

Grace Lutheran Church

March 28, 2024

Office of Tenebrae

7:30 pm



GOOD FRIDAY

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✠ Good Friday Office of Tenebrae ✠

✠ ✠ *In the Name of Jesus* ✠ ✠

Silent Procession

Invocation

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

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Exhortation

LSB 167

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 167

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 167

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Sermon Hymn

436 Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901
Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

Life After Good Friday
Rev. Timothy P. Halboth

Mark 15:33-34

Congregation Remin Seated

Chancel Choir

The Upper Room

Price/Besig

Offering

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855-1928
Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838-96
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✠ Service of the Word ✠

First Word From The Cross

Luke 23:33–34

³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Chancel Choir

There is a Green Hill Far Away

Blersch

The First Candle is Extinguished

Second Word From The Cross

Luke 23:39–43

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Chamber Ensemble

Jesus Remember Me

Berthier

The Second Candle is Extinguished

Third Word From The Cross

John 19:26–27

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Psalmody

**He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our in-| iquities;*
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes | we are
healed.**

**O LORD, rebuke me not in your | anger,*
nor discipline me | in your wrath!**

**For your arrows have sunk | into me,*
and your hand has come | down on me.**

**There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indig-| nation;*
there is no health in my bones because | of my sin.**

**For my iniquities have gone o-| ver my head;*
like a heavy burden, they are too heav-| y for me.**

**I confess my in-| iquity,*
I am sorry | for my sin.**

Make haste to | help me,*

**O Lord, my sal-| vation!
He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our in-| iquities;*
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes | we are
healed.**

The Third Candle is Extinguished

Fourth Word From The Cross

Matthew 27:45–46

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

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There Was a Darkness Over All the Country

Bach

Fourth Candle is Extinguished

Fifth Word From The Cross

John 19:28–29

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

Collect of the Day

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.

Fifth Candle is Extinguished

Sixth Word From The Cross

Luke 23:44–46

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

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O Darkest Woe

Herl

Sixth Candle is Extinguished

Our Lord's Final Word From The Cross

John 19:30

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Seventh Candle is Extinguished

Responsory from the Pastor (Chanted)

Removal of the Christ Candle

Prayer for Good Friday

Sealing of the Tomb

Period of Silent Meditation

Return of the Christ Candle

Lord's Prayer (Whispered)

**☩ 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.**

Benediction

Silent Recessional

PLEASE REMAIN IN THE PEW UNTIL ALL PARTICIPANTS HAVE RECESSED FROM THE CHANCEL.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ANY LOUD TALKING IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

We celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** during this worship hour. We believe that in this celebration we receive our Lord's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine taken for the forgiveness of our sins. If you are not a member of Grace Church and desire Holy Communion, please speak with one of the Pastors before the worship hour. Ask an Elder for assistance.

About Tonight's Worship

TENEBRAE means "shadow". It is one of the oldest of the many traditional worship services of Christian churches for Holy Week. To remind us that we deserve to live in darkness – without God – and that Christ went into darkness for us, we are using the Office of Tenebrae.

The bells will toll thirty three times during the processional and the recessional to remember the thirty three years our Lord walked the earth.

The seven candles will gradually be extinguished and the Church will darken to signify the darkness which covered the earth when Jesus hung on the cross; and also the going out of our Lord's life. When the central candle, the Christ Candle, is removed, it symbolizes the death of Jesus. The *strepitus* is heard; a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb.

Then the Christ Candle is returned, symbolizing the hope in His promise to rise again in three days.

The veiled cross, the stripped Altar, the Pastor and participants in black, all remind us of the events of Good Friday. Let us remember the first Good Friday...Jesus nailed to the cross...darkness covering the earth...Jesus yielding up His Spirit and dying...His body placed in the tomb...the stone sealed.

On this day...**all was finished.**

Please be sure to join us

Easter Sunday - March 31

9:15 am and 11:00 am

Pastor Halboth will preach on the theme

“A New Reality”

based on

Mark 16:1-8

We will enjoy special music by our Music Ministry!

The Staff of Grace Lutheran Church

The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior/Administrative Pastor
Solomon Spangler, Vicar

Ian Boynton, Director of Music
Erika Halboth, Church Secretary

Steve Robinson, Organist and Choir Accompanist
Bonnie Karkheck, Assistant to the Pastor -
Children and Youth

Thank you to all of tonight's musicians!

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