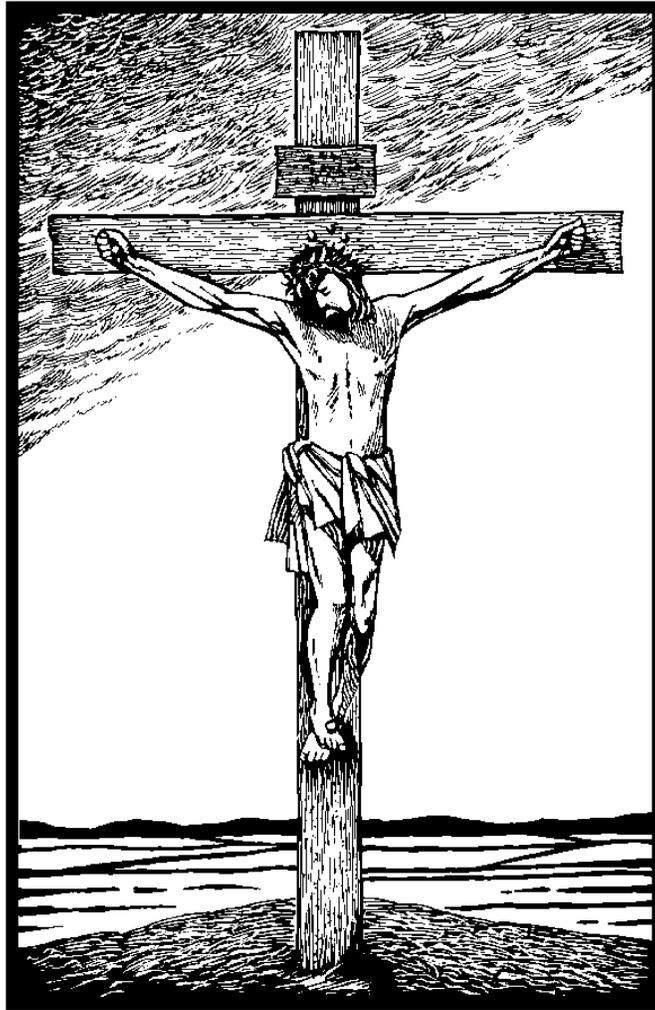


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St. Mark's Lutheran Church
March 30, 2018 — 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday



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About this evening's worship:

"Tenebrae" (meaning "darkness" or "shadows") is an ancient form of worship using words and symbols to vividly remind us of Jesus' death. The seven candles represent Jesus' seven statements from the cross; as each statement is heard, the candles will be extinguished. The service will end in darkness and silence. You will not be ushered out, but instead may dismiss yourselves quietly. **We'd ask you to please leave in silence**, not even pausing to greet one another, in order to better ponder the meaning of this day. Rest rooms are located to your right as you leave the sanctuary. If your children become restless, there is a mother's room in the entry area which you're welcome to use. Blessings on your worship!

Prayer before worship:

How should I see that You love me, O Savior? On Good Friday You assure me, not merely with words, but with powerful deeds, showing me the ultimate love as You lay down Your life for me. Drive out every doubt about Your love for me! Instill in me thankfulness and appreciation for what You've done, O Savior-King! Amen.

Please join us:

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunrise Worship, 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast, 8:15—9:45 a.m.

Easter video, 9:15 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship, 10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rolls, doughnuts, and pastries are needed for the Easter breakfast.

Thanks!

The Order Of Worship

OPENING HYMN: #113 "Upon the Cross Extended" (v. 1-3)

READING, CONFESSION, AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(Isaiah 53 is the traditional Old Testament reading for Tenebrae. Tonight, we intersperse portions with our confession of sins and the assurance of forgiveness.)

Minister: "Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

Congregation: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

M: Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

C: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted."

M: O Jesus, we're reminded that You suffered not for Your guilt, but for ours; not for Your sins, but for our sins. So we humbly bow before You and say,

C: I'm sorry, Lord.

M: For being quick to hoard, for being slow to share, we come before You and say,

C: I'm sorry, Lord, for what I've done.

M: For speaking words which are angry or hurtful, for failing to speak words of encouragement, we come before You and say,

C: I'm sorry, Lord, for what I've said.

M: For harboring resentment, for being selfish and doubt-filled, for assuming the worst rather than putting the best construction on all things, we come before You and say,

C: I'm sorry, Lord, for what I've thought.

M: "But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed!"

**C: Lord Jesus, we give thanks to Thee
That You have died to set us free;
Made righteous through Your precious blood,
We now are reconciled to God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this Your family for whom our Savior – Jesus – was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of us humans, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to Him, our only Savior, who now lives and rules for us eternally.

C: (spoken) Amen.

M: "Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, 'Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me.'"

C: "But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

All sing: **A crown of thorns you're wearing, (CW 113 v. 4-5)
My shame and scorn you're bearing
That I might ransomed be.
My bondsman, ever willing,
My place with patience filling
From sin and guilt has made me free.**

**Your cords of love, my Savior,
Bind me to you forever;
I am no longer mine.
To you I gladly tender
All that my life can render
And all I have to you resign.**

The Seven Words From The Cross

Pounding of the Nails– *3 nails are pounded into wood*

I. Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.

Hymn: “Jesus, Remember Me” (*Repeat four times increasing in volume*)

II. I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise.

Hymn #112 “There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

III. Dear woman, here is your son, ... Here is your mother.

Choir: “Who Is Jesus?”

IV. My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?

Hymn #117 “O Dearest Jesus” (v. 1-3)

V. I am thirsty.

Hymn #127 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (v. 1, 2)

VI. It is finished.

Hymn #104 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (v. 1-3)

VII. Father, into your hands I commit My spirit.

Hymn: #125 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER (*Whispered by all*)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING AND MUSICAL REFLECTION

(After the offering the **lights will be turned off**, reminding us of the darkness which covered the earth during the final three hours of Jesus' sufferings on the cross.)

The Tearing of the Curtain: Matthew 27:50-54 (NIV1984)

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. (*Tearing of Curtain*) The earth shook and the rocks split. ⁵²The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

Song: "Were You There" (#119 sung as a solo)

Lamentations 1:1-14, selected (NIV1984)

"How deserted lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations! She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave. Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are upon her cheeks. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed feasts. All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan, her maidens grieve, and she is in bitter anguish. All the splendor has departed from the Daughter of Zion. Her enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction. Look around and see. Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me, that the LORD brought on me in the day of his fierce anger? From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones. He spread a net for my feet and turned me back. He made me desolate, faint all the day long."

Song: "Jesus Loves Me" quietly sung by the Children's Choir

Closing Lection: Matthew 27:57-60 (NIV1984)

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

Following this reading

- The **strepitus** is heard – a harsh noise symbolizing the closing of the tomb.
- Then follows a **moment of silence**, during which one **candle is lit**, signifying the Resurrection.

- **A bell will toll 33 times** for the life of Jesus, **during which you may pause for a few moments of self-reflection and then quietly dismiss yourself.** You will not be ushered out. We'd ask everyone to please leave the building silently, with no music or pastor's greeting, humbly pondering God's love for you.
- As you silently leave the church, you are welcome to **place your nail** into the special cross as a reminder that we have left our sins on the cross of Christ.

