

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church! We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness & life in Jesus.



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# **Divine Service**

# As We Gather

# Eyes on Jesus: God's Eyes

This Lent, we have been using the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

As we conclude these forty days of Lent, looking within ourselves as people of faith in our day, we again ask how we are like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh. Most important, as we gather for worship, we see again what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death.

We are standing at the foot of the cross, but there are others standing with us. Simon of Cyrene, the people who mock Jesus, and the centurion all have their eyes on the cross as well. But the only viewpoint that truly matters is that of the triune God. The Father sees our sins taken upon Jesus on the cross, the Son looks on us in forgiving mercy, and the Holy Spirit sees the message we are to proclaim. "Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2).

#### **WORSHIP NOTES**

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 last candle is removed, noting the death of the Savior, a loud sound will be heard. This represents that point in human history when the tomb was closed. Following the silent prayer at the close of the service, worshipers will depart in silence. We ask that there be no speaking until you have left the church grounds. We retire to our homes in contemplation of the meaning of Christ's death for us and in the certain hope of the Easter victory soon to be celebrated. As Christ's crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, altar paraments, the pastor's cassocks, and the shrouds are black, symbolizing humiliation, mourning, and death.

#### PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

**PRELUDE** 

**Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted**Paul Grime

#### INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

#### PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

- "When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died," we indeed see a love that is amazing. It is a love of a God who did not want us to die because of our sin. It is a love of a God who took our sin on Himself and was nailed to a cross in our place. It is the love of a God who gave His life so that we might have life and salvation in His name.
- P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the Salvation of the whole world.
- **O**h, come, let us worship Him.

### **REPROACHES**

- Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.
- A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.
- Lamb of God, Pure and Holy
  - 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!
- Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed You with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.
- A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.
- C Lamb of God, Pure and Holy
  - 2. 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!

- Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.
- A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.
- C Lamb of God, Pure and Holy
  - 3. 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: Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
- **P** We observe a time of silence as 3 nails are struck into the cross to recount our sins nailed the cross with Jesus.

## **COLLECT**

**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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

## **COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# **♣** SERVICE OF THE WORD **♣**

**SOLO** 

O Come and Mourn
Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend
Cheryl Kerns, soloist

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. <sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—<sup>15</sup>so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. <sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **EPISTLE READING**

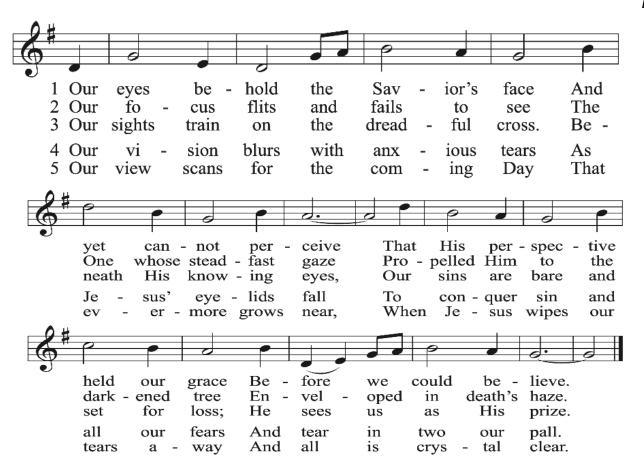
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Lisa Clark



**SERMON** 

God's Eyes
Vicar Aaron Reseburg

Stand

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

#### HAND BELL ANTHEM

Were You There traditional Lauran Delancy

# **→ TENEBRAE SEQUENCE**→

(Service of Darkness)

P Let Us Pray: We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who again this night behold the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; 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.

#### Part 1: JESUS IS SENTENCED TO DEATH

A spike is driven. The first candle is extinguished

#### **HYMN**

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken? Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, What dark transgression?

#### Part 2: THE SOLDIERS MOCK JESUS

Matthew 27:27-31

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26

A spike is driven. The second candle is extinguished

#### **HYMN**

They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee; With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee; They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.

#### Part 3: THE CROSS IS CARRIED TO CALVARY

Matthew 27:32-36

A spike is driven. The third candle is extinguished

#### **HYMN**

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish? It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish; Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.

## Part 4: JESUS, KING OF THE JEWS

Matthew 27:37-38

A spike is driven. The fourth candle is extinguished

## **HYMN**

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.

## **Part 5: JESUS IS MOCKED**

Matthew 27:39-44

A spike is driven. The fifth candle is extinguished

## **HYMN**

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness; The sinful child of man may live in gladness; Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.

#### **Part 6: THE DEATH OF JESUS**

Matthew 27:45-56

A spike is driven. The sixth candle is extinguished

#### **HYMN**

O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded, That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded! All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying While Thou wert dying.

#### **Part 7: JESUS IS BURIED**

Matthew 27:57-61

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.
- **P** Let us Pray:

Merciful and everlasting God, who spared not Your only Son, but delivered Him for us all, that He might bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may be fixed upon Him that we may not fear the power of any adversary; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

# The Christ Candle is removed symbolizing our Lord's death and burial. The strepitus is heard, a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb.

ANTHEM In Silent Pain

Jonah, Josiah, Jesse, Jeremiah, James & Pastor Schultz Mary Schultz, Pianist

# The Christ Candle returns. Even on this darkest of days, we anticipate the resurrection.

## A BAPTISMAL READING FROM ROMANS 6:3-8

- Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
- P Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

The Benediction is omitted as our service continues with the Easter Services on Sunday morning.

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# **Serving the Lord and Us This Evening:**

Preaching	Vicar Aaron Reseburg
	Pastor Joel Schultz, Pastor Mike Ada
	Deb Miller
=	Cheryl Kerns
Handbell Solo	Lauran Delancy
Flutist	Kara Raetzel

# **EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**Sunday April 21

8:00 am – Easter Service – Live Streamed 9:30 am & 10:30 am – Communion Services Back Parking Lot (watch for a sign up genius to indicate which communion service you will attend)

