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Good Friday

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AS WE GATHER

The “Order of Tenebrae” is an early Christian order of worship traditionally utilized in the observance of Good Friday. “Tenebrae” is Latin for “darkness” or “in the shadows,” and the service is characterized by the gradual removal of light from the sanctuary as the scriptural accounts approach the moment of the death of our Lord. It is not to be considered a funeral service for Jesus, but rather a time of repentance as we consider His Passion for us. As the last candle is removed, noting the death of the Savior, a loud sound will be heard. This represents that point in human history when the tomb was closed. The return of the Christ candle anticipates the coming resurrection of Jesus. Following the silent prayer at the close of the service, worshipers will depart in silence. We ask that there be no speaking until you have left the church grounds. We retire to our homes in contemplation of the meaning of Christ’s death for us and in the certain hope of the Easter victory soon to be celebrated.

Worshippers are asked to arrive and leave the service in silence.

GOOD FRIDAY

SILENT PROCESSION

(Please follow the cross as it makes its way from the narthex to the chancel)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Men: O my God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

Women: Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the praise of Israel.

Men: In You our fathers put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.

Women: They cried to You and were saved; in You they trusted and were not disappointed.

Men: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

Women: All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

ALL: “He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let Him deliver him, since he delights in Him.”

Pastor: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Men: Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

Women: Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

Men: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

Women: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; You lay me in the dust of death.

ALL: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

Men: I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

Women: *They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.*

Men: But You, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

Women: *Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.*

Men: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

ALL: **I will declare Your Name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise You.**

OPENING HYMN: *“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”* LSB 438 vs.1-2

1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of all men bearing;
And laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing!
Goes patient on, grow weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer;
Bears shame and stripes, and wounds and
death,
Anguish and mockery, and saith,
"Willing all this I suffer."

2. This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great
Friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send
To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father saith,
"And free men from the fear of death,
From guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Thy Passion men shall share
The fruit of Thy salvation."

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God of all mercy,

ALL: **We confess that we have sinned against You, opposing Your will in our lives.**

Men: With Judas, we chafe at Your teaching and betray You.

Women: *With Peter, we stand at a distance and deny You.*

Men: With the high priests, we question and doubt You.

Women: *With Pilate, we give up, and wash our hands of You.*

ALL: **With the crowd, we favor Barabbas, and watch the Savior die.**

Pastor: This dark day reminds us how Christ has borne our infirmities and been crushed by our transgressions.

ALL: **We repent of the evil within us, the evil that enslaves us and the evil we have done. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in Your love and serve only Your will. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy on you through Christ's cross and spear, His thorns and nails, His sweat and blood. You are fully and forever forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **Amen.**

RESPONSE*“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”*

LSB 438 vs.3-4

3. "Yea, Father, yea, most willingly
 I'll bear what Thou commandest;
 My will conforms to Thy decree,
 I do what Thou demandest."
 O wondrous Love, what hast Thou done!
 The Father offers up His Son!
 The Son, content, descendeth!
 O Love, how strong Thou art to save!
 Thou beddest Him within the grave
 Whose word the mountains rendeth.

4. From morn till eve my theme shall be
 Thy mercy's wondrous measure;
 To sacrifice myself for Thee
 Shall be my aim and pleasure.
 My stream of life shall ever be
 A current flowing ceaselessly,
 Thy constant praise outpouring.
 I'll treasure in my memory,
 O Lord, all Thou hast done for me,
 Thy gracious love adoring.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: **Lord Jesus Christ, through Your agony and sweat, scourging and suffering, crying and dying, You take away the sin of the world. Lead us to the cross where, with repentant hearts, we may humbly receive the gifts of Your redeeming love; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Isaiah 52:13-53:12***SERMON HYMN:***“Jesus in Your Dying Woes”*

LSB 447 vs. 1-3

SERMON*“A Forgiving Heart”*

Luke 23:34

OFFERING**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You bore the sins of all people in Your body on the tree of the cross that, through Your death, eternal life also might rise anew and that the ancient serpent who overcame us by the tree in the garden might likewise by the tree of Your cross be forever overcome; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God.

All: **Amen.**

+ The Tenebrae +

HYMN*“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”*

LSB 439 vs.1-3

THE WORD OF FORGIVENESS

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved

[The first candle is extinguished]

HYMN

"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

LSB 439 vs.4-5

THE WORD OF CONCERN

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we

[The second candle is extinguished.]

CHOIR

"Were You There"

THE WORD OF LOVE

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,

[The third candle is extinguished.]

HYMN:

"Upon the Cross Extended"

LSB 453 vs. 1-4

THE WORD OF LONLINESS

And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. And the inscription of the charge against Him read, "The King of the Jews." And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another, saying, "He saved others; He

Luke 23:33-38

others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

Luke 23:39-43

are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

John 19:25-27

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.

Mark 15:25-35

cannot save Himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah."

[The sixth candle is extinguished.]

HYMN:

“O Darkest Woe”

LSB 448 vs.2-3

O sorrow dread! Our God is dead, Up on 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!”

THE WORD OF REUNION

Luke 23:44-47

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice,

said, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!” And having said this He breathed His last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this Man was innocent!”

[The seventh candle is extinguished.]

HYMN:

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

LSB 434

1. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer, Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer. All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!
2. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer, Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer. All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!
3. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer, Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer. All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!

LORD’S PRAYER *(Whispered)*

SYMBOLIC REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The removal of the Christ Candle symbolizes that our Savior hung in darkness for three God-forsaken hours before He died for the sins of the world.

SHUTTING OF THE TOMB

PRAYER RETURN OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The congregation leaves the sanctuary and the building silently contemplating the death of Christ and looking forward to resurrection victory.

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~ Please join us for our 9am Easter Sunday service ~

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A special thank you to Michelle Ternus, Kim Berg, and our high school youth who assisted with our worship this evening. We'd also like to thank Ron Stimpson for making our theme cross and the hearts added to it during Lent and Holy Week.

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for Me

