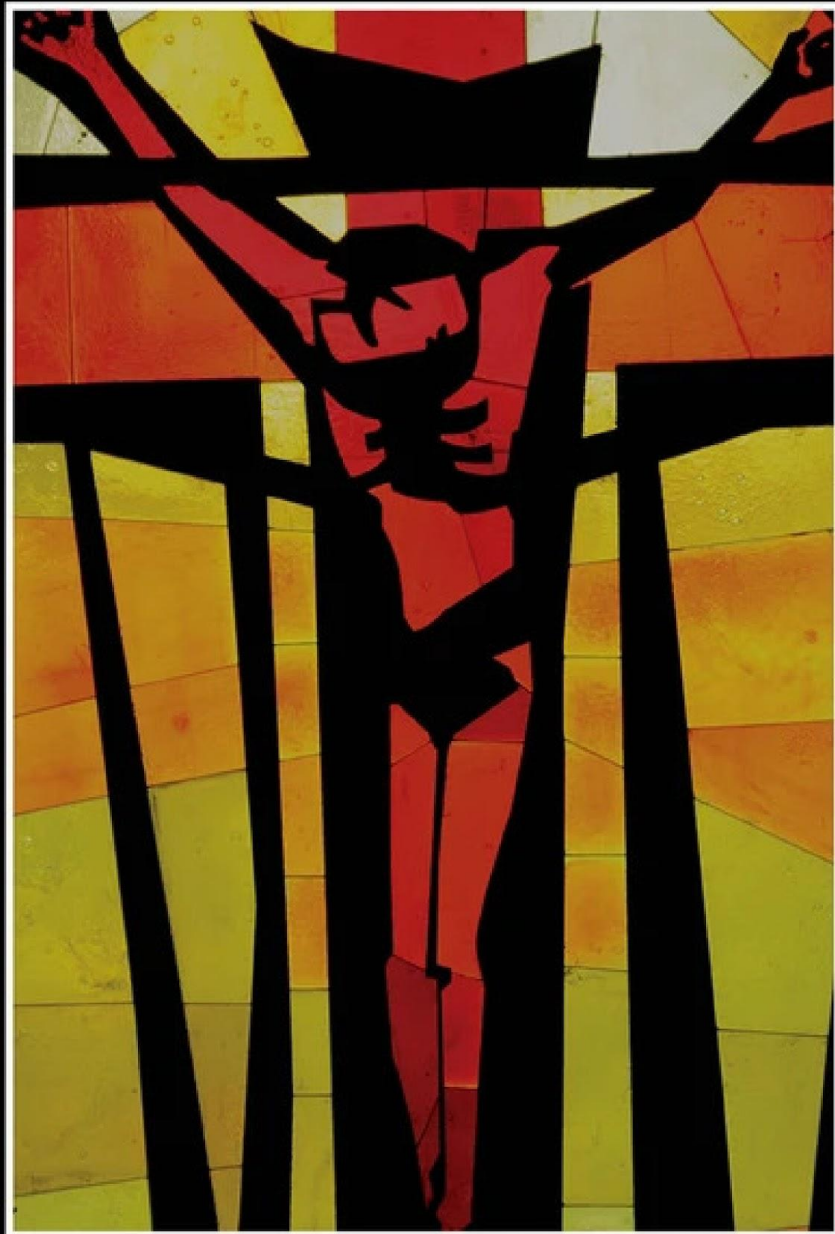


# IT IS FINISHED

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Good Friday



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

# IT IS FINISHED - TENEBRAE SERVICE

*“Tenebrae” comes from the Latin meaning “shadows” or “darkness,” so it is a service of shadows. The Tenebrae service makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of Holy Week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus’ burial. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus’ death and of hopelessness in the world without God.*

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M: We have come into this place to survey the wondrous cross, and to contemplate the events of Holy Week. Let us hear again the Holy Scripture and story of God’s loving plan and purpose in the suffering of Christ to redeem us from sin and death.

Holy Week started with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem with shouts of “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” This was followed by Jesus teaching in the temple and being challenged by those in authority. He knew what lay before him, but Jesus faithfully followed his Father’s will as the shadow of the cross weighed heavily on him.

