



Good Friday – Tenebrae Vespers

March 29th, 2024

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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The Order of Tenebrae is an early Christian order of worship traditionally utilized in the observance of Good Friday. Tenebrae is Latin for “darkness” or “in the shadows,” and the service is characterized by the gradual removal of light from the sanctuary as the scriptural accounts approach the moment of the death of our Lord. It is not to be considered a funeral service for Jesus, but rather a time of repentance as we consider His Passion for us. As the candles are extinguished, lights should be dimmed, leaving at least one set on until the final prayer.

The service begins in silence, without music or invocation. It is a continuation of the service begun yesterday.

The offering will not be received during the service; tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plate behind the back row of pews in the sanctuary.

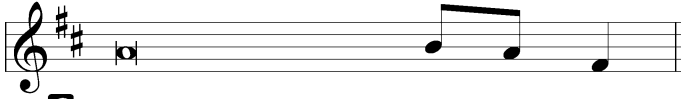
All enter in silence.

Stand

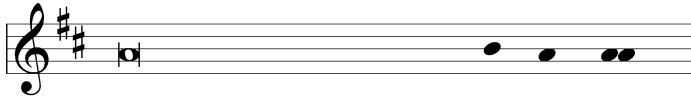
Opening Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Sit

Psalm

Psalm 27:1-14

P The LORD is my light and my salvation;

C whom shall I fear?

P The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

C of whom shall I be afraid?

P When evildoers assail me

C to eat up my flesh,

P my adversaries and foes,

C it is they who stumble and fall.

P Though an army encamp against me,
C **my heart shall not fear;**

P though war arise against me,
C **yet I will be confident.**

P One thing have I asked of the LORD,
C **that will I seek after:**

P that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
C **all the days of my life,**

P to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
C **and to inquire in His temple.**

P For He will hide me in His shelter
C **in the day of trouble;**

P He will conceal me under the cover of His tent;
C **He will lift me high upon a rock.**

P And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
C **and will offer in His tent**

P sacrifices with shouts of joy;
C **I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
C **be gracious to me and answer me!**

P You have said, "Seek my face."
C **My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

P Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
C **O you who have been my help.**

P Cast me not off; forsake me not,
C **O God of my salvation!**

P For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
C **but the LORD will take me in.**

P Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path

C because of my enemies.

P Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

C for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

P I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD

C in the land of the living!

P Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

C wait for the LORD!

A candle is extinguished.

✠ The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ ✠

LSB #450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (st. 1-3)



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!
3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, the 15th chapter.

Passion Reading

Mark 15:1–20

¹And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. ⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. ¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

A candle is extinguished.



LSB #450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (st. 4-7)



4 My Shep-herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard-ian, own me Thine.
5 What lan-guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;
7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.
But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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Stand

Passion Reading

Mark 15:21-47

²¹And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²²And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶And the inscription of the charge against

him read, “The King of the Jews.”²⁷ And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left.²⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!”³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself.³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.³³ And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.”³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.

The Christ Candle is removed.

³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.⁴¹ When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.⁴² And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath,⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead.⁴⁵ And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph.⁴⁶ And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

A candle is extinguished.

Responsory

Verse *To Refrain*



- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
2 Blessed is he whose
transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.
3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

Refrain



- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered
for the sins of the peo-ple.

Sit

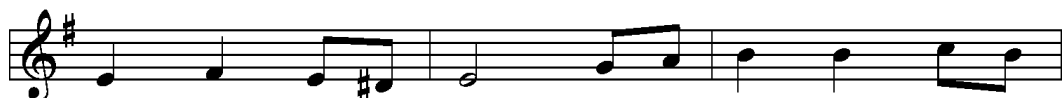
LSB #451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



- 1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



- tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



- soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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Sermon

“All Creation Comes Apart”

Rev. Dr. Jediah Maschke



LSB #456 Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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Stand

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.

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 also with you.

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 O Lord, who in unspeakable torment was forsaken by all, abandon us not to the darkness of despair and doubt in this world, but in your compassion and mercy lead us through the valley of the shadow of death into the light of your glory as the living Son of God; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..

C Amen.

P 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.

A period of silence.

Streptitus

A loud sound is heard, signifying the closing of God's book.

Worshippers depart in silence contemplating the death of Christ and looking forward to resurrection victory.

After the pastor leaves, a few lights may be turned on.

Acknowledgments

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Good Friday

The 'Good' of 'Good Friday' is that the sacrifice for sin is complete. Today we remember Christ's death and burial, God's Son, stricken by God, smitten and afflicted for all our transgressions. We know that it is our guilt that has done this to him. But what was done was done by His will.

Jesus makes Himself the High Priest who has entered the heavenly sanctuary, as the earthly high priest once entered the temple's holiest place to be an instrument of the reconciliation between God and man. Jesus, having shared our life, is able to sympathize with our weakness. Yet He is without sin. In His suffering, death, and victory we receive mercy and find grace to help us in all our needs.



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