

**GOOD FRIDAY
TENEBRAE SERVICE**

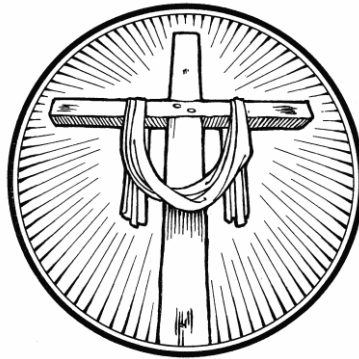
"THE LORD HAS LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL"

APRIL 3, 2026, 7:00 PM



*Changing lives with the love of God
to the glory of God*

Join Us for Worship!



Easter Sunday

April 5th

8am Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

9:30am Family Service (Parish Hall)

11:15am Traditional service (Sanctuary)

Serving in the Lord's house today:
Daisy Karika and Pete Campisi

Prelude: Improvisation on "Were You There"

Charles Callahan

Song: How Deep the Father's Love for Us (Worship Band)

$\text{♩} = 54$



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure that
(2. Be) hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
(3. I) will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
-shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

Welcome and Invocation

Prayer of the Day

P Gracious God, Your righteous Son, Jesus Christ, suffered for us, enduring every insult, being falsely accused, afflicted by evil, and dying on the cross, that we might be set free and restored to You. As we contemplate His final hours, move us to such devotion that, in faith, we die with Him to sin and gladly serve You with all our hearts. We pray that the whole world might know of Your love and believe in Your Son. In His name, ever one God with You and the Holy Spirit, we pray.

C Amen.

Silent Confession of Sins

Hymn: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

1. 2.

6 and re-new a right spir - rit with-in me Cre - me

12 Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, O Lord, and take not your

17 Holy Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va-tion,

24 and re-new a right spir - it with-in me. and re-new a right

29 spir - it with-in me. and re-new a right spir - it with-in me.

✠ The Service of Shadows ✠ (Tenebrae)

The Shadow of Agony in Spirit (*The first candle is extinguished*)

Psalm Reading (On this day Psalm 22 was on Christ's mind and lips)

Psalm 22:9-11

- L** You are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- C** **On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.**
- L** Be not far from me,
for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Matthew 26:36-41

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

The Shadow of Arrest *(The second candle is extinguished)*

Psalm Reading

Psalm 22:19-21

- L** But you, O Lord, do not be far off!
 O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- C** **Deliver my soul from the sword,
 my precious life from the power of the dog!**
- L** Save me from the mouth of the lion!
 You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

John 18:2-8,12

²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go."

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.

Hymn: What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.

The Shadow of Accusation (*The fourth candle is extinguished*)

Psalm Reading

Psalm 22:12-13

- L** Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- C** **they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.**

John 18:28–32; 19:1–5

²⁸Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." ³²This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die...

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 449



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

The Shadow of Rejection (The fourth candle is extinguished)

Psalm Reading

Psalm 22:4-6

- L** In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- C** **To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**
- L** But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

Matthew 27:15-26

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Hymn: Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Sermon: A King for a Criminal

Song of Reflection: The Lamb



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

The Shadow of Crucifixion (The fifth candle is extinguished)

Psalm Reading

Psalm 22:7-8;16-18

- L** All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- C** **"He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"**
- L** For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
- C** **I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;**
- L** they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

John 19:6-19

⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him."
⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God."
⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.
⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.
¹⁰So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?"
¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."
¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha.
¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"
¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."
¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and he 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."

Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which 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
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

The Shadow of Desolation (The sixth candle is extinguished)

Psalm Reading (On this day Psalm 22 was on Christ's mind and lips)

Psalm 22:1-2

- L** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- C** **O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.**

Matthew 27:45-54

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?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

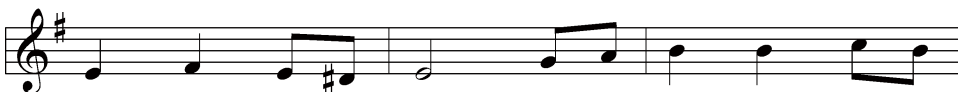
Hymn: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.

The Shadow of Burial (The seventh candle is extinguished)

Psalm Reading

Psalm 22:14-15

- L** I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
- C** **my heart is like wax;**
it is melted within my breast;
- L** my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

John 19:31-42

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

³⁸After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

The Christ Candle is Removed

The Strepitus ('Strepitus' – Latin for 'loud noise'. The sound is reminiscent of the closing of the tomb.)

Prayer

- L** *Jesus, thank You for coming to ransom us with Your own life.*
- C** **I love You, worship You, trust You.**
- L** *I give myself over to You to be one with You in all things.*
- C** **I receive all the work and triumph of Your cross, death, blood, and sacrifice for me,**
- L** *through which my every sin is atoned for. I am forgiven,*
- C** **delivered from the kingdom of darkness, and transferred to Your kingdom,**
- L** *and every claim being made against me is cancelled and disarmed.*
- C** **Lord, by the message of the cross, You've done something inside us, creating a new heart in us, a heart now devoted to God. I give thanks.**
- L** *I take my place now in Your cross and death, dying with You to sin,*
- C** **to my flesh, to this world, to the evil one and his kingdom.**
- L** *In my new heart I take up the cross and crucify my flesh*
- C** **with all its pride, arrogance, unbelief and idolatry. I put off the old self.**
- L** *Apply to us all the work and triumph in Your cross, death, blood and sacrifice;*
- C** **We receive it with thanks and give it total claim to every aspect of our lives. Amen.**

Final Reading

Psalm 22:27-28

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
**and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.**

²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

Hymn: Where You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

*We exit the Sanctuary in silence,
reflecting on the finished work of our Lord Jesus as he lay dead in the tomb.
Our worship will resume on Easter Sunday,
when we celebrate Christ's victorious resurrection.*

