

RETURN to the LORD



*Good Friday
Tenebrae Service*

*April 2, 2021
5:00pm & 7:00pm*

GOOD FRIDAY

RETURN TO TRUTH

AS WE GATHER

Peter addressed the people in Solomon's Portico at the temple in Jerusalem after the time of Pentecost, and said directly, "Men of Israel . . . you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life" (Acts 3:12, 14–15). In the service of Good Friday, we reflect on that truth and remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us. The hymnist describes the event with poignant beauty: "The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander" (*LSB* 439:4). Good Friday is good for us. It is good to be here!

WORSHIP NOTES

The "Order of Tenebrae" is an early Christian order of worship traditionally utilized in the observance of Good Friday. "Tenebrae" is Latin for "darkness" or "in the shadows," and the service is characterized by the gradual removal of light from the sanctuary as the scriptural accounts approach the moment of the death of our Lord. It is not to be considered a funeral service for Jesus, but rather a time of repentance as we consider His Passion for us.

As the last candle is removed, noting the death of the Savior, a loud sound will be heard. This represents that point in human history when the tomb was closed. Following the silent prayer at the close of the service, worshipers will depart in silence. We ask that there be no speaking until you have left the church grounds. We retire to our homes in contemplation of the meaning of Christ's death for us and in the certain hope of the Easter victory soon to be celebrated. As Christ's crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, altar paraments, the pastor's cassocks, and the shrouds are black, symbolizing humiliation, mourning, and death.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

Alfred V. Fedak

WELCOME

OPENING ANTHEM

His Father's Plan

arr. Pethel

Youth Choir

INVOCATION

*(Please stand and face the cross at the entrance of the church)
(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

- P** “When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,” we indeed see a love that is amazing. It is a love of a God who did not want us to die because of our sin. It is a love of a God who took our sin on Himself and was nailed to a cross in our place. It is the love of a God who gave His life so that we might have life and salvation in His name.
- P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the Salvation of the whole world.
C **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**
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REPROACHES

- P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My People.
- A** Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

C *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*

LSB 434

- 1. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

- P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed You with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

C *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*

LSB 434

**2. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

C *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*

LSB 434

**3. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

Sit

(As the congregation is ushered forward to hammer nails into the cross, the following hymns are sung)

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

HYMN

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

HYMN

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

HYMN

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

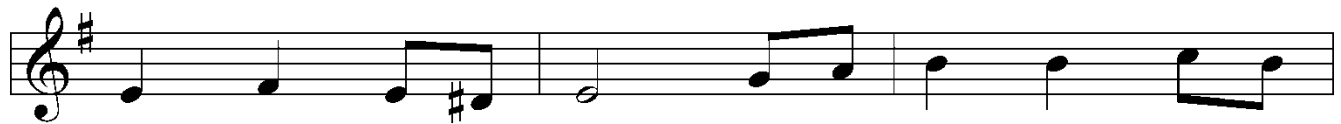
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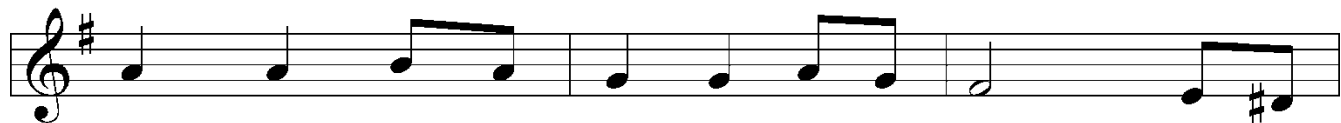
1 Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear, His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Stand

COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

COLLECT

P Let us pray. Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

^{52:13}Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

^{53:1}Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

He Was Despised

By Melody Green

Soloist: Cheryl Kerns

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

^{4:14}Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

^{5:7}In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Break Your Hearts

Lisa M. Clark/ Jonathan Kohrs



1 Break your hearts with mourn - ing And your pride in two,
2 See your Sav - ior dy - ing, Hung up - on the tree.
3 Gath - er all in num - ber From both far and near;



Ash and grief a - dorn - ing Your re - pen - tance true.
It is vain de - ny - ing What is plain to see:
E - ven those in slum - ber Wait for trum - pets clear.



With your tears and fast - ing, From your God dis - cern
While His heart is break - ing, Still your God will earn
When the Lord grants bless - ing, Bro - ken hearts will learn



His ways ev - er - last - ing: To your Lord re - turn.
Free - dom in the mak - ing. To your Lord re - turn.
Joy be - yond ex - press - ing; To your Lord re - turn.

SERMON

Return to Truth

Vicar Luke Elowsky

Stand

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

✠ TENEBRAE SEQUENCE ✠

(Service of Darkness)

P Let Us Pray: We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who again this night behold the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN

LSB 430:1

**My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?**

Part 1: JESUS IS ARRESTED

John 18:1-11

A spike is driven. The first candle is extinguished.

HYMN

LSB 430:2

**He came from his blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!**

Part 2: JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST

John 18:12-27

A spike is driven. The second candle is extinguished.

HYMN

LSB 430:3

**Sometimes they strew his way And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,
And for his death They thirst and cry.**

Part 3: JESUS BEFORE PILATE

John 18:28-38a

A spike is driven. The third candle is extinguished.

HYMN

LSB 430:4

**Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease And 'gainst him rise.**

Part 4: THE KING OF THE JEWS

John 18:38b-19:11

A spike is driven. The fourth candle is extinguished.

HYMN

LSB430:5

**They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he To suff'ring goes
That he his foes From thence might free.**

Part 5: JESUS IS SENTENCED TO DEATH

John 19:12-16a

A spike is driven. The fifth candle is extinguished.

HYMN

LSB 430:6

**In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
But mine the tomb Where in he lay.**

Part 6: THE CRUCIFIXION

John 19:16b-30

A spike is driven. The sixth candle is extinguished.

HYMN

LSB 430:7

**Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!**

Part 7: THE BURIAL OF JESUS

John 19:31-42

P Let us pray:

Merciful and everlasting God, who spared not Your only Son, but delivered Him for us all, that He might bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may be fixed upon Him that we may not fear the power of any adversary; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Christ Candle is removed symbolizing our Lord's death and burial.

The strepitus is heard, a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb.

SOLO

In Silent Pain
Pastor Schultz

A BAPTISMAL READING FROM ROMANS 6:3-8

- P** ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
- P** Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

The Benediction is omitted as our service continues with the Easer Vigil Service on Holy Saturday.

Leave in silence when the lights become brighter.

You will pass the Christ Candle giving HOPE of the Resurrection and the return of God's Light to the world.

Your offering this evening may be left in the offering plates at the exit.

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 Liturgist.....Pastor Joel Schultz
 Organist.....Deb Miller
 Soloists.....Cheryl Kerns, Pastor Joel Schultz
 Acolytes.....(7:00) Leo Bertels
 Altar Guild.....Carol Brandt

EASTER SCHEDULE

Easter Vigil WITHOUT Holy Communion at 6pm

Easter Sunrise at 630am

Easter 800, 930, 1100 –parking lot communion with the 11 am service – about 1145 am

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