



Central Lutheran Church

**Good Friday
March 29, 2024**

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God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.

Please turn off your cell phone.

This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook.

Most of the sanctuary- including all leaders and worshippers- is on camera.

Paraments, banners, flowers, and other decorations have been removed from the worship space.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

This service is patterned after the ancient Tenebrae, which was observed in the late hours of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week. Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning shadows or darkness. The purpose of the service is to impress upon us the terrible reality of sin, which caused our Savior to die for us. Candles symbolize Christ, the Light of the World. The dramatic feature of Tenebrae is the extinguishing of the candles and lights, causing the chancel and nave to become increasingly darkened. Thus we are reminded of the darkness that covered the earth at our Lord's crucifixion, and of the darkness that would exist had the Light of the World not come. During the service there will be a variety of sights and sounds: The drum beat symbolizes Jesus' walk to his crucifixion. The hammering of nails symbolizes his crucifixion. The abrupt closing of the Bible acknowledges that with the sealed tomb the meaning of the cross is fulfilled, the sacrifice completed. The veiling of the cross and the exit of the Paschal candle signify Christ's death and burial and the apparent victory of the powers of darkness as our Lord dies. Though evil had its hour, the Light of God's love is not extinguished. So the glow from the Eternal Candle indicates that darkness and death only seem to triumph over Christ.

We start the service with the ancient text of "Solemn Reproaches" then we enter into a version of the Tenebrae service, where we hear John's account of our Lord's passion and death, we respond with words from Psalm 22, the Psalm Jesus quoted from while in agony on the cross.

During the Tenebrae service, candles are extinguished and the sanctuary is progressively darkened as we approach the darkness caused by our sin, a darkness which will be overcome on Sunday in the light of our risen Savior. When the Lord's Prayer is prayed during the service, it is to be in the form of a whisper.

ORGAN MEDITATION

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

This ancient text first appeared in Good Friday rites of the ninth century.

A: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

A: Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

A: I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you with the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

A: I planted you as my fairest vine, but you have brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

A: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

A: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

A: I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

A: I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

A: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

A: I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

A: I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

Responses are from Psalm 22

FIRST READING: JOHN 18:1-12 (*Jesus is betrayed in Gethsemane and arrested*)

A: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

C: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.

A: Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

C: Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.

A: They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

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

Silent prayer.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

FIRST HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane



I Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.

+ *The first candle is extinguished* +

SECOND READING: JOHN 18:13-24 (*Jesus is brought to trial and questioned*)

A: But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.

C: All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

A: "Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him."

C: Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

A: I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

A: Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

P: 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.

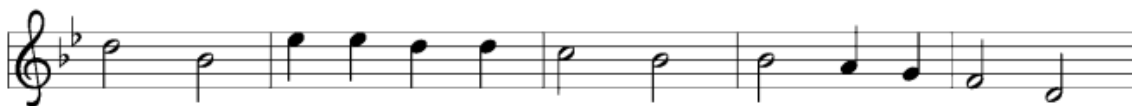
C: Amen.

SECOND HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

+ *The second candle is extinguished* +

THIRD READING: JOHN 18:25-40 (*Peter denies Jesus; Jesus is questioned in Pilate's court*)

A: Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

C: Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

A: They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

C: I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.

A: My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.

C: Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

A: I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

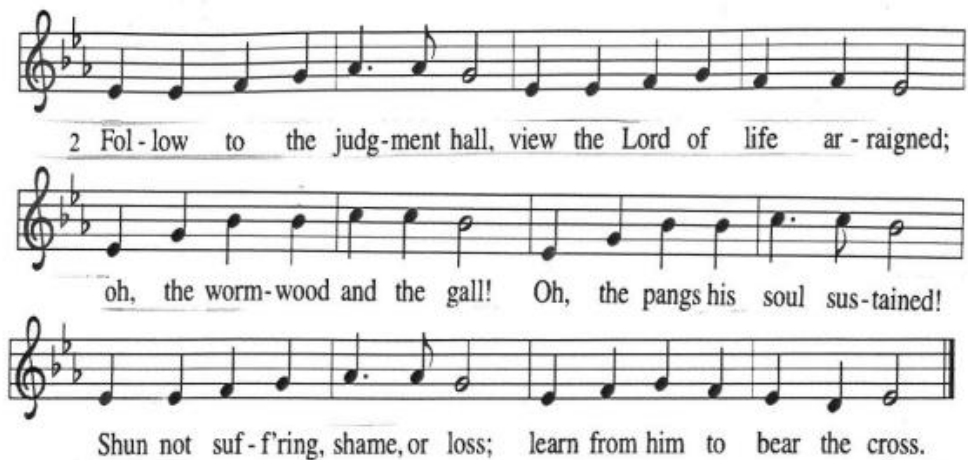
A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

