GOOD FRIDAY



Easter Saturday 6:00 p.m. - Easter Sunday 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.





Good Friday - Tenebrae Vespers

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

Prelude

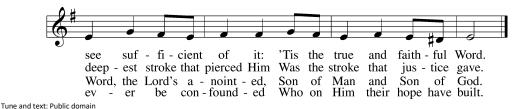
Ringing of the Bell

Please stand and face the Processional Cross at the rear of the church.

Procession of the Cross

- P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.
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Please note that as this service is part of the Triduum, there is no Invocation or Benediction.

Confession of Sins [Isaiah 53:4&6]

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions;

He was crushed for our iniquities;

We all like sheep have gone astray;

We have turned, everyone, to his own way;

And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Amen.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Absolution

- P By the power of Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Collect of the Day

- P Let us pray.
- Almighty God, graciously behold Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

+ God Speaks to Us +

Lenten Psalm (Psalm Tone B)

Psalm 41

¹Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor!*

In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him;

²the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;

he is called blessèd | in the land;*

you do not give him up to the will of his | enemies.

³The LORD sustains him on his | sickbed;*

in his illness you restore him to | full health.

⁴As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gra- | cious to me;*

heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst you!"

⁵My enemies say of me in | malice,*

"When will he die and his name | perish?"

⁶And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers in- | iquity;*

when he goes out, he tells | it abroad.

⁷All who hate me whisper together a- | bout me;* they imagine the | worst for me.

⁸They say, "A deadly thing is poured | out on him;*

he will not rise again from | where he lies."

⁹Even my close friend in whom I | trusted,*

who ate my bread, has lifted his heel a- | gainst me.

¹⁰But you, O LORD, be gra- | cious to me,*

and raise me up, that I may re- | pay them!

¹¹By this I know that you de- | light in me:*

my enemy will not shout in triumph | over me.

¹²But you have upheld me because of my in- | tegrity,*

and set me in your presence for- | ever.

¹³Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,*

from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and | Amen.

Sermon

Hymn of Response

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" sung by the Sanctuary Choir

chorale setting by J.S. Bach for text, see hymn 440 v.1

+ Tenebrae Sequence - The Seven Last Words +

+ The First Word +

The First Word Luke 23:33-34

And 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. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments.

The first candle is extinguished.

Prayer

- P Almighty and everlasting God, through the crucifixion of Jesus, Your only begotten Son, You forgive the sins of all who are repentant. Create in us clean hearts, O God.
- C Amen.





+ The Second Word +

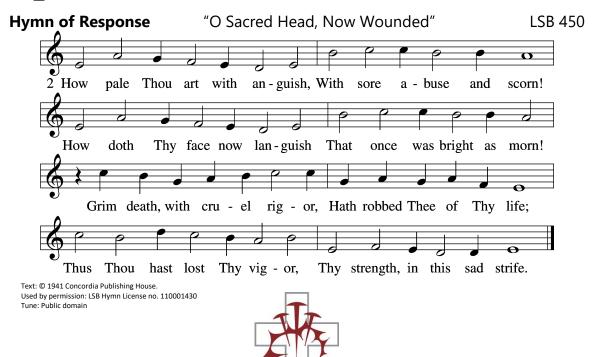
The Second Word Luke 23:38-43

There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

The second candle is extinguished.

Prayer

- P O Lord Jesus Christ, You said to the repentant thief on the cross, "Today you will be with Me in Paradise." So, remember us in Your kingdom and grant us to join You in Paradise.
- C Amen.



+ The Third Word +

The Third Word John 19:25-27

But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

The third candle is extinguished.

Prayer

- P O Lord Jesus Christ, You have made us brothers and sisters through Your suffering and death. Give us grace to look after each other with Your love.
- C Amen.



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+ The Fourth Word +

The Fourth Word Mark 15:33-34

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, Iema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Prayer

- P Gracious and loving Father, You forsook Your Son for a moment so that we will never be forsaken. Grant us faith to trust that You are present with us even when we are afflicted.
- C Amen.





+ The Fifth Word +

The Fifth Word John 19:28

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

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Prayer

- P O Lord Jesus Christ, quench our thirst with Your Word and renew a right spirit within us.
- C Amen.





+ The Sixth Word +

The Sixth Word John 19:29-30

A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Prayer

- Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Lamb of God who has taken away our sin completely. Grant us faith to live in Your completed sacrifice.
- C Amen.





+ The Seventh Word +

The Seventh Word Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

Prayer

- P Almighty and everlasting God, into Your hands Jesus placed His spirit. By grace through faith, our spirits now rest in Your gracious hands as we await the Resurrection and the Life.
- C Amen.





Lord's Prayer (whispered by all)

The Light of Christ is Removed

The pastor removes the Christ Candle from the sanctuary signifying the death of Christ.

Litany (Ken Erdman) Psalm 22:1

The Strepitus (The stone is rolled in front of the tomb)

A door is slammed to symbolize the sealing of the tomb.

The toll bell is rung 33 times for each year of Jesus' life. While it is rung, the congregation sings . . .

Hymn

"Were You There" – St. 1-3

LSB 456

Were you there when they crucified my Lord . . . Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree . . . Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb . . .

The Christ Candle is Returned

The pastor returns the lit Christ Candle to the Sanctuary pointing us to the hope of Easter.

Closing Hymn

"Jesus, Remember Me" (sing three times)

LSB 767

Please leave in silence while contemplating Good Friday and anticipating the joys of Easter.

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Matthew B. Synnott / Liturgist: Rev. Mark J. Nelson

Organist: Peter Wykert / Sound: Chris Wahlmark

Acolytes: Will Fleming, Christian Johnson

This service continues with the Easter service on Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. Please join us also for our Easter services on Sunday at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Offering



Your offering can be put in the drop boxes near the sanctuary exits.

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