

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)

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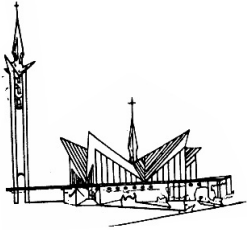
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Welcome Guests!

We look forward to worshipping
with you today!

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“It is
finished.”
John 19:30



Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers

Good Friday Tenebrae worship continues the *Triduum Sacrum*, without Invocation or Benediction. The Office of Tenebrae is an ancient order of worship conducted during the final days of the observance of Our LORD's Passion in commemoration of the suffering and death of Our LORD JESUS CHRIST for the sin of the world.

The word “Tenebraw” means darkness or shadows, and the Office of Tenebrae was traditionally prayed during the monastic offices of Matins and Lauds, on all three days of the Triduum. In recent times the service has been observed only on the evening of Good Friday. Traditionally, seven altar candles were extinguished at Tenebrae, though the number of candles varied greatly from place to place.

Participants wear choir vestments while the clergy wear neither cope nor stole nor tippet (preaching stole). No reverence is made toward the altar.

In preparation for Tenebrae, please meditate quietly and prayerfully on the glorious Gospel of Our LORD JESUS CHRIST in all that He has done for you.

“But He was wounded for our transgression, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53: 5)

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP...WE EXIT TO WITNESS

[All enter the church in silence]

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

The bells heard distinctively seven times, one time for each of the sentences Christ spoke from the cross.

THE DRIVING OF THE NAILS

The sound of nails driven into wood is heard. Three nails are used reminding us of Christ’s hands and feet which were nailed to the cross.

ORDER OF WORSHIP– GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE VESPERS

(Please **stand.**)

OPENING VERSICLES

P O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

(Please be **seated.**)

PSALMODY

Psalm 2

Antiphon: Psalm 2: 11, 12b

P Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
Blessèd are all who take refuge in Him.
Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
C The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,
P “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”
C He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
P Then He will speak to them in His wrath,
and terrify them in His fury, saying,
C “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”
P I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
C Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
P You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
C Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

P Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
C Kiss the Son,
lest He be angry, and you perish in the way,
for His wrath is quickly kindled
P Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
Blessèd are all who take refuge in Him.

A candle is extinguished.

PSALM 22

Antiphon: Psalm 22

- [P]** But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- [C]** O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.
- [P]** Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- [C]** In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
- [P]** To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- [C]** But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- [P]** All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- [C]** “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”
- [P]** Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.
- [C]** On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.
- [P]** Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
- [C]** Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- [P]** They open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
- [C]** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
- [P]** my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
- [C]** my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.
- [P]** For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet –

[C] I can count all my bones they stare and gloat over me;

[P] They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

[C] But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

[P] Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

[C] I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

[P] You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

[C] For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted

[P] and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

[C] From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

[P] The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May you heart live forever!

[C] All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

[P] and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

[C] For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

[P] All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

[C] Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

[P] they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it. But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

A candle is extinguished.

PSALM 27

Antiphon: Psalm 27:1

P The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

C **The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

P When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,

C **My adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C **And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,**

P And will offer in His tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

C **Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, “Seek my face.”**

P My heart says to you,
“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”
Hide not your face from me.

C **Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.**

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

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

P Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

C **Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
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
in the land of the living!

C **Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

P The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

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PSALM 51

Antiphon; Psalm 51:2

- [P]** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
- [C]** **According to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.**
- [P]** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- [C]** **For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**
- [P]** Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
- [C]** **So that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.**
- [P]** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- [C]** **Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**
- [P]** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- [C]** **Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**
- [P]** Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- [C]** **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- [P]** Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

- [C]** **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- [P]** Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- [C]** **Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.**
- [P]** O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- [C]** **For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**
- [P]** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- [C]** **Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;**
- [P]** Then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on Your altar.
- Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

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The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN “Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (LSB, #450 Stanzas 1-3)

(Please **stand.**)

JOHN 19: 1-16a

1Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. 2And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. 3They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. 4Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” 5So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” 6When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” 7The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” 8When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. 9He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. 10So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” 11Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.” 12From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” 13So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. 14Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” 15They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” 16So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus,

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(Please be **seated**.)

☐ The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

JOHN 19: 16b-42

16So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, 17and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. 18There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. 19Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 20Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. 21So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” 22Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” 23When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, 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.” 38After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. 39Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. 40So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. 41Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. 42So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

P O LORD, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

A candle is extinguished.

RESPONSORY

- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

OFFICE HYMN “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” (LSB, #440)

SERMON

(Please **stand**.)

CANTICLE “Song of Habakkuk” (DomineAudivi)

P O LORD, I have heard Your speech and was afraid;
O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years!

C **In the midst of the years make it known;
In wrath remember mercy.**

P God came from Teman,
The Holy One from Mount Paran.

C **His glory covered the heavens,
And the earth was full of His praise.**

P His brightness was like the light;
He had rays flashing from His hand,
And there His power was hidden.

C **Before Him went pestilence,
And fever followed at His feet.**

P He stood and measured the earth;
He looked and startled the nations.

C **And the everlasting mountains were scattered,
The perpetual hills bowed.
His ways are everlasting.**

P You went forth for the salvation of Your people,
For salvation with Your Anointed.

C **You struck the head from the house of the wicked,
By laying bare from foundation to neck.**

P Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.

C **The LORD God is my strength;
He will make my feet like deer’s feet,
And He will make me walk on my high hills.**

(Please **kneel**.)

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.**

LORD’S PRAYER

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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- 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.**

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR LORD’S PASSION

- 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.

The Light of Christ is removed

[The Christ Candle is now removed from the sanctuary indicating Christ’s burial.]

The sealing of the tomb

[The service closes with a loud and abrupt noise symbolizing the rolling of the stone across the face of our LORD’S tomb.]

The return of the Christ Candle

[The return of the Christ Candle reminds us that Jesus’ death is the finish of God’s redemptive work; however, death could not finish Him.]

The Christ candle is extinguished.

All leave in silence and minimal light.



Notes:

