



Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

+ *Isaiah 53:4*

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

From Holy Thursday, we move to Good Friday, the second of the three-day Triduum service. This is the most solemn day of the Church Year, when we recall the death that saves us. God gave us His name as His word and bond. The saving name of God is Jesus, the incarnate Son of God who walked obediently under the Law, delivered Himself up to the bitter suffering and death of the cross, and made salvation available for all who wear that name by Baptism and faith.

Luther reminds us that God's name was given to us to be the name we call upon in prayer and the name we raise in worship and praise. Christ's death fulfills the commandment's promise and makes His name the source of all our hopes of salvation. "[F]or there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12b).

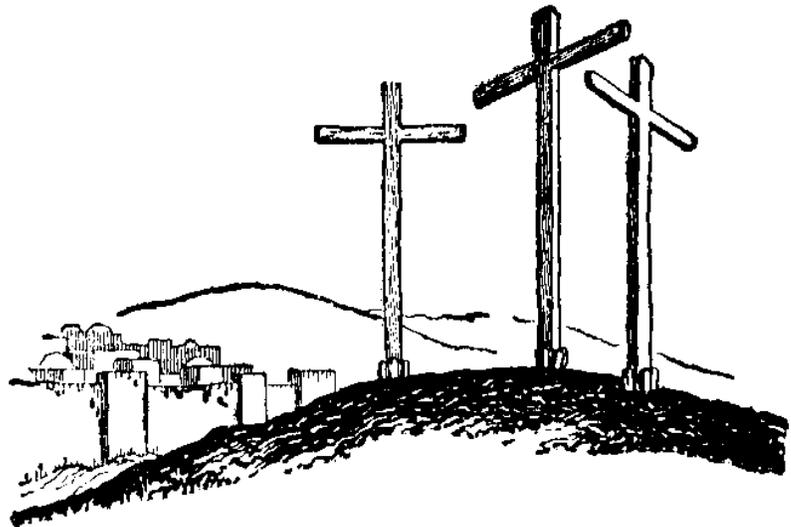
The service of Tenebrae (meaning "darkness") consists of extinguishing the church lights. It is a reminder of the darkness that came over the land as Christ hung on the cross and the greater darkness that occurred when the Author of Life was put to death. The loud noise heard at the end of this service is called the "strepitus." It has various interpretations: the scourging by the soldiers, the earthquake that shook Jerusalem at the moment of Christ's death, and the closing of the tomb.

But the service on Good Friday is no funeral for Christ! Yes—it is a day of repentance over sin; but more than this, it is a day of restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. The bonds that hold Christ in death and the restrains on our joy and praise will soon be loosed on the third day...

We begin the service tonight by gathering in silent contemplation of our Lord's Passion.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

+Pastor Griebenaw



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✠ GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE VESPERS ✠

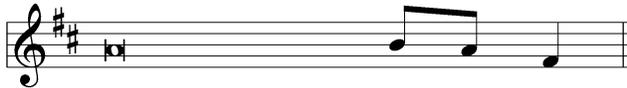
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OPENING VERSICLES

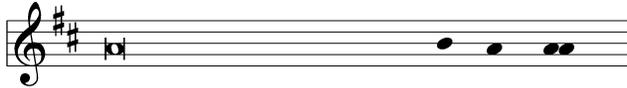
Psalm 51:5; Psalm 70:1



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.



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

Sit

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 450, sts. 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.

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P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, the nineteenth chapter.

¹So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. ²And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. ³Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. ⁴Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." ⁵Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" ⁶Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He has made Himself the Son of God." ⁸Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, ⁹and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify you, and power to release You?" ¹¹Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." ¹³When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵But they 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!" ¹⁶Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified.

A candle is extinguished

HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 450, sts. 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.

Stand

OFFICE HYMN: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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SERMON

Rev. Griebenaw

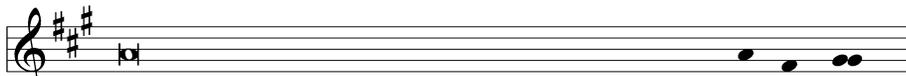
After the sermon, the pastor may say:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

C Amen.

Stand

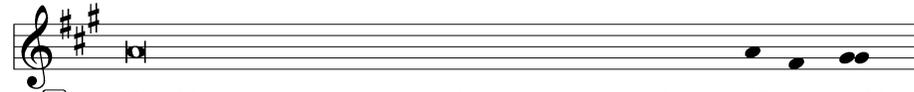
ADORATION OF THE CROSS



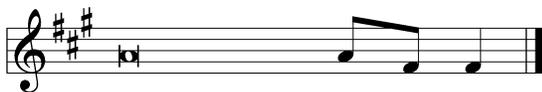
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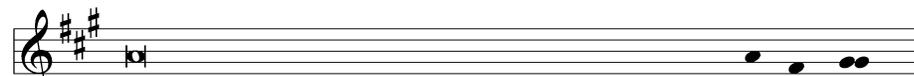
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



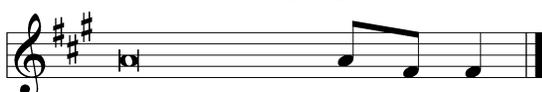
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Sit/Kneel

REPROACHES

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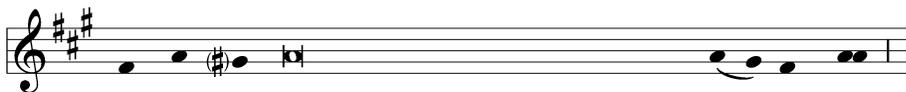
Micah 6:3-4



P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,



and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.



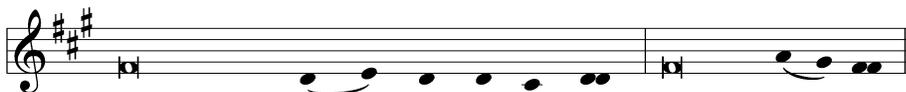
For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death,



and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged.



For I have redeemed you from the house of bond - age, and you have



nailed your Sav - ior to the cross. O My peo - ple.

Ho-ly Lord God, holy and might-y God, holy and most merciful Re -
deem - er; God eternal, leave us not to
bit - ter death. O Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN: Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434, st. 1

I Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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A candle is extinguished.

REPROACH

(Jeremiah 2:6-7)

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,
and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.

For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who per - se - cute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living wa - ter, and you have given Me gall and vin - e - gar to drink. O My peo - ple.

Ho-ly Lord God, holy and might-y God, holy and most merciful Re -

deem - er; God eternal, leave us not to

bit - ter death. O Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN: Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434, st. 2

2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

A candle is extinguished.

REPROACH

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,
 and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.
 What more could have been done for My vine - yard than I have
 done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield on-ly bad?
 My people, is this how you thank your God? O My peo - ple.

Ho-ly Lord God, holy and might-y God, holy and most merciful Re -

deem - er; God eternal, leave us not to

bit - ter death. O Lord, have mer - cy.

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 All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

A candle is extinguished.

PRAYERS

Stand/Remain Kneeling

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 957

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



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.



G A - men.

ADORATION OF CHRIST



G We adore You, | O Lord,*
and we praise and glorify Your holy resur- | rection.
For behold, by the wood | of Your cross*
joy has come into | all the world.
God be merciful to us and | bless us,*
and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy up- | on us.
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The Paschal Candle is carried out of the sanctuary.

STREPITUS

The Paschal Candle is returned to the sanctuary as a reminder that Christ, the Light of the World, yet shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome Him (John 1:5).

All leave the church in silent contemplation of the Passion of our Lord.

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)



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