



GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS (Tenebrae) relates the Passion of our Lord through Scripture and music. Seven candles are arranged at the altar, marking the steps of our Lord's suffering and death. During the service, the candles are extinguished, one by one, until only the "Christ candle" is left burning. After the seventh lesson is read, that candle is carried from the chancel, symbolic of our Lord's death.

At that point, the ancient "Reproaches of the Cross" are recited, with the procession of a rough-hewn cross into the chancel. A brief period of silence follows for meditation. The congregation then professes the Creed. At the words "and on the third day" the acolyte returns the candle of Christ to the altar, a sign of the resurrection hope.

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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All gather in silence

The Call to Worship *(please stand)*

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,
who redeems us from sin and death.

For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

Words of Reflection

Psalm 51 *(read responsively: leader/assembly)*

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

- ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- ⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- ⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**
- ¹³Let me teach your ways to offenders,
and sinners shall be restored to you.
- ¹⁴**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**
- ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
- ¹⁶**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.
You are not pleased with burnt offering.**
- ¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.
- ¹⁸**Favor Zion with your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem.**
- ¹⁹Then you will delight in the appointed sacrifices,
in burnt and whole offerings;
then young bulls shall be offered upon your altar.

The Bidding Prayer *(please 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 our bishops, for our pastors, 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 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. (please be seated)**

The Readings

A Reading from Isaiah (*Isaiah 53:4-12*)

Hymn "What Wondrous Love is This" ELW #666 st. 1, 2

The Passion of Our Lord According to John

I—*The Arrest (John 18:1-14)*

Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane" ELW #347 st. 1, 2

II—*The Denial (John 18:15-27)*

Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" ELW #349 st. 1, 2, 4

III—*The Interrogation (John 18:33-38a)*

Psalm 70 (leader/assembly)

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
 let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
 draw back and be disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
 turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
 let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
 You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

IV—*The Scourging (John 18:38b-19:7)*

Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ELW #351 st. 1, 3

V—*The Crucifixion (John 19:16b-30)*

Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ELW #803

VI—*The Burial (John 19:31-42)*

Hymn "Were You There?" ELW #353
 Solo st. 1, 2; Assembly st. 3-5

Procession of the Cross

(Please stand and turn to the back of the church to face the cross, following it as it proceeds to the chancel. Assembly please sing refrain.)

Refrain

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

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.

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.

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. **Refrain**

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.

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.

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.

Refrain

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 to strike in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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.

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.

Refrain

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.

I came to you in 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. **Refrain**

Silent prayer

Sound of the sealing of the tomb.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Silent Prayer and Silent Departure.

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