

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

The Triduum

Three Days consisting of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday is one continuous liturgy. On Maundy Thursday, the Christian community gathered to share in the holy supper Christ gave the church to reveal his unfailing love for the human family. In the actions of this liturgy, Christ demonstrates this love by speaking his faithful word, washing our feet, and giving us his body and blood. From this gathering, we were sent to continue these actions in daily life: to serve those in need, to offer mercy, to feed the hungry. Our liturgy does not end tonight; it continues until Sunday with the Resurrection of Our Lord. Together the Three Days proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

“May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Please join us for our service celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.



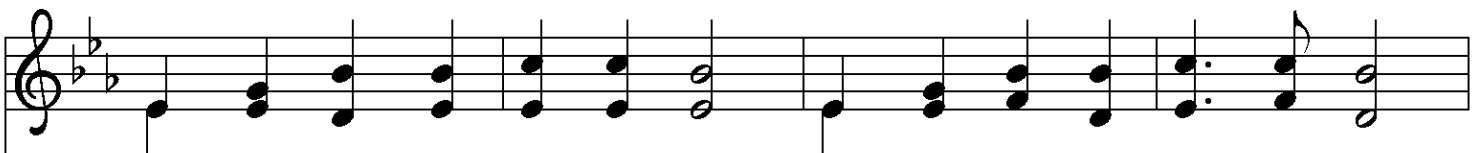
Good Friday **April 18, 2025**

THE TENEBRAE SERVICE is an ancient service of the church. The word “tenebrae” means “shadows.” Traditionally, thirty-three candles are used symbolizing the years of Jesus’ life, the service in word and music expresses the suffering and death of Christ by contrasting light and darkness.

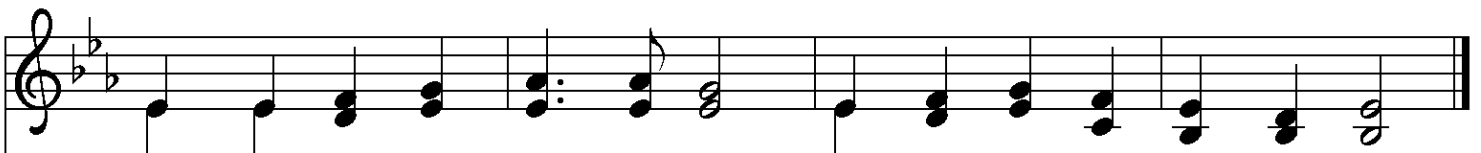
We begin in silence.



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.



INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

BIDDING PRAYER (*We kneel or sit.*)

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 Phyllis, our Bishops, and 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 those 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 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 share in the goodness of your creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for all 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, 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.

THE FIRST READING (*Sit*)- JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Rita Foringer

THE READING

Mark 15:1-15

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And they all condemned him and said, "He deserves to die." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

Pastor: 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.

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Let us pray. Lord, who neither betrays nor condemns and who desires in us only a loving heart: we have been traitorous toward you and turned each to our own way; we have been quick to judge and slow to forgive; we have given of ourselves cautiously. So we yield to treacheries small and great, settle for trivia, and embrace shadows, so we cry our need. We acquire rather than share, demand rather than give, avenge rather than pardon. We put other gods before you and learn to live comfortably with what is meaningless and false. Open to us your always new way where, with patience and hope, we may trust the world to your governance and turn our faces once more toward your light and truth and way. **Amen.**

THE SECOND READING – JESUS SUFFERS AND IS TAKEN AWAY

Rita Foringer

THE READING

Mark 15:16-20

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Pastor: 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.

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Let us pray. O God, who by the example of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, teaches us the greatness of true humility, and calls us to watch with him in his passion: prepare us by faith in him to meet the crises of our own lives with steadfast endurance, even as he has showed us. We confess that we have not been faithful under trial, that we blow hot or cold as seems expedient, and that under the least adversity we quickly abandon whatever measure of self-forgetfulness we have achieved. O Lord, forgive us who cannot watch one hour, who have not been faithful to you in your trial when we could not stand fast in our own. And may your forgiveness, ever-renewed, be our occasion for repentance and rededication. **Amen.**

THE THIRD READING – THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON

Dan Singer

THE READING

Mark 15:21

As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross to carry it behind Jesus.

