



Good Friday

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Tenebrae Service

Opening Prayer

Hymn

TLH 159 Go to Dark Gethsemane

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **(spoken) Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. Every one of them has turned aside; they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one. (*Psalm 53:2-3*)

C **Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight – Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.** (*Psalm 51:4-5*)

P But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (*1 John 2:1b-2*)

C Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. (Micah 7:18)

P The LORD also has put away your sin. Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your cares on Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith. (2 Samuel 12:13b, 1 Peter 5:6-9)

C Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy Name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:1-5)

Congregational Response

TLH 148 (vv. 7-8)

♪ *Lord, in Your nail-prints let me read / That You to save me have decreed
And grant that in Your opened side / My troubled soul may ever hide.*

*Since You have died, the Pure, the Just / I take my homeward way in trust.
The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide / When here I may no more abide. ♪*

Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation of the 2nd Article

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn

TLH 170 O Perfect Life of Love

Sermon

John 19:28-30

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" ²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth. ³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Jesus' Final Words from the Cross:

"IT IS FINISHED"

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Exhortation

P On Maundy Thursday, the night He would be betrayed, our Lord instituted the Sacrament of the Altar: the Lord's Supper. In it, Christ gave His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the remission of sins, instructing them to *do this in remembrance of Me*. This feast of forgiveness is at the same time a reminder of our Lord's sacrificial death and a means of His grace, through which we receive the promise of salvation. Paul tells us that in partaking of Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament, we *proclaim the Lord's death until He comes*.

And so, as we have proclaimed His death in our service thus far, we continue proclaiming it now in our communion service. *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed (1 Peter 2:24).* May this meal strengthen us to proclaim our Lord's death every day of our lives to the glory of His Name!

Examination

Luther's "Christian Questions"

- P Do you confess that you have sinned against God and are deserving of His wrath and punishment? If so, then answer: **I do confess.**
- P Do you repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed? If so, then answer: **I do repent.**
- P Do you believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive your all your sins? If so, then answer: **I do believe.**
- P Do you believe that our Lord offers to you through the bread and wine His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins? If so, then answer: **I do believe.**
- P Finally, do you promise that with the help of the Holy Spirit, you will strive to amend your sinful life? If so, then answer: **I do so intend, with the help of God.**
- P Having heard your confession, be it unto you as you believe. And I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT COMMUNION: All CLC churches practice "close communion." ***We ask that only those who are members of our church or another congregation in the CLC receive the Sacrament at this time. This is NOT a judgment on your faith! Rather, it is an expression of our own***

faith and unity. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

Hymn of Thanks *LSB 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (v. 8)*

♪ *Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.*
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Prayer of the Church + The Lord's Prayer

P . . . in whose Name we also join to pray together:

C Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed by 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

THE FOLLOWING PORTION OF OUR SERVICE CONSISTS OF THE TENEbrae (IN LATIN "DARKNESS") READINGS. AFTER EACH READING, THE LIGHTS OF THE SANCTUARY WILL BE EXTINGUISHED ONE BY ONE AND A HYMN VERSE WILL BE SUNG (SOLOIST: DARLA BUCK).

AFTER THE FINAL READING AND REFRAIN, A DOOR WILL BE LOUDLY SHUT SIGNIFYING THE CLOSING OF CHRIST'S TOMB. THE CONGREGATION IS ASKED TO THEN SILENTLY EXIT THE SANCTUARY AND LEAVE CHURCH IN QUIET CONTEMPLATION OF OUR SAVIOR'S DEATH AND THE VICTORY HE HAS WON FOR US THROUGH HIS SACRIFICE.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:24-26

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it."

25 And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our

children.” 26 Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:27-31

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. 28 And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. 29 When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” 30 Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. 31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

Third Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:32-37

Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. 33 And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, 34 they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.

35 Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

“They divided My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.”

36 Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. 37 And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him:

THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Fourth Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:38-44

Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

39 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

41 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, 42 "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. 43 He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

44 Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

Fifth Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:45-49

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

47 Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" 48 Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

49 The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him."

Sixth Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:50-56

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

55 And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, 56 among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Seventh Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:57-60

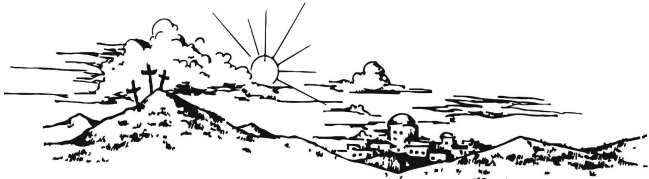
Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. 58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. 59 When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

Closing of the Tomb + End of the Service

Please exit the church in silence when you're ready (you won't be ushered out), contemplating the great love of our Savior who has given himself into death so that we may have life, and have it abundantly.

We will return on Sunday morning in the joyful knowledge of the empty tomb and the justification that it confirms for us.

Our Easter celebration begins with Easter breakfast at 9am, followed by worship at 10:30am. We pray you'll join us to share in our Lord's day of triumph!



It is finished.



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