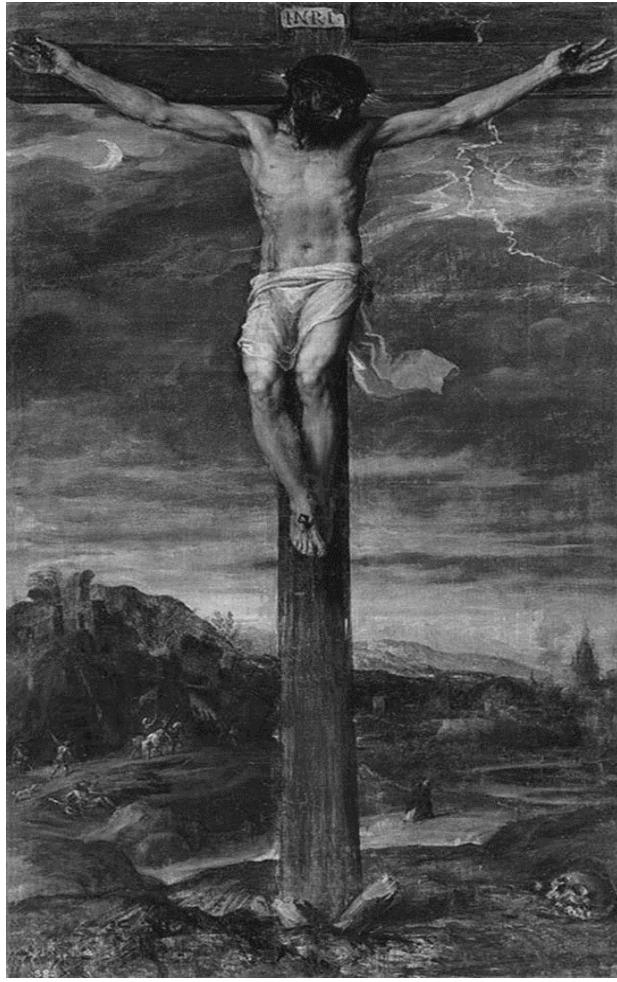


Calvary Lutheran Church

Good Friday

April 18, 2025

7:45 pm



☩ Service of Tenebrae ☩

The congregation gathers in silence.

Our service this evening is to remember the sacrifice of Jesus. His cruel death by crucifixion was for us. We will hear readings of scripture, pray, and sing hymns related to his time of passion and death. Our reflection tonight will help us rejoice with wonder on Easter morning.

You are asked to refrain from talking once you have been seated, as this is a time of reflection and meditation on the life and death of our Lord Jesus. You may use the explanation of the Service of Tenebrae, located at the back of this bulletin, to help focus your reflection.



PROCESSION OF THE CROSS *Please stand.*

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P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

THE PROPHECY *Isaiah 52:13—53:12*

THE BIDDING PRAYERS

P Let us pray together for God to work in a mighty way throughout the world. *We kneel for prayer as we are able. Those who cannot kneel may sit. You are invited to offer your petitions silently at the beginning of each part of the prayer.*

Following each prayer

P We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

† THE PASSION OF OUR LORD †

Each reading will be followed by silence for meditation, prayer, and music. Please remain seated throughout the reading and singing.

FIRST READING

The Arrest John 18:1-11

Silence for meditation and extinguishing of the candle.

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this up
on thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I,
Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

SECOND READING

Suffering Before Caiaphas John 18:12-27

Silence for meditation and extinguishing of the candle.

HYMN

Lord Jesus, Think On Me

1 Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from selfish passion set me free
and make me pure within.

2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
by anxious thoughts oppressed;
let me your loving servant be
and taste your promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point out your chosen way.

4 Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
and share your joy at last.

THIRD READING

Trial Before Pilate John 18:28-40

Silence for meditation and extinguishing of the candle.

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 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.

2 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.

FOURTH READING

His Scourging

John 19:1-7

Silence for meditation and extinguishing of the candle.

HYMN

O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.

FIFTH READING

Pilate Hands Jesus Over for Crucifixion John 19:8-16a

Silence for meditation and extinguishing of the candle.

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1 O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

4 Lord, be my consolation;
shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion
when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing
die safely in thy love.

SIXTH READING

His Crucifixion

John 19:16b-22

Silence for meditation and extinguishing of the candle.

ANTHEM

O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head

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O dearest Lord, Thy sacred head with nails were pierced for me; O shed Thy blessing on my hands that they may work for Thee. O dearest Lord, Thy sacred feet with nails were pierced for me; O pour Thy blessing on my feet that they may follow me. O dearest Lord, Thy sacred heart with spear was pierced for me; O pour Thy Spirit in my heart that I may live for Thee. Amen.

SEVENTH READING

His Death

John 19:23-30

Silence for meditation and extinguishing of the candle.

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

<p>1 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.</p> <p>2 Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned; oh, the wormwood and the gall!</p>	<p>3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.</p>
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Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

EIGHTH READING

His Burial

John 19:31-42

Silence for meditation.

REMOVAL OF LIGHT

DARKNESS AND SILENCE

HYMN

Were You There?

Solo—Drew Howard

THE STREPITUS

✠ We Depart in Silence ✠

The Light will return on Easter Sunday at Sunrise.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Lectors:	Marion Bish, Ron Young
Crucifer:	Brian Williams
Acolytes:	Tyson and Faith Markley
Ushers:	Phyllis Jessup and Susan Norris

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The Tenebrae Service, sometimes called the “Service of Shadows” or the “Service of Darkness,” is one of the oldest services in the tradition of the Church, dating back to at least the seventh century A.D. It is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses, and the sanctuary becomes increasingly dark.

This is a biblical service, with Scripture readings from the Gospel account of our Lord’s Passion and death. After each lesson, a period of silence is given for reflection on the passage just read followed by a prayer. During the hymn, one candle will be extinguished after each reading, symbolizing the going out of the “Light of the World.” Finally, after the last lesson, the last candle will be taken out, symbolizing Jesus’ death and burial. After a period of silence and meditation, a loud noise (*strepitus*) is heard symbolizing the earth shaking and rocks splitting (Matthew 27:51) at Jesus’ death. It also foreshadows the opening of Jesus’ tomb on Easter morning.

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ’s life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer, we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died.