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# **Good Friday**

## **April 7, 2023**



**The congregational spoken parts are printed in bold.**

***The Service of Tenebrae** is an ancient form of worship for commemorating the suffering and death of Christ and as such, the mood is somber and reflective.*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

Behold, the life-giving cross on which hung the salvation of the whole world.

**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth

**And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Christ became obedient unto death,

**even death on the cross.**

### **Hymn**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

ELW 666:1-3

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

when I was sinking down, sinking down,

when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;

to God and to the Lamb I will sing;

to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,

while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,

while millions join the theme, I will sing.

### **Bidding Prayer**

*Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life.*

*Stay With Me*

ELW 348

Stay with me,

remain here with me,

watch and pray.

Watch and pray.

Let us pray, siblings in Christ, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, **you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us pray for all servants of the Word and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, **you govern and sanctify the whole body of the church by your Holy Spirit. Receive the prayers we offer you, that all members of your church in their vocations and ministries may serve you in truth and godliness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us pray for those instructed in the Christian faith, that our Lord God would open their hearts and pour out his mercy, that having received the forgiveness of all their sins by the washing of rebirth, they may remember their baptism and remain firm in the faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, **you always cause your Church to grow, and with your light and grace you strengthen the hearts of those you have given new birth through water and the Spirit. Grant that those instructed in the Christian faith increase in faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their baptism and grow as members of the holy body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, **gather into your embrace all who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Stay With Me*

ELW 348

Stay with me,  
remain here with me,  
watch and pray.  
Watch and pray.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, **you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, **you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, **you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, **you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Stay With Me*

ELW 348

Stay with me,  
remain here with me,  
watch and pray.  
Watch and pray.

## **The Seven Last Words of Christ**

*On this Good Friday, we gather to bear witness to Christ on the Cross. Our service is focused on the seven last words of Christ as they were shared by the four Evangelists. As you hear the words of Christ from the Cross, you're invited to reflect on what is happening to Jesus and the significance of that moment. The disciples of Jesus had very little to say in response. They were witnesses of this unfathomable event.*

*As a response to Jesus' words from the cross, Pastor Pam, Vicar Joanna, Deacon Kirsten and Pastor Colin gathered images that invite us to bear witness in our own time. After the reading is read, we will introduce the images with a question or only a sentence or two to point to the connection that has inspired our reflection. But, we also want to provide silence enough to let the images lead us into a deeper witness and call us into a response that extends into our own present time. You're invited to reflect, meditate, pray and bear witness in the silence and and in the responses we'll sing.*

### **The First Word** Luke 23:32-38 (NRSV)

*"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."*

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

### **Reflection**

#### **Silence**

#### **Hymn**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

ELW 349:1-2, 4

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.

**The Second Word** Luke 23:39-43 (NRSV)

*“Today you will be with me in paradise.”*

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

**Reflection**

**Silence**

**Hymn**

*Jesus Remember Me*

ELW 616

Sing 2x

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**The Third Word** John 19:23-27 (NRSV)

*“Woman, behold your son . . . behold your mother.”*

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. 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.” And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**Reflection**

**Silence**

**Hymn**

*Lamb of God*

ELW 336:1-2

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod  
and to become the Lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified.  
We laughed and scorned him as he died.  
The humble king we named a fraud  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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**The Fourth Word** Matthew 27:45-49 (NRSV)

*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

**Reflection**

**Silence**

**Hymn**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

ELW 351:1-2, 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 thee mine.

How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passions were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?

Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

**The Fifth Word** John 19:23-29 (NRSV)

*"I thirst."*

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. 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." And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture, "I am thirsty.") 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.

### **Reflection**

### **Silence**

### **Hymn**

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many souls to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

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### **The Sixth Word** John 19:30-37 (NRSV)

*"It is finished."*

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

### **Reflection**



## Silence

## Anthem

*When Jesus Wept*

William Billings

## The Seventh Word Luke 23:44-49 (NRSV)

*“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”*

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

## Reflection

## Silence

## Hymn

*Were You There*

ELW 353:1, 3, 4

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

## Blessing

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*Offering tonight is for Every Meal, a program supported by Faith-Lilac Way, First Lutheran and our Wildfire partners to fight child hunger through community and school partnerships. Offering plates are by the door.*

***Worship will continue on Sunday, April 9th at 9:30 AM with a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at both First Lutheran of Crystal and at Faith-Lilac Way.***

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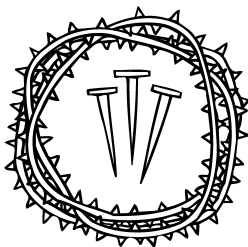
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