

IT ALL COMES TO THIS



Good Friday Tenebrae
2022

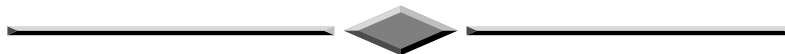
GOOD FRIDAY

TENEBRAE

April 15, 2022

On Good Friday the church remembers the crucifixion of her Lord. Her remembrance, while solemn, is not a message of gloom, but a service of adoration of the Son of God as he offers up his life as the Lamb of God. Good Friday is part of the larger celebration of the mystery of salvation begun early in the week, heightened by Maundy Thursday's Passover which instituted a new supper, and culminating in the proclamation of the Easter message. "He is risen!" is the joy of the church. We Christians savor the connective nature of the Three Holy Days. Good Friday *Tenebrae* is not a liturgical "funeral" for Jesus, but an austere service of reflection, intercession, adoration of the Lamb and quiet meditation. Christians gather to celebrate the sacrifice of the cross. *Tenebrae* means darkness, during which we contemplate and repent from the sin which brought God down to a cross and a grave.

The exit of the Christ Candle near the close of the service signifies Christ's death and burial. The closing of the book acknowledges that with the sealed tomb the meaning of the cross is fulfilled, the sacrifice completed. The Christ Candle is not extinguished during the service as it is symbolic of the eternal light of God's love. It will be brought back into the sanctuary during the service on Easter Sunday after the announcement of our Savior's resurrection.



THE SERVICE

The Tenebrae candelabra is lit.

GOSPEL READING John 19:17-27

HYMN RESPONSE "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

CW, # 105:1-4

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.

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!

Now from your cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair;
From your red lips is banished The splendor that was there.
Grim death with cruel rigor Has robbed you of your life;
Thus you have lost your vigor, Your strength, in this sad strife.

My burden in your passion, Lord, you have borne for me,
For it was my transgression, My shame, on Calvary.
I cast me down before you; Wrath is my rightful lot.
Have mercy, I implore you; Redeemer, spurn me not!

The first candle is extinguished. Silence for meditation.

READING Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

HYMN RESPONSE "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

CW, # 100

A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, Our guilt and evil bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing.
Goes patient on, grows 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 says, "Willing all this I suffer."

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 said,
"And free my children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by your passion they will share The fruit of your salvation."

"Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what you command me.
My will conforms to your decree; I'll do what you have asked me."

O wondrous Love, what have you done!

The Father offers up his Son,
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong you are to save!
You make his bed within the grave
Who built the earth's foundation.

From morn till eve, in all I do,
I'll praise you, Christ, my treasure.

To sacrifice myself for you
Shall be my aim and pleasure.

My stream of life shall ever be A current flowing ceaselessly,
Your constant praise outpouring. I'll treasure in my memory,
O Lord, all you have done for me, Your gracious love adoring.

The second candle is extinguished.

READING Psalm 22

M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: **Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?**

M: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

C: **By night, and am not silent.**

M: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;

C: **You are the praise of Israel.**

M: In you our fathers put their trust;

C: **They trusted and you delivered them.**

M: They cried to you and were saved;

C: **In you they trusted and were not disappointed.**

M: But I am a worm and not a man,

C: **Scorned by men and despised by the people.**

M: All who see me mock me;

C: **They hurl insults, shaking their heads:**

M: "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.

C: **Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."**

M: Yet you brought me out of the womb;

C: **You made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.**

M: From birth I was cast upon you;

C: **From my mother's womb you have been my God.**

M: Do not be far from me,

C: For trouble is near and there is no one to help.

M: Many bulls surround me;

C: Strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

M: Roaring lions tearing their prey

C: Open their mouths wide against me.

M: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

C: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

M: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

C: You lay me in the dust of death.

M: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me,

C: They have pierced my hands and my feet.

M: I can count all my bones;

C: People stare and gloat over me.

M: They divide my garments among them

C: And cast lots for my clothing.

M: But you, O LORD, be not far off;

C: O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

M: Deliver my life from the sword,

C: My precious life from the power of the dogs.

M: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;

C: Save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

The third candle is extinguished. Silence for meditation.

READING Galatians 3:10-13

MEN'S CHOIR "O Dearest Jesus"

CW, # 117

The fourth candle is extinguished.

READING Lamentations 1:1-5

HYMN RESPONSE "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

CW, # 268:1

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,

Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.

All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:

Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

READING Lamentations 1:6-9

HYMN RESPONSE "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

CW, # 268:2

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

READING Lamentations 1:10-14

HYMN RESPONSE "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

CW, # 268:3

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Your peace be with us, O Jesus!

SERMON Galatians 3:10-13 "IT ALL COMES TO THIS"

HYMN "Oh, Perfect Life of Love"

CW, # 138

Oh, perfect life of love! All, all is finished now,
All that he left his throne above To do for us below.
No work is left undone Of all the Father willed;
His toil, his sorrows, one by one, The Scriptures have fulfilled.
No pain that we can share But he has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care Have pierced that tender heart.
And on his thorn-crowned head And on his sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That he might make us whole.
In perfect love he dies; For me he dies, for me!
O all-atoning Sacrifice, You died to make me free!
In ev'ry time of need, Before the judgment throne,
Your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Your merits, not my own.

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The fifth candle is extinguished. Silence for meditation.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place and given him the name that is above every name.

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

PSALM 51

(a contemplative reading, begging the Lord for a contrite heart, aware of his sacrificial death)

The sixth candle is extinguished.

OFFERINGS ARE GATHERED

While the offerings are being collected members are reminded to fill in the Friendship Register and pass the entire pad to the next person. Visitors, please include your email and phone number, so we can thank you for worshipping with us.

MEN'S CHOIR "When I survey the Wondrous Cross" *(Sung during offering)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

The seventh candle is extinguished. The Sanctuary remains dark.

CLOSING SOLO

"Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"

CW, # 434:3

After a period of silence, a loud noise representing the rending of Christ's tomb is heard, and following the final song, the seventh candle (Christ Candle) is relit and exits.

The congregation leaves in silence.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS - *It is customary to leave the sanctuary on Good Friday in silence. Following the announcements there will be no postlude. Please refrain from conversation until you enter the narthex.*

Preacher: Jeffery Samelson

Organist: Bob Klug

Vocalists: Men's Choir (Matt Berger directing)

Soloist: Matt Berger

Join us Easter Sunday!

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service 9:30 a.m. Festival Service

There will be a special Easter breakfast
held in the Family Life Center
8:00 am to 9:00 am on Sunday.

All are invited to attend.
A free-will offering will be taken.