Pastor: 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.

People: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(Silence as the lighting is dimmed.)

HYMN ELW 803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

THE FOURTH READING – JESUS HANGS ON THE CROSS

Jeane Fullen

THE READING

Mark 15:22-24

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

Pastor: 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.

**People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Let us pray. O Lord our God, whose Son, Jesus Christ has gone before us into the desert of temptation, who has ascended one hill to be transfigured and another to be crucified: we praise you without ceasing that you have been our God and our Savior, that you gave us one man with truly clean hands and a pure heart, one like us in human needs and freedom, yet without guile. For him who lived and died for us, and lives for us forevermore, we praise you now and always. **Amen.**

THE FIFTH READING – JESUS IS MOCKED

Jeane Fullen

THE READING

Mark 15:25-32

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Pastor: 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.

**People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, as we enter deep into the hours of your Son's Passion, our fault is upon us, for we know well the desert places, the wild beasts, the satanic murmurings, the attraction of the crowd and the weakness of our hearts. We are afraid in the silences. We have refused others in our hearts. We have fawned over the demons that promise power. We feel the wrath. Much of the time, we are tired and without the energy required to do the work of your kingdom and to be effective saints for your army of salvation, create in us this night a great repentance so that we may stand against the evil one, move with love through the terror and the drab hours, and trust in your promises, resonant and redemptive among all things and people. **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

When Jesus Wept

THE SIXTH READING – JESUS DIES

Mike Canny

THE READING

Mark 15:33-37

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Pastor: 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.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Let us pray. O God our God, blessed, all wise and eternal: hear our prayer this night, and by such mercies as we cannot give one another, save us from our sins; for we persist in our own darkness and tangibly break and destroy the flesh of the world and the souls of its people. We continue the wars; we live off the misery of others; we permit the comfortable lies. Even more, we wear the masks of righteousness and absolve ourselves from the crimes. We are and dwell among people who forget you or deny you or betray you. We are at times and in our time indifferent and have no peace. We burn but bear no light. Take us now, this night, and let us know that we do not bear these burdens alone, for you are with us. Everywhere and in every place. **Amen.**

(Silence as the lighting is dimmed.)

THE SEVENTH READING – THE WITNESSES

Mike Canny

THE READING

Mark 15:38-41

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

Pastor: 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.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Let us pray. Almighty God, since you know that we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE READING

Mark 15:42-47

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Hear, dying Sovereign, how with a single voice we lament your dying, and name the sorrow we endure because of our sin. Yet in ways private and corporate, visible and secret, we nourish the evil we claim to deplore and kill the virtue we profess to admire. We list the things that inhibit greater self-sacrifice, denying that they are mostly of our own creation. With embarrassment, we admit that the shadows around us are our own invention, but cling to them because they are more comfortable than the light. Take hold of us, Lord Jesus, even at your dying, and be that example of forgiveness that so compels our remorse that we may never again build crosses, deny justice, withhold mercy. This night, accept the giving of our hearts, we who are bound to you as by a mystery, you who are our peace, you our light that shines through the darkness. **Amen.**

(Silence as the lighting is dimmed.)

As darkness descends, the tower bell is rung 33 times for the years of our Lord's life.

Were You There

Ruth Hutchison, soloist

We leave in silence.

Join us Sunday as our Triduum Service continues.



April 20, 2025
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
WORSHIP –9:30 a.m.



SERVING TODAY

Cross and Crown

Jeremiah Green, Dakota Jenkins, Hayley O’Neill, Micaela Ruhl

Readers

Mike Canny, Rita Foringer, Jeane Fullen, Dan Singer

Soloist

Ruth Hutchison

Technical Team

Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley,
Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland

Ushers

Jason Green, Josh Green

Please place your offering in one of the offering plates located behind the pews as you enter and exit the Nave.

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