



Then he
bowed
his head
and gave
up his
spirit..

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Service of Light and Darkness

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform Pastor Rachel or Intern Jennifer.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Light and Darkness:

The Good Friday liturgy is the Tenebrae. Tenebrae, Latin for "darkness," was the name given to the medieval predawn morning prayer celebrated by monks during the last three days in Holy Week. In the monastic practice, it was a service of prayers and readings from scripture. As the light began to dawn, the candles used for reading were gradually extinguished, so that at the end of the service, the rising sun provided the necessary light for reading and singing. In recent centuries, this monastic liturgy—despite its early morning light imagery—was transferred to an evening in Holy Week.

In our Good Friday service, the extinguishing of candles is placed within the reading of the Passion According to St. John, the ancient gospel narrative for the day. Following each portion of the reading, a hymn is sung and a candle extinguished. The writer of John sees Jesus' death as his glorification. Rather than "mourning" the dying or dead Jesus on Good Friday, the cross is acclaimed as the sign of the world's redemption.

GATHERING

All gather in silence.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed,
to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death
on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

I. John 18:1-11

First candle is extinguished.

Hymn: “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” (ELW 345) Stanzas 1-2

II. John 18:12-27

Second candle is extinguished.

Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (ELW 351) Stanzas 1-2

III. John 18:28-40

Third candle is extinguished.

Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (ELW 351) Stanzas 3-4

IV. John 19:1-7

Fourth candle is extinguished.

Hymn: “Ah, Holy Jesus” (ELW 349) Stanzas 1-2

V. John 19:8-16a

Fifth candle is extinguished.

Hymn: “Ah, Holy Jesus” (ELW 349) Stanzas 3-5

VI. John 19:16b-22

Sixth candle is extinguished.

Hymn: “Were You There” (ELW 353) Stanzas 1-2

VII. John 19:23-30

Seventh candle is extinguished.

Excerpts from “Messiah” by George F. Handel

Larry Hazlett, Soloist

Recitative for Tenor: “Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His Heart” Psalm 69:20

Thy rebuke hath broken his heart; He is full of heaviness,

He is full of heaviness; Thy rebuke hath broken his heart;

He looked for some to have pity on Him,

But there was no man, neither found he any to comfort Him;

He looked for some to have pity on Him,

But there was no man, neither found He any to comfort Him.

Air for Tenor: “Behold, and See If There Be Any Sorrow” Lamentations 1:20

Behold and see, behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.

Behold and see, if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.

Behold and see if there be any sorrow

Like unto His sorrow.

VIII. John 19:31-42

Eighth candle may be extinguished.

Hymn: “Were You There” (ELW 353) Stanzas 3-5

Silence for reflection follows the hymn.

BIDDING PRAYER

The assisting minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids).

Silence for prayer follows each bid.

The presiding minister leads the prayers that conclude the silence.

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

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.
Amen.

Let us pray for Elizabeth and James, our bishops, for Rachel, our pastor,
for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

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.
Amen.

Let us pray for Westen and all others preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

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.
Amen.

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

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.
Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and Sarah 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.
Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

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.
Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

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.
Amen.

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

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.
Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

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.
Amen.

Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

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.
Amen.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

MEDITATION UPON THE CROSS OF CHRIST

The assembly stands.

Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

After a brief silence, the minister continues.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

At the end of the service, worshipers may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence.

Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.

All depart in silence.

*****Your offerings are received at the doors of the nave.*****

SERVING THE CHURCH THIS EVENING

LEADERS:	Pastor Rachel Larson & Intern Jennifer Michael
LECTOR:	Mark Stayton
ACOLYTE:	Rebecca Lyford
USHERS:	Kent Henry & Eli Jablin
GREETERS:	Lindsay & Lily Conyers
NURSERY:	Marygrace Buckner
ALTAR GUILD:	Debbe & Lindsay Conyers
STEWARDS:	Charles Nye & Diahann Jablin

EASTER CELEBRATION

Join us for the grand celebration of the **Resurrection of Our Lord** on Sunday morning. We will rejoice that Jesus has passed from death into life. St. Paul writes of our own passage from death into life. "Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4) Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world empowered with the good news of the resurrection.

8:00am - Holy Communion Service

9:15am - Easter Breakfast

10:30am - Holy Communion Service

EASTER EGG HUNT

Come one...Come all...to the Trinity Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

On **Saturday**, the 26th, at **10:00am** all of the eggs prepared this past Thursday will be hidden for the children to search out these "lost lambs", just like Christ found us when we were lost! Bring friends and family to this fun-filled Holy Week event, and enjoy searching for eggs in this year's winter wonderland!