THIRD HYMN



2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigne;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

+ *The third candle is extinguished.* +

FOURTH READING: JOHN 19:1-16 (*Jesus is mocked, condemned, and taken away to be crucified*)

The beating drum symbolizes Jesus' walk to his crucifixion.

A: They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.

C: But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

A: Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

C: Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

A: I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

A: Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

CHORAL MEDITATION: *Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord*

Alone thou goest forth, O Lord, in sacrifice to die;

Is this thy sorrow naught to us who pass unheeding by?

Our sins, not thine, thou bearest, Lord; make us thy sorrow feel,

Till through our pity and our shame love answers love's appeal.

This is earth's darkest hour, but thou dost light and life restore;

Then let all praise be given thee who livest evermore!

Give us compassion for thee, Lord, that as we share this hour,

Thy cross may bring us to thy joy and resurrection power.

+ *The fourth candle is extinguished* +

FIFTH READING: JOHN 19:16B-25 (*Jesus is nailed to the cross*)

The hammering of the nails symbolizes his crucifixion.

A: You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

C: For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

A: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

A: Let us pray

Silent prayer.

P: Lord Jesus,

C: you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIFTH HYMN



☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

+ *The fifth candle is extinguished* +

SIXTH READING: JOHN 19:25B-30 (*The witnesses at the cross; Jesus' death*)

A: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C: For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

A: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

C: all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

A: Let us pray for our siblings who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SIXTH HYMN

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

+ *The sixth candle is extinguished* +

SEVENTH READING: JOHN 19:31-42 (*The soldiers pierce Jesus' side; his burial*)

A: Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

C: They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

A: Let us pray for Elizabeth and Erik, our bishops; for Veronika, our pastor; for those on staff, on council, and in leadership positions at Central Lutheran Church; for all servants of the church; and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SEVENTH HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



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 lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

+ *The seventh candle is extinguished* +

P: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.
Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you became incarnate in the person of Jesus your Son, coming to dwell in our sinful world. Gather into the light of Jesus Christ all those who long unknowingly to know your love. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

THE 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.

EXITING THE CANDLE

The Paschal Candle is carried out of the sanctuary, not to return until the Eucharist services of Easter morning to symbolize the three days in the tomb. Worshipers may remain in the pew or come forward to kneel at the altar for prayer and meditation.

As we depart in silence, the congregation is invited to solemn reflection on the love of God shown in Jesus Christ, who as God in the flesh, humbled himself to death for our sake.

The story of God's love continues as we gather for Easter worship on Sunday 10:30 am.

May the Holy Spirit guide your reflection and draw you ever closer to our crucified and risen Lord. Go in peace.

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Hymns 1&3: *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Music: GEETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

Hymn 2: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

Music: HERZLIEBSTR JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

Choral Meditation: *Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord*

Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142); tr. F. Bland Tucket (1895-1984)

Music: *Bangor*, from *A Compleat Melody or Harmony of Zion*, 1734

Hymn 6: *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

Text: Isaac Watts, 1717-1792, alt.

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

Hymn 7: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. Composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612

Serving in Worship: Lectors: Lydia Landfair and Jeff Lowry, Ushers: Mary and Joel Glenn, Lighting: Mark Buie.



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Our Prayer List: Please submit your prayer requests to the church office via email (central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com) or via phone (214-327-2222).

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For healing

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Maribeth Kilday
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Lydia Landfair
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Yuvonne Muirhead
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Those We Mourn

We offer our prayers for Mary Glenn and her family as they mourn the passing of her sister, Selena.

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