

Good Friday, April 15, 2022
5:00pm & 7:00pm

WITNESSES TO CHRIST



GOOD FRIDAY

JOHN, THE GOSPEL WRITER

Our journey to follow Christ through witnesses to Christ arrives now at the cross. Tonight, we view Christ on the cross through the author's eyes—John, Apostle and Evangelist, the beloved disciple, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of James. By John's witness, we view Jesus beaten and bloodied. We hear His words of forgiveness and fulfillment. We see Him shedding His blood for the life of the world. As we sing and pray and sit in silence this evening, we ponder Christ's love for us. We marvel at His gifts of forgiveness and salvation, for we have been clothed with the blood of Christ.

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

PRELUDE

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted
Paul Grime

WELCOME

OPENING ANTHEM (7:00pm service only)

Scenes from Gethsemane
Martin
Adult Choir

INVOCATION

(Please stand and face the cross at the entrance of the church)
(The sign of the cross ✙ may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

P "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.

C **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**

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REPROACHES

P 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 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, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

C ***Lamb of God, Pure and Holy***

LSB 434

**1. 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!**

P 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***

LSB 434

**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:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

P 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, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

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- 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!**

Sit

(As the congregation is ushered forward to hammer nails into the cross, the following hymns are sung)

HYMNS

LSB 425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

LSB 423 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

LSB 435 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

LSB 451 *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Good Friday is a day where we see our sin most clearly. We see our sin heaped upon Jesus as He suffered and died on the cross. So we confess our sins to our heavenly 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. O Lord, have mercy on us.**

P The nails hammered into the cross are a stark reminder that on the cross, Jesus bore your griefs and carried your sorrows. On the cross, Jesus was pierced for your transgressions and crushed for your iniquities. On the cross, Jesus shed His blood for you and for your salvation.

P So God invites you this day to not only see your sin but also to see your forgiveness clearly in Jesus. Out of His abundant mercy and grace, God gave His Son to die and rise for you. Because Jesus shed His blood, you are forgiven. Because Jesus endured the cross, you are

saved. As a called and ordained servant of our crucified Lord, 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.

Sit

SOLO

Via Dolorosa

arr. Billy Sprague & Niles Borop

Soloist Cheryl Kerns

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

COLLECT

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.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

^{52:13}Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—¹⁵so 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.

^{53:1}Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For 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. ³He 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. ⁴Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But 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. ⁶All 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. ⁷He 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. ⁸By 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? ⁹And 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. ¹⁰Yet 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. ¹¹Out 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. ¹²Therefore 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.**

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.**

EPISTLE

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

^{4:14}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. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶Let 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.

^{5:7}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. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 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.

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

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

HYMN

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
LSB 438

SERMON

Witnesses to Christ: John, the Gospel Writer
Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Sit

✠ **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.**

HYMN

LSB 430:1

**My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?**

Part 1: JESUS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Luke 22:54a, 63-71

A spike is driven. The first candle is extinguished.

HYMN

LSB 430:2

**He came from his blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!**

Part 2: JESUS IS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Luke 23:1-5, 13-25

A spike is driven. The second candle is extinguished.

HYMN

LSB 430:3

**Sometimes they strew his way And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,
And for his death They thirst and cry.**

Part 3: THE CROSS IS CARRIED TO CALVARY

Luke 23:26-31

A spike is driven. The third candle is extinguished.

HYMN**LSB 430:4**

**Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease And 'gainst him rise.**

Part 4: JESUS HANGS ON THE CROSS**Luke 23:32-35**

A spike is driven. The fourth candle is extinguished.

HYMN**LSB 430:5**

**They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he To suff'ring goes
That he his foes From thence might free.**

Part 5: JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS**Luke 23:36-43**

A spike is driven. The fifth candle is extinguished.

HYMN**LSB 430:6**

**In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
But mine the tomb Where in he lay.**

Part 6: THE DEATH OF JESUS**Luke 23:44-49**

A spike is driven. The sixth candle is extinguished.

HYMN**LSB 430:7**

**Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!**

Part 7: THE BURIAL OF JESUS**Luke 23:50-56**

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
Solo Pastor Schultz

A BAPTISMAL READING FROM ROMANS 6:3-8

- P** ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ 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 Easer Vigil Service on Holy Saturday.***

***Leave in silence when the lights become brighter.
You will pass the Christ Candle giving HOPE of the Resurrection and the return of
God's Light to the world.***

Your offering this evening may be left in the offering plates at the exit.

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Serving the Lord and Us This Evening:

Preacher.....Pastor Joel Schultz
Liturgist.....Pastor Mike Ada & Vicar Zach Roll
Organist.....Deb Miller
Soloists.....Cheryl Kerns, Pastor Joel Schultz
Acolytes..... (5:00) TBD (7:00) Joel Ada
Altar Guild.....Carol Brandt

EASTER SCHEDULE

Easter Vigil WITHOUT Holy Communion at 6pm

Easter Sunrise at 630am

Easter 800, 930, 1100



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