

# GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

6:30 P.M. APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES

*2 Corinthians 5:21 & Isaiah 53:5*

- P** For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,  
**C** so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

- P** He was wounded for our transgressions;  
**C** He was crushed for our iniquities;  
**P** upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
**C** and with His stripes we are healed.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Lord our God, You took upon Your shoulders  
the weight of fallen humanity, becoming the sin offering for us  
so that we are made righteous in Your sight.  
Hear us as we bow before Your cross  
and lay our sins at Your feet.

*In silent prayer, we bring the burdens of our sins to Jesus.*

- P** Gracious Father,  
**C** have mercy upon us. We are undeserving of Your love.

- P** Loving Lord Jesus,  
**C** take our sins from us.  
Show us the depths of Your love, found only in the cross.

- P** Renewing Holy Spirit,  
**C** Guide us and lead us.  
Enable us by faith to cling to the grace that alone can save.  
Amen.

- P** Almighty God in His great mercy has given His Son to die for you  
and, for His sake, He forgives you all your sins.  
Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross so that  
we may die to sin and live in His righteousness.  
By His wounds, you have been healed.

**P** As a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior,  
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father  
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## A PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon us, Your people,  
with whom Your Son exchanged places at the cross  
so we may forever know real life, love, and forgiveness;  
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.

## THE OFFERING

### THE FIRST READING

*Luke 23:33-34*

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there,  
along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus  
said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”  
And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### HYMN #434:1

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy  
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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!

*(The first candle is extinguished)*

## THE SECOND READING

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## HYMN #547:1, 3-5

The Lamb

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- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain*
- ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!
- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*
- 4 He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*
- 5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

*(The second candle is extinguished)*

## THE THIRD READING

*John 19:25-27*

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## SONG

### How Deep the Father's Love For Us

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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 sons 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.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

*(The third candle is extinguished)*

## THE FOURTH READING

*Matthew 27:45-49*

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## HYMN #451:1,3-4

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

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- 1 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

*(The fourth candle is extinguished)*

## THE FIFTH READING

John 19:28-29

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## SONG

The Old Rugged Cross

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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*

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.

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*

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*

*(The fifth candle is extinguished)*

## THE SIXTH READING

John 19:30

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## SOLO

Thank You Jesus for the Blood

*Soloist: Jenna Lemieux*

*(The sixth candle is extinguished)*

## THE SEVENTH READING

*Luke 23:44-46*

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*(The Christ candle is extinguished)*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### A TIME OF SILENCE

### CLOSING SENTENCE

**P** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

**G** **By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

### ALL LEAVE IN SILENCE

*The story is not yet over.*

**Resurrection Sunday Worship Service, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.**