



Good Friday
Concordia Lutheran Church
March 29, 2024



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Tenebrae Service
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Tenebrae (**Latin: “shadows”**) Vespers offers the faithful a spiritual commemoration of our Lord’s sufferings into death, during His 3 hours on the cross. Progressively extinguished candles would be visual reminders of Jesus’ ebbing life as the Light of the world.

Yet the Pascal Candle symbolizes the promise of Christ’s sacrifice is the one persevering shining light of God the Father’s steadfast grace and mercy. The Savior forgivingly abides with us, even in the midst of universal humanity’s darkness of sinful rebellion and evil rejection of God with us.

**Behold the Lamb of God,
Who Takes Away the Sin of the World**

Prelude

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Behold the life-giving cross of the Son of God, the Savior of the world.

C: **O come let us worship Him.**

P: Heavenly Father, graciously behold Your erring children.

C: **O Lord, deliver Your people and save us by Your grace in Christ Jesus, that we may live by faith in Your forgiveness.**

P: We are all like sheep that have gone astray.

C: The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His flock. May His loving voice guide us through this world and lead us to life everlasting.

P: The evening gloom is a nightly reminder of the darkness our sinful rebellion casts over creation, and the evil corruption which overshadows our hearts.

C: Jesus is the light of the world. The Lamb of God bids our penitent spirits to find rest at the foot of His cross.

P: The death of Christ comforts our souls with God's divine covenant to never forsake us.

C: By faith in His sufferings we cast off our selfish addiction for temporal comforts, and put off our coveting for temporary securities.

P: May the light the Paschal Candle illuminate the eyes of our hearts with faith and hope in the promise of Jesus' cross.

C: Holy Spirit, help us walk in the light of the crucified Savior, so the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Triune God let it be done, now and forever. Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

Hymn

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

**Maroon Hymnal # 436
verses 1-3**

READING - Betrayed and Denied

P: The word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does.

C: Lord, let Your peace be on us, as we place our trust in You.

(Please stand as you are able)

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, slavery to sin causes us to betray Your gracious Lordship. Threatening evils incite words and deeds that deny Your merciful authority over us. Expiate the punishments which our sins deserve, pardon us by Your grace, and free us to serve You in

everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness.

C: Mighty and merciful Creator, patient and eternal Father, do not leave us in the bitterness of our sin, or abandon us in the darkness of death we deserve, or forsake us to the power of the Evil One who seeks to devour us with his devious lies.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

(Please Be Seated)

Anthem – “Behold the Man”

Soloist – Kathy Brockhoff Pianist – Christina Niehus

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READING - Tortured and Condemned

P: God sends His Word and heals His own; He rescues His people from the grave.

C: Lord let Your peace be on us, as we place our trust in You.

(Please stand as you are able)

P: Christ, Your death on the cross made a public spectacle of humanity’s evil instincts for self-justification; for wicked urges of economic self-preservation; and corrupt cravings for political survival of the fittest. We confess our sinful inclinations to practice such plots, schemes and intrigues. We repent of the hurt our hypocrisy causes You, and the harm such abuses cause others.

C: By faith in Your holy cross, grant us the discipline to overcome our scorn for the weak, and our superficial condescension towards the helpless. Make us bold to believe in the ways of Your sacrificial love toward us, so by our faith and hope in You bear fruits of justice, and yields a harvest of sacrificial love towards others. O Lord, have mercy on us.

(Please Be Seated)

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Hymn

"Jesus I Will Ponder Now"

Maroon Hymnal # 440

verses 1, 2, 3 5 & 6

READING - The Road to Golgotha

P: O God we will trust in Your Word, and we will not be afraid.

C: **Lord let Your peace be on us, as we place our trust in You.**

(Please stand as you are able)

P: God the Son, Your cross reveals the gracious and merciful way of our Heavenly Father towards us, despite the false promises of this fallen world leading our hearts astray into hopelessness and despair. We believe You walked the way of sorrows to reveal Your forgiveness of our failures. Lord, deliver us from the penalty of our sorry ways separating us from Your loving presence.

C: **Heavenly Father, we live in the midst of many threats and great dangers. Our sinful impulses tempt us to judge You as a God of wrath, abandons and forsake us.**

Only faith in the crucified Son calms our souls, because Jesus is Your incarnate Word. By the cross of Christ, our hopelessness and despair is put to death.

May we always anticipate Your guiding and guarding hand over us. Lead us into the everlasting light of eternal fellowship, with You and all Your saints.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

(Please Be Seated)

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Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Maroon Hymnal # 425

(Please Be Seated)

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READING - Stripped, Crucified and Mocked

P: O God, You restore our souls, as Your Word made flesh inspires us with Your faithfulness.

