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GOOD FRIDAY - TENEBRAE

April 3, 2026 ~ 7:00pm

Worship Note:

We welcome you to our Good Friday Worship. This is a service of meditation and silence, commemorating what is the most solemn day of the Church Year. Your silence as you enter and leave the sanctuary allows for prayer and meditation on God's great plan of salvation for all people.

AS WE GATHER

As we gather for worship this Good Friday, we come to the cross of our dear Savior, Jesus Christ. The words of Martin Luther prepare us well to receive all Jesus dies to give us. "By a wonderful exchange, our sins are no longer ours but Christ's, and the righteousness of Christ is ours," Luther writes. "He has imparted that unto us, that He might clothe us with it, and fill us with it; and He has taken our evils upon Himself that He might deliver us from them. . . . In the same manner as He grieved and suffered in our sins . . . so also we rejoice and glory truly in His righteousness" (*Select Works*). Let us give Jesus glory for the "wonderful exchange" He has made with us at the cross!

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Order of Worship

A TIME FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hal Hopson

✠ Preparation ✠

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

*As the pastor's carry the cross into the sanctuary the choir will sing "Behold, the Lamb of God".
Jesus went the way of the cross willingly, for all of our sin. "We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6*

ANTHEM

"Behold, the Lamb of God"

Healey Willan

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities. Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Text © 1960 Concordia Publishing House

OPENING HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LSB 436

- 1. 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.**
- 2. Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.**
- 3. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:5

- P** For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,
C **so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.**
P He was wounded for our transgressions;
C **He was crushed for our iniquities;**
P upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
C **and with His stripes we are healed.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Lord our God, You took upon Your shoulders the weight of fallen humanity, becoming the sin offering for us so that we are made righteous in Your sight. Hear us as we bow before Your cross and lay our sins at Your feet.

In silent prayer, we bring the burdens of our sins to Jesus.

P Gracious Father,

C **have mercy upon us. We are undeserving of Your love.**

P Loving Lord Jesus,

C **take our sins from us. Show us the depths of Your love, found only in the cross.**

P Renewing Holy Spirit,

C **Guide us and lead us. Enable us by faith to cling to the grace that alone can save. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His great mercy has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, He forgives you all your sins. Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross so that we may die to sin and live in His righteousness. By His wounds, you have been healed. As a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 38:1–4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5

P He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

C **upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.**

P O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,

C **nor discipline me in Your wrath!**

P For Your arrows have sunk into me,

C **and Your hand has come down on me.**

P There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;

C **there is no health in my bones because of my sin.**

P For my iniquities have gone over my head;

C **like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.**

P I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

C **Make haste to help me, O LORD, my salvation!**

P He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

C **upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.**

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

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon us, Your people,

C **with whom Your Son exchanged places at the cross to bear our sin so we may know His righteousness;**

P 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

(The Messiah "was numbered with the transgressors" and "bore the sin of many.")

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— ¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ^{53:1}Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and

judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LSB 420

- 1. Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 3. Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

EPISTLE

(Jesus, our High Priest, suffered for our salvation.)

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . . ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"Holy Jesus, Think on Me"

Ruth Elaine Schram

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁷[Jesus] 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

LSB 440

1. **Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.**
2. **Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.**

SERMON

HYMN

5. **If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!**
6. **Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.**

✠ The Seven Last Words ✠

FIRST WORD

Luke 23:33–34

³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

T. Noble

Go to dark Gethsemane, Ye that feel the tempter's power; Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour. Turn not from His griefs away, learn from Jesus Christ to pray. Follow to the judgement hall; View the Lord of life arraigned; O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross. Calvary's mournful mountain climb: There, adoring at his feet, mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete; "It is finished!" hear him cry; hear him cry. Learn of Jesus Christ to die, learn of Jesus Christ to die. Amen, Amen. (Text: © 1946, H W Gray/Jubilate Music Group)

SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39–43

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447

- 4. Jesus, pitying the sighs Of the thief, who near You dies,
Promising him paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus.**
- 5. May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Your name: Hear us, holy Jesus.**
- 6. May our hearts to You incline And their thoughts Your cross entwine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

THIRD WORD

John 19:25–27

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.

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Sondra Tucker

FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:45–46

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

HYMN

"When I Behold Jesus Christ"

LSB 542

**1. When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love As He hung on the tree.**

***Refrain:* What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.**

**2. For me You gave all Your love, For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain. *Refrain***

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FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447

**13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**14 Thirst for us in mercy still; All Your holy work fulfill;
Satisfy Your loving will: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**15. May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

SIXTH WORD

John 19:30

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"Contemplation"

Cynthia Dobrinski

SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:46

⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure; That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory. Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished. I will not boast in anything no gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom. (Text © 1995, Thank You Music)

THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You gather us together at the foot of Your Son's cross that we may join with the eyewitnesses of His death and behold His all-sufficient sacrifice for our redemption.
- C** **Help us to know the real life that comes to us because of the wonderful exchange Jesus offered to us at the cross.**
- P** Lead us to see that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary.
- C** **He was forsaken by You, dear Father, so that we might never be forsaken. He died so that we may live.**
- P** Lord Jesus, grant on this Friday we call "good" that the promises of Your Word may be received by us all with a living faith.
- C** **Encourage our hearts and minds as we trust that all You accomplished at Calvary was done for our salvation.**
- P** Holy Spirit, You unite us by Baptism to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Guide us by Your grace to know the power of sharing in His death so that, with Him, we may partake in His resurrection.
- C** **All glory, honor, and praise be to You, O God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,
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.**

HYMN

"O Perfect Life of Love"

LSB 452

1. **O perfect life of love! All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above To do for us below.**
2. **No work is left undone Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one, The Scriptures have fulfilled.**
3. **No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care Have pierced that tender heart.**
4. **And on His thorn-crowned head And on His sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.**
5. **In perfect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.**
6. **In ev'ry time of need, Before the judgment throne,
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Thy merits, not mine own.**
7. **Yet work, O Lord, in me As Thou for me hast wrought;
And let my love the answer be To grace Thy love has brought.**

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED

STREPITUS

THE CHRIST CANDLE RETURNS

*You are invited to remain to pray and meditate.
Please leave in silence as a courtesy to those desiring to stay for prayer.*



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