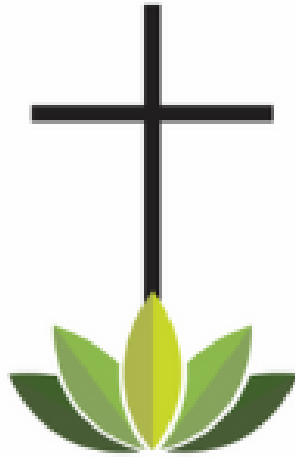


*We Warmly Welcome You to*



# *Milton Lutheran Parish*

Serving God through faith formation, worship,  
service, evangelism, and fellowship.

April 3, 2021

Good Friday

Office of the Tenebrae

In Person & LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at Trinity Lutheran at 7 PM  
on the Milton Lutheran Parish YouTube Channel

Visit <https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/> to link to the LIVE worship

The Office of Tenebrae is an ancient liturgy dating back to the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> century A.D. The word Tenebrae means *darkness* or *shadows*. The liturgy is composed of readings and successive extinguishing of candles until the church is left in darkness. The gradual loss of light symbolizes the ebb of Jesus' life and the darkness which surrounded Calvary on Good Friday. Different versions of the Tenebrae liturgy exist. This setting of Tenebrae is based on the Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross. Following the last reading and the Lord's Prayer, the Christ Candle will be removed from the chancel for a time symbolizing Christ's death. The *Strepitus* is heard, a harsh noise indicating the stone closing the tomb and the earthquake at the time of Jesus's death. The Christ Candle returns to the sanctuary in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection. At the conclusion of the liturgy, we ask our worshipers to leave the church in silence to honor the solemnity of Christ's death and the sacrifice he endured for our sins.



## INVOCATION

In the Name of Jesus, who loves us and died for us.

**Amen.**

### Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

John Warfel

1) *Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.*

5) *Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay  
thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

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**

## LITURGY OF TENEBRAE

### Based on the Seven Last Words of Christ

#### The First Word - Luke 23:33-34

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.**" And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

### RESPONSE

Our Sa - vior speaks in grace With words of mer - cy true:  
"For - give them, Fa - ther," thus He prays; "They know not what they do."

#### The Second Word - Luke 23:39-43

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "**Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.**"



## RESPONSE

His won-drous pi - ty see, Un - to the thief He says:  
"To - day, I tell you, you will be With Me in Pa - ra - dise."

### The Third Word - John 19:25-27

<sup>25</sup>Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "**Woman, here is your son.**" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "**Here is your mother.**" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

## RESPONSE

To Ma - ry, look - ing on, "Be - hold your son," He says;  
"Be - hold your mo - ther"; thus on John Love's bur - den gent - ly lays.

### The Fourth Word - Matthew 27:45-48

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "**Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?**" that is, "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**" <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.

## RESPONSE


Now hear the aw - ful cry, Sin's dread - ful bur - den see:  
"My God, My God," our Sa - vior groans, "Why have you for - sa - ken me?"

### The Fifth Word - John 19:28-29

<sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now completed, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "**I am thirsty.**" <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.



## RESPONSE

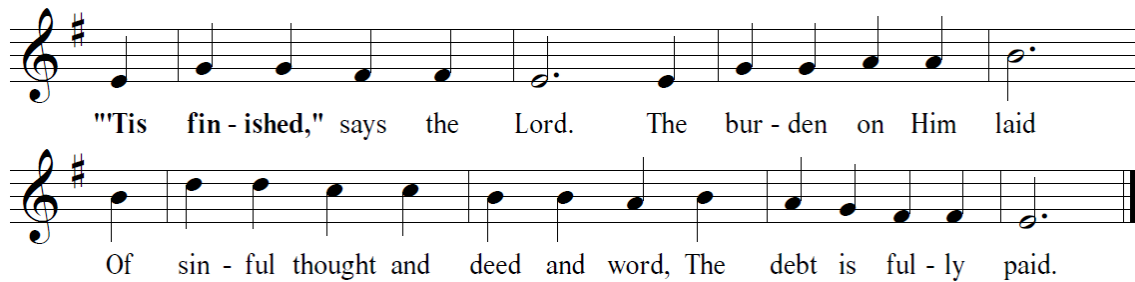


As Man for men He dies, Sin's pow'r has done its worst,  
From hell's dread a - gon - y He cries a sim - ple word: "I thirst."

### The Sixth Word - John 19:30

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, **"It is finished."** Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## RESPONSE



"'Tis fin - ished," says the Lord. The bur - den on Him laid  
Of sin - ful thought and deed and word, The debt is ful - ly paid.

### The Seventh Word - Luke 23:44-56

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, **"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."** Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." <sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

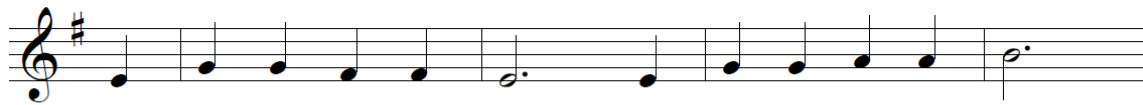
<sup>50</sup>Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, <sup>51</sup>had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup>This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

<sup>53</sup>Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. <sup>54</sup>It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup>The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup>Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.


On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.



## RESPONSE



"Fa - ther in - to Your hands My spir - it I com - mend."



And He who hears and un - der-stands Re - ceives Him in the end.

## REFLECTION - "The Meaning of the Cross"

Pastor Gary Schaeffer

### HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

John Warfel

*1) Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock  
within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and burdens of the day.*

*3) I take, O cross, your shadow  
for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all, the cross.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Whispered softly together)

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.

## THE CHRIST CANDLE EXITS THE CHANCEL LEAVING US IN DARKNESS

### THE CLOSING OF THE BIBLE AND THE "STREPITUS"

(a loud noise symbolizing the closing of our Savior's tomb and the earthquake which occurred when He died)



**THE CHRIST CANDLE IS BROUGHT BACK INTO THE CHANCEL**

(in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection)

**AFTER A MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION,  
PLEASE LEAVE THE CHURCH IN SILENCE.**

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