



GOOD  
FRIDAY

# Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 7, 2023

## + Introductory Remarks +

The word “Tenebrae” means darkness. This service reminds us that we deserve to live in darkness, without God, and that Christ went in to that darkness for us and brought us light. The service begins in silence and ends in silence and darkness. The gradual darkening of the worship center lights and the extinguishing of the candles during the service signifies the going out of our Lord’s life.

The “strepitas” or slamming closed of the Bible also signifies the “finishing” of our Lord’s task of salvation. At the close of the service, the congregation shall refrain from greeting each other and leave in silence and darkness. You may place your offering in one of the plates by the door as you leave.

Let us now remember the first “Good Friday” – Jesus tried, condemned, and nailed to the cross, darkness covering the earth, Jesus yielding up His spirit and dying ... His Body placed in a tomb ... and the stone sealed.

## **The Order of Divine Worship For Good Friday Tenebrae**

(There is no preservice music symbolizing the somberness of tonight’s service. The congregation is asked to take their seats in silence)

### ***Silence for Meditation***

Hymn

**Jesus, I Will Ponder Now – LSB 440 sts. 1, 2, 6**

### ***Silence for Meditation***

## ***Stand***

### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **Confession & Absolution**

**P** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,

**C** **That whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

**P** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,

**C** **But in order that the world might be saved through Him.**

**P** Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

**C** **Almighty God, we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and actions. We do not follow our Savior and live in the love as we should. We listen to the temptations of the devil, the world and our own sinful desires. Have mercy and forgive us for the sake of Jesus.**

**P** God has had mercy on us. He sent His only Son to be our Savior. Jesus, the Innocent Lamb of God, was sacrificed for our sins.

Through His death and resurrection you have forgiveness and life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C** **With Jesus' wounds we are healed.**

## ***Sit***

**Choir**

**Behold, It Is Finished**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Bob Weinhold**

***Silence for Meditation***

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane LSB 436 sts. 1, 2

I. The Darkness of Betrayal

Luke 22:39-53

*The first candle is extinguished*

Meditation on Psalm 31:9-14

*Silence for Meditation*

Hymn of Confession

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed LSB 437 sts. 1, 2, 3, 5

II. The Darkness of Injustice

Matthew 26:57-68

*The second candle is extinguished*

Meditation on Psalm 32:1-5

*Silence for Meditation*

III. The Darkness of Denial

Matthew 26:69-75

*The third candle is extinguished*

Meditation on Psalm 88:1-18

*Silence for Meditation*

*Stand*

## The Responsive Prayer for Good Friday

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us. O God the Father in heaven:

**C** Have mercy upon us.

**P** O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

**C** Have mercy upon us.

**P** O God the Holy Ghost:

**C** Have mercy upon us.

**P** O Jesus, deliver us,

**C** From the snares of the devil; from all forms of evil;  
From anger, hatred, or ill-will; from everlasting death.

**P** Savior and Lord, You put our needs ahead of Your own. In obedience to Your Father's will You went to the cross, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. Accept our humble thanks and praise. Jesus, Lamb of God,

**C** Have mercy on us and grant us peace.

**P** Savior and Lord, as You put our interests ahead of Your own, help us by Your Spirit to do the same with others. Lead us to walk in love as You walked and to offer comfort, hope and healing in Your name to those in need. Jesus, Lamb of God,

**C** Have mercy on us and grant us peace.

**P** Savior and Lord, You alone are the light and hope for a world lost in the darkness of sin. Empower us to be bold witnesses for You so that others will come to know and worship You as Lord. Jesus, Lamb of God,

**C** Have mercy on us and grant us peace.

**P** O Jesus, deliver us by the mystery of Your incarnation; By Your bonds and stripes;

By the bearing of Your cross; By the anguish which You suffered; By the shedding of Your most precious blood; By Your patience and

humility; By the love that brought You to death, even death on the cross:

**C** O Jesus, deliver us.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ,

**All: We humbly ask You that by the virtue and merits of Your most holy life, passion, and death, You might empower us to not live for ourselves, but that we might live only as Your disciples. Grant, dear Lord, that we may live with the freedom that knows that we have been bought back from sin, death, and the devil, so that in the end, we might be granted entrance into Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*Sit*

Hymn

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness LSB 563 sts. 1, 3, 4

**IV. The Darkness of Condemnation**

**John 19:1-6**

*The fourth candle is extinguished*

**Solo by Catherine Russell**

**Via Dolorosa**

**Meditation on Psalm 109:1-5, 26-29**

*Silence for Meditation*

**Hymn**

**Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted LSB 451 sts. 1, 3**

**Solo**

**Were You There vs. 1**

**V. The Darkness of Crucifixion**

**Matthew 27:32-49**

*The fifth candle is extinguished*

**Solo**

**Were You There vs. 2**

**Meditation on Isaiah 53:3-12**

*Silence for Meditation*

**VI. The Darkness of Rejection**

**John 19:19-24**

**Hymn**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross LSB 425**

*The sixth candle is extinguished*

**Meditation of Psalm 69:13-21, 29**

*Silence for Meditation*

**VII. The Darkness of Death**

**John 19:25-30**

*The seventh candle is extinguished*

**Meditation on Psalm 22**

**Instrumental Meditation by David Eddy on French horn**

**O Sacred Head Now Wounded**

**The Burial of Jesus**

**John 19:31-42**

**Solo**

**Were You There vs. 3**

*Silence for Meditation*

**After the worship leaders exit, the congregation leaves in meditative silence to return for Easter Sunday Services with Holy Communion at 6:30, 8:00, and 10:45.**

**The congregation will gather in the fellowship area prior to the Easter Sunrise Service.**

**The Youth will be serving Easter Breakfast from 7:00AM to 10:30AM. No reservations or tickets required, free will donation at the door. The proceeds will support the KOK Youth going on the 2023 HS Youth Summer Servant Event at the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in Mission, South Dakota.**

**We wait in hope for the joyful celebration of the  
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD!**