C: Lord let Your peace be on us, as we place our trust in You.

(Please stand as you are able)

P: Heavenly Father, Your fallen creation's natural disasters and destruction try to strip us of our confidence in Your steadfast love. In the midst of such tribulations, test our faith so the Holy Spirit directs our anxious hearts to the sufferings of Christ, who releases us from our worrisome agonies, and renews our hope that You still claim us as Your beloved people.

C: Jesus, on account of trusting in Your cross, the wicked ridicule our sacrifices to uphold Your glorious love. The unrighteous scorn our serving others in Your name. Sustain us in believing the crosses we bear loving others, are holy signs of Your will being done on earth as it is in heaven.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

(Please Be Seated)

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Hymn

"The Old Rugged Cross"

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READING - The Thieves and Mary and John

P: O God, Your Word is living and active, judging every thought and attitude.

C: Lord let Your peace be on us, as we place our trust in You.

(Please stand as you are able)

P: Dearest Jesus, Your cross bids us trust you have made Your place to be with us in Your Kingdom of Power that is this world, and the Kingdom of Grace that is Your one, holy Church on earth. You commit your family of faith into one another's loving care and keeping in this time and place, even as you promise to prepare our places to be with you in the new heavens and earth that is Your Kingdom of Glory.

C: Heavenly Father, by the water and Word of Holy Baptism You give us the new birth of being your children. Unite us as brothers and sisters in Christ, to defeat every evil attitude and all sinful acts causing strife and division between us.

Send Your Holy Spirit to make us so heavenly minded, that Your one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church enjoys days of peace and unity, until you call us all into the everlasting paradise that is eternal life.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

(Please Be Seated)

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Hymn

"Upon the Cross Extended"

**Maroon Hymnal # 453
verses 1, 3, 4, 6 & 7**

READING - Death

P: O God, Your Word is our refuge, a fortress against every doubt and uncertainty.

C: Lord let Your peace be on us, as we put our trust in You.

(Please stand as you are able)

P: Precious Savior, the print of the nails in Your hands and feet testify to humanity's sinful cravings and rebellious ways.
C: **But Your death on the cross proclaims God the Father's loving verdict, is to grant us His heavenly pardon and blessed absolution.**

P: O Christ, let Your cross comfort our broken hearts
C: **To see and trust Your steadfast forgiveness.**

P: O Christ, let Your cross create contrite spirits in us,
C: **To hear and believe in Your remission of our sin.**

P: O Christ, let Your cross bring us from death to life.
C: **So our perishable shall put on Your imperishable, and our mortality will be clothed with Your immortality.**

(Please Be Seated)

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Hymn *"Stricken, Smitten & Afflicted"* Maroon Hymnal # 451

READING - Taken Down From the Cross

P: O God, let Your servants always depart in peace, according to Your Word.
C: **The eyes of our hearts see Your covenant of salvation in the cross of Jesus, lifted up in the presence of the whole world.**

(Please stand as you are able)

P: Jesus promises: "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven."
C: **"God's promise is trustworthy: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; If we endure, we will also reign with Him."**

P: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

C: **"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor, glory and dominion, forever and ever." Amen.**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

(Please Be Seated)

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Hymn

"Were You There"

**Maroon Hymnal #456
verses 1- 3**

READING - Laid in the Tomb

(Please stand as you are able)

P: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty fades like the flowers of the field.

C: **But the Word of our God shall stand forever.**

P: You will not abandon Me to the grave,

C: **Nor will You let Your Holy One see decay.**

P: My soul waits for the Lord, and in His Word I put my hope.

C: **With the Lord is unfailing love, and He Himself will redeem us from sin, death and the grave.**

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

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P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

C: **Have mercy on us and grant us Your peace, now and forever.**

Amen

(Please remain standing during and after hymn)

Hymn

“Abide with Me”

Maroon Hymnal # 878

P: Lord remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.....

Lord’s Prayer

(Please remain standing silently in pews

until Pastor leaves the chancel and sanctuary lights are raised.)

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***Your may stay for silent meditation and leave
at your personal discretion.***

Please exit to cars as quietly as possible

Offerings may be placed in the plates by the door as you leave.

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Vacancy Pastor Team:

Rev. Mark Brockhoff, Emeritus (Sun. 9am)

Rev Chris Kolupa, Assistant Pastor (Weds. 7pm)

"The Old Rugged Cross"

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. **[Refrain]**
3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. **[Refrain]**
4. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. **[Refrain]**