Let us pray that we may be transformed anew as we remember Christ’s humiliation and that we may be taught obedience as we remember Christ’s obedience until death. May we love one another as Christ showed love for all people.

May we also pray for those things God would have us ask in the name of Jesus, as we pray as he taught us:

**C: 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.**

## ANTHEM

### *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Demands my soul, my life, my all.

M: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there."

They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

**ANTHEM**

*I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love*

At this table, come and dine, feast on bread, partake the wine. Do this in remembrance of me. This, my body and my blood, for the weary soul outpoured. Do this in remembrance of me. I was given for you. Come and taste of the Father's love. As you drink from the cup, remember the blood shed for you. I am Light. I am Life. I am Love.

At this table, come and dine, feast on bread, partake the wine. Do this in remembrance of me. I was given for you. Come and taste of the Father's love. As you drink from the cup, remember the blood shed for you. I am Light. I am Life. I am Love.

M: After the meal with his disciples in the Upper Room, Jesus walked with his disciples. He said, "You will all desert me this very night. So it is written by the prophet Zechariah, 'Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'"

Peter told him, "Even if everyone falls away because of you, I will never fall away."

"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to him, "tonight, before the rooster crows you will deny me three times."

"Even if I have to die with you," Peter told him, "I will never deny you," and all the disciples said the same thing.

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he told the disciples...

**ANTHEM**

*As You Will, It Will Be*

Come and sit here; pray with me, Peter, sons of Zebedee; for my soul is sorrowful, even unto death, to death.

*Refrain:* Come watch with me, and be with me, for I will pray to my Father: "Lord, not as I will, but as you will. Let this cup pass from me. As you will, it will be."

How could you not watch with me? Peter, pray! Thy flesh is weak. Sleeping, resting; let them be, in this hour of death, of death. *Refrain*

M: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with the: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend."

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

Jesus knew the charges placed against him were false, but he continued to willingly walk the path he was called to walk, knowing the cross was nearer than ever before.

**HYMN**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* | 105 v. 1

**1 O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns your only crown,  
O sacred head, no glory Now from your face does shine;  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.**

M: Jesus was taken to Caiaphas, the high priest and after questions and charges of blasphemy, he was deemed worthy of death. Then, his accusers spit in his face and struck him with their fists.

**HYMN**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* | 105 v. 2

**2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your countenance,  
Though mighty worlds shall fear you And flee before your glance.  
How pale you are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!  
Your eyes with pain now languish That once were bright as morn!**

M: Next, Jesus was taken before the governor, Pilate, who asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them...

## ANTHEM

*Let Him Be Crucified*

To free or crucify Barabbas, Jesus Christ?

"Let him be crucified!"

"What evil has he done, this Jesus Christ, the Son?"

"Let him be crucified! His blood be on us, and our children!"

"Lead him away to the cross to be crucified!"

The thorns upon his head. They scorned at him and said, "Let him be crucified! He cannot save himself, this king of Israel! Let him be crucified!"

And in the darkest hour, these words he cried: "My God, hast Thou forsaken me?" He was crucified. He was crucified!

M: And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his Spirit.

## SERMON

*Mark 15*

*God's Hand at the Cross*

*Withdrawn from the Son - Welcoming All of Us*

<sup>33</sup> At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup> And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). <sup>35</sup> When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." <sup>36</sup> Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said. <sup>37</sup> With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> The curtain of the temple was torn in two from

top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

## OFFERING

*Online giving options available*



In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Were You There?*

M: At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split, and the tombs broke open. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened they were terrified, and exclaimed:

"Surely he was the Son of God!"

## ANTHEM

*It Is Finished*

"It is finished." These words he cried. Silence! Silence! He bled and died. Then the earth shook the darkened sky. "It is finished," my Lord was crucified.

## HYMN

*Were You There? | 119 v. 1, 3*

- 1 **ALL: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**
- 3 **Choir: Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

*The service concludes in darkness, with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. Worshipers then leave to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming triumph of the Resurrection.*

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6:30 p.m.: Dan Radue, Austin Radue, Bryan Koeser, Chad Pennings.

## **Holy Week Worship Services**

**Good Friday** 1:00pm and 6:30pm

**Easter Sunday** 7:00am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

*(No Monday evening service on April 5)*