

# ***Good Friday Worship***

Friday, April 3rd

— 7:00 P.M. —



In Person & LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at  
Milton Lutheran Church 7:00 P.M.  
on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel  
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worship

*(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation.)*

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC – “O, World I Now Must Leave Thee”**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us remember how the sky went dark.

*Let us remember how his mother was there.*

Let us remember how people mocked him.

*Let us remember how his friends fled.*

Let us remember, how in the midst of all that, Jesus still chose love.

*Let us worship holy God.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Good Friday belongs to confession. For on this day, we hold up to the light everything that went wrong 2,000 years ago; and as we do, we are reminded of everything that is going wrong in the present day. So we breathe deeply. We bow our heads. We speak the truth out loud about who we long to be, and we trust that God is already reaching out for us as we speak. Knowing that, let us pray together.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of unfathomable mercy, if we were there, we'd like to think that we would have defended you. We'd like to think that we would have stopped the guards and silenced the mockery, protected your body and defended your name. However, if we're honest with ourselves, we probably would have been at the edge of the crowd—silent and afraid. How often are we silent and afraid? How often do we wait for the stones to cry out for us? Forgive us. Please forgive us. Amen.*

Even from his place on the cross, even while being met with cruelty and violence, Jesus overflows with truth and grace. He sees those around him. He speaks connection and belonging into existence. He offers forgiveness. Friends, if this is true from the cross, it is certainly true here.

We are surrounded by grace.

*We are held in love.*

We are forgiven—

**over and over again.**

That truth never changes.

*Thanks be to God.*

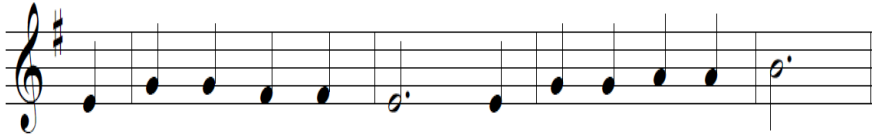


**LITURGY OF TENEBRAE**  
**Based on the Seven Last Words of Christ**

**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."

*Silence for meditation - First candle is extinguished.*

**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:



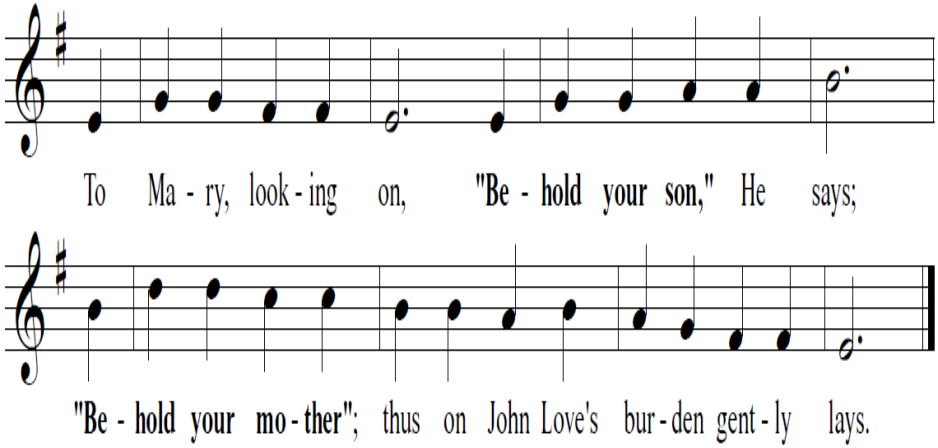
"To - day, I tell you, you will be With Me in Pa - ra - dise."

*Silence for meditation - Second candle is extinguished.*

### 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.

*Silence for meditation - Third candle is extinguished.*

### **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?"

*Silence for meditation - Fourth candle is extinguished.*

## 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."

*Silence for meditation - Fifth candle is extinguished.*

## 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.

*Silence for meditation - Sixth candle is extinguished.*

## 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.

*Silence for meditation - Seventh candle is extinguished.*

**VIDEO-** "Do you See it?- The Cross of Christ"

## HYMN “Were You There”



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
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Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

### *Refrain*



Oh, 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 pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**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.*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

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

(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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