

# † GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE †

April 15, 2022

## NOTES ON THE TENEBRAE

*The name Tenebrae comes from the Latin word for "darkness." The seven candles on the altar are extinguished one by one, after speaking the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. The church lights are also gradually dimmed so that by the end of the service there are no lights at all and the church sits in darkness. The Christ Candle is carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the moment of Jesus' human death, and we depart the church in quiet reflection.*

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## PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

David Lasky

## CROSS PROCESSIONAL

*(The congregation is invited to stand and face the cross)*

P Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*(The procession moves to the middle of the aisle)*

P Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*(The procession moves to the chancel)*

P Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**C Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.**

*(The cross is stationed in the chancel)*

## HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (LSB Hymn 425, v. 1 & 3)

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.

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?

## GREETING and OPENING PRAYER

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C Almighty God, look with loving mercy on this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(7:30) **CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

Crucifixion Spiritual

Donald Moore

*They crucified my Lord, and He never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.*

*They nailed Him to the tree, and He never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.*

*He bowed His head and died, and He never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 53:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

Hebrews 10:16-25

<sup>16</sup>[The Holy Spirit testifies:] "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," <sup>17</sup>he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to

provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted (LSB Hymn 451, v. 1, 3-4)

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree!

'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!

'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;

proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful word.

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great

here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.

Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;

'tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost:

Christ, the Rock of our salvation, is the name of which we boast;

Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!

None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.

**GOSPEL** (*Congregation rising*)

John 19 (selected verses)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face.

<sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

<sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."

<sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God..." <sup>16</sup>Then

[Pilate] handed [Jesus] over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

<sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them... <sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.

<sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots..." <sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."

<sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there.

So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN** O Dearest Jesus (LSB Hymn 439, v. 1-2, 4)

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
that such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, what dark transgression?

They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
with cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
they give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; they crucify Thee.

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!  
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;  
the Master pays the debt His servants owe Him, who would not know Him.

**SERMON** "If You Were There..." Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

**THE BIDDING PRAYER** (*Congregation rising*)

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who taught 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.**

(*Please be seated*)

**PASSION HYMN** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (LSB Hymn 449, v. 1 & 3)

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 The mine.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, out-live my love for Thee.

## † THE TENEBRAE †

### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

*(A Scripture reading precedes each of the Seven Last Words. After each word is spoken, we extinguish one candle and observe a moment of quiet meditation.)*

You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. (*Matt. 5:43-45*)

I. Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

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He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. (*Revelation 2:7*)

II. Today, you will be with me in paradise.

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For this is what the Lord says: I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream...As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you. (*Isaiah 66:12-13*)

III. Woman, behold your son...son, behold your mother.

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Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. (*Psalms 22:16-18*)

IV. Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani?...My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

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You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed; all my enemies are before You. Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none. They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst. (*Psalms 69:18-21*)

V. I thirst.

Father, the time has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You. For You granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those You have given Him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave me to do. (*John 17:1-4*)

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VII. Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit.

James Kosnik

P Lord Jesus, You carried our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we, and all who remember this day, find new life in You, now and in the world to come, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- Traditional Spiritual

*(The bell tolls 33 times to commemorate the death of Jesus)*

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**Participants in the Service:**

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|                 | 12:00           | 7:30                             |
| <b>Liturgy</b>  | Pastor Hartwell | Morris Mayer, Pastoral Assistant |
| <b>Lector</b>   | Anton DeRosa    | Kristin Pimentel                 |
| <b>Soloist</b>  | Nora Podoll     | Hannah Geiling Pittman           |
| <b>Crucifer</b> | Jillian Rooney  | Chloe Runge                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>   | Kathy Coffey    | Skip Hansen<br>Warren Wong       |
| <b>Sexton</b>   | Lorelei Heath   |                                  |

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**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty:  
John Accocella, Shalimar Barbosa, Ray Bozan, Vincent Brown, Flora Caivano,  
Walter Cerfontaine, Lynn Ciano, Barbara Clark, Frank Clark, Tracy Collins, Rev.  
Rudy DeRosa, Gail Epstein, Monique Galloway, Hans Gesund, Michelle Ghiorsi,  
Ben Hartwell, Nancy Hylton, Mike Knuth, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Merline Leon,  
Eugene Lunog, Janet Lunog, Frank Lyman, Betty Jean Manister, Gloria Mayer,  
Jerry Melvin, Christian Messado, Keith O'Dowd, Maria Perriello, Louise Podszus,  
Sylvia Puig, Cherlynn Puma, Hilda Qualetero, Willi Rosendahl, John & Sandy  
Scaramuzzo, Lesley Shigesake, Clark Smith, Cindy Tether, Kate Bauer Thomas,  
Grant & Paxton Thomas, Bill Vogt, Donald Westerby

**Bereavement Prayer Line:** We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

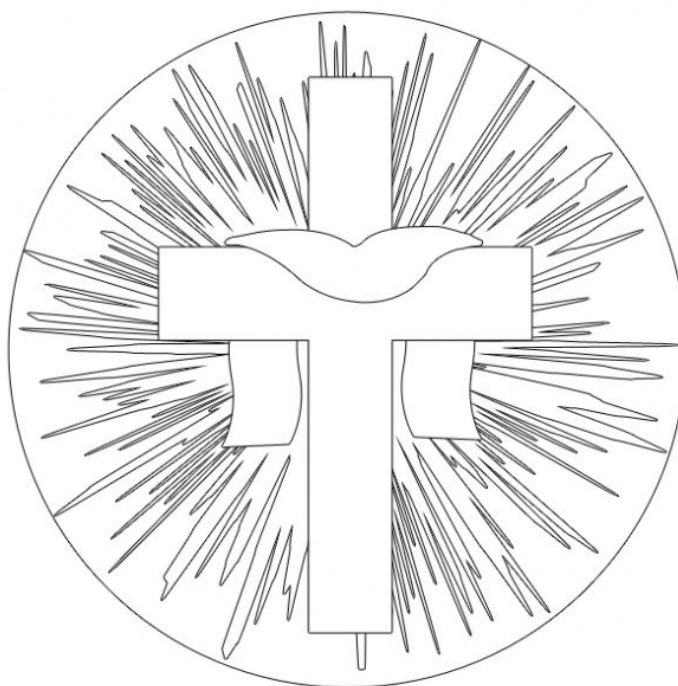
- † **David Ollivierre**, colleague of Christopher Clark, who passed away on March 30, 2022
- † **Keith Hough**, friend of Kathy Coffey, who passed away on March 30, 2022
- † **Janet Hillmann Cramer**, former teacher and youth minister at VLC/TCS, who passed away on March 27, 2022
- † **Dominick Accocella**, nephew of Barbara Accocella, who passed away on March 25, 2022
- † **Gloria Quinn**, friend of Yvonne Palladino, who passed away on March 24, 2022
- † **John Rosenberg**, former Chapel School student, who passed away on March 22, 2022

**Join us for Easter worship:**

Saturday, April 16 – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 17 – 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

*Light continental breakfast between services on Sunday*



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