

# GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

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ONLINE WORSHIP



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**JOHN 19:30**

Grace Lutheran Church

205 South Garner Street  
State College, PA 16801

## **Service of Tenebrae**

*Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning “shadows” or “darkness.” The gradual dimming of lights symbolized the darkness that seized the earth as our Lord suffered death. At the conclusion of the service you may wish to remain for a time in silent prayer and meditation. On Easter Sunday we will celebrate God’s victory over sin, death and the devil. That celebration involves the symbols of light in contrast to tonight’s use of darkness.*

WE BEGIN IN SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God draws close to you this day and always.

**C: Hear, O God, our cry; listen to our prayer!**

OPENING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, we confidently gather about your cross. We ask mercy for ourselves and all those for whom we pray.

Grant us the light and strength to know you and love you, to be sorry for our sins and serve you in one another. We ask this in your holy name.

**C: Amen.**

ISAIAH 52:13—53:12

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him — so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals — <sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? 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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we

have all turned to our 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 did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, 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 with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

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

<sup>5:7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

## THE BIDDING PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for the holy church throughout the world.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of

salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for Elizabeth and Michael, our bishops, for our pastors, and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

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.**

P: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

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.**

P: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

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.**

P: Let us pray for God's creation.

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.**

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

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.**

P: Let us pray for those in need.

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.**

P: Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

Almighty eternal God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died and, throughout this time

of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

### I.

Two criminals were led along with Jesus to be crucified. When they came to the place of the skull, they crucified him, and the criminals as well, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said,

***“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”***

HYMN VERSE *Ah, Holy Jesus*

verse 1

ELW # 349

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.*

### II.

One of the criminals hanging in crucifixion blasphemed Jesus: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Then save yourself and us.” But the other one rebuked him: “Have you no fear of God, seeing you are under the same sentence? We deserve it, after all. We are only paying the price for what we’ve done, but this man has done nothing wrong.” He then said: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. And Jesus replied,

***“Today you will be with me in paradise.”***

HYMN VERSE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

verse 1

ELW # 351

*O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.*

### III.

Near the cross of Jesus there stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. Seeing his mother there with the dis-

ciple whom he loved, Jesus said to his mother,

***“Woman, behold your son!”***

In turn he said to the disciple,

***“Behold, your mother!”***

HYMN VERSE *At the Cross, Her Station Keeping* verse 1 LBW #110

*At the cross, her station keeping, stood the mournful mother weeping,  
close to Jesus to the last. Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,  
all his bitter anguish bearing, now at length the sword has passed.*

#### IV.

From noon onward, there was darkness over the whole land until mid-afternoon. Then, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

***“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”***

**Psalm 22:1-18** *read responsively*

P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**C: Why are you so far from helping me, from the words  
of my groaning?**

P: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

**C: and by night, but find no rest.**

P: Yet you are holy,

**C: enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

P: In you our ancestors trusted;

**C: they trusted, and you delivered them.**

P: To you they cried, and were saved;

**C: in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.**

P: But I am a worm, and not human;

**C: scorned by others, and despised by the people.**

P: All who see me mock at me;

**C: they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;**

P: “Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—

**C: let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”**

P: Yet it was you who took me from the womb;

**C: you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.**

P: On you I was cast from my birth,  
**C: and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**  
P: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near  
**C: and there is no one to help.**  
P: Many bulls encircle me,  
**C: strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**  
P: they open wide their mouths at me,  
**C: like a ravening and roaring lion.**  
P: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;  
**C: my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**  
P: my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks  
to my jaws  
**C: you lay me in the dust of death.**  
P: For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers  
encircles me.  
**C: My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all  
my bones.**  
P: They stare and gloat over me:  
**C: they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my  
clothing they cast lots.**

#### V.

Jesus, realizing that everything was now finished, said to fulfill the Scrip-  
ture,

***“I thirst.”***

HYMN VERSE *Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes*          verse 14          LBW #112

*Thirst for us in mercy still; all thy holy work fulfill;  
Satisfy thy loving will: hear us, holy Jesus.*

#### VI.

There was a jar there, full of common wine. A soldier stuck a sponge  
soaked in this wine on some hyssop and raised it to Jesus' lips. When Je-  
sus took the wine, he said,

***“It is finished.”***

*Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.*

### VII.

Beginning at midday, darkness came over the whole land until midafternoon, with an eclipse of the sun. The curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two. Jesus uttered a loud cry and said,

***“Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.”***

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

### SOLEMN REPROACHES

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.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

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.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

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 by 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.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you 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.**

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.**

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.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

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.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

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.**

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.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

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.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

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.**

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

PRAYER AT THE CROSS

P: Jesus, Son of the living God,

**C: save your people.**

P: Jesus, Son of the sorrowing Mother,

**C: save your people.**

P: Jesus, light of the world,

**C: save your people.**

P: Jesus, burning with love for us,

**C: save your people.**

P: Jesus, abandoned by your disciples,

**C: save your people.**

P: Jesus, suffering on the cross,

**C: save your people.**

P: Jesus, obedient unto death,

**C: save your people.**

P: Jesus, rising to new life,

**C: save your people.**

P: Jesus, salvation of us all,

**C: save your people.**

P: Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,

**C: bring us to the Father.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

DISMISSAL

**“I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you.”**

**C: Holy God, mighty God, ever-living God, have mercy on us.  
Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Reflect on our Savior’s suffering & death.



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