

**GOOD FRIDAY
TENEBRAE VESPERS**

April 2, 2021

7:00 p.m.



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

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Divine Services: Sunday 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

PREFACE TO WORSHIP

Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ. It is a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. In keeping with this character, music is kept to a minimum, though not silenced. Elaborate words of praise are omitted. The altar remains bare, having been stripped on Holy Thursday.

The Office of Tenebrae is an ancient Holy Week devotion, finding its beginning in the 7th or 8th century after Christ. The name "Tenebrae" means "darkness," and the service takes its name from the ceremony of extinguishing - in succession - the candles in the chancel, thus, gradually casting the sanctuary into complete darkness. This forms the end of the Good Friday celebration.

The pastor and congregation enter in silence. *There is no Invocation or benediction as this service is a continuation from Maundy Thursday and will conclude with The Easter Vigil.*

All enter in silence.

Opening Hymn: “*O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken*”

LSB 439, stanzas 1-7, 15

Stand

Opening Versicles

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 70:1

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Sit

Candles are extinguished.

Psalmody

(The Gloria Patri is omitted)

Psalm 22

Candles are extinguished.

Psalm 2

Candles are extinguished.

Psalm 27

Candles are extinguished.

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*”

LSB 450, stanzas 1-3

Reading: *Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12*

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Candles are extinguished.

Hymn: “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*”

LSB 450, stanzas 4-7

Stand

Reading: *John 19:16b-42*

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Candles are extinguished.

Responsory

(1 John 2:1-2; [Mark 10:33]; Psalm 32:1)

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Sit

Candles are extinguished.

Office Hymn: *“Upon the Cross Extended”*

LSB 453

Sermon

Stand

Hymn: *“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”*

LSB 434

Prayers

P Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; 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.

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.

C Amen.

The final candle is extinguished.

The strepitus consists of a loud noise. This action has a variety of interpretations, including the scourging by the soldiers, the earthquake at the moment of Christ's death, or the closing of the tomb.

Closing Hymn: "O Darkest Woe"

LSB 448

All leave in silence with minimal light.