



Good Friday

The Community Gathers

The word Tenebrae is Latin for “shadows.” On this most Holy night the Church gathers to remember the passion and death of Jesus on the cross. As we move symbolically through the “7 Last Words” of Christ; singing hymns, hearing reflections on the cross and listening to musical offerings you are invited to meditate on what our God is doing for us on the cross. After each word, a candle will be extinguished as we move closer and closer to the darkness of the tomb.

This is to be a quiet reflective service and as we leave this place in silence and in darkness all are invited to remember that the end of this story has yet to be told...

Prelude

Adoration of the Cross

The assembly stands and faces the cross.

The following dialogue is said, the assembly echoing the leader.

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: **Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and forever. Amen.**

Gospel

John 18:1-12

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God

Meditation “Thank God it is Friday”

Pastor Larry Harpster
(short time for reflection)

7 Last words with Jesus

The First Word from the Cross

“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” (Luke 23:34)
Congregational Hymn (Please rise if able): Restore in Us, O God (ELW # 328)
The First Candle is Extinguished

The Second Word from the Cross

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:43)
Congregational Hymn (Please rise if able): My Song is Love Unknown (ELW #343 vs 1,3,4)
The Second Candle is Extinguished

The Third Word from the Cross

“Woman, here is your son.” (John 19:26)
Instrumental: Jean Voelkel
The Third Candle is Extinguished

The Fourth Word from the Cross

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34)
Congregational Hymn (Please rise if able): *Jesus Remember Me (4x)* (ELW # 616)
The Fourth Candle is Extinguished

The Fifth Word from the Cross

“I thirst.” (John 19:28)
Congregational Hymn (Please rise if able): *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* #803
The Fifth Candle is Extinguished

The Sixth Word from the Cross

“It is finished.” (John 19:30)
Solo:
Instrumental: Judy Knoernschild
The Sixth Candle is Extinguished

The Seventh Word from the Cross

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” (Luke 23:46)
Congregational Song (Please rise if able): *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* #335 vs 1,2,4
The Seventh Candle is Extinguished
Solo:

Removal of the Christ Candle

Closing of the Book

The Lord’s Prayer (spoken)

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.

Silent Recessional

When the lights come up the minister will exit. The congregation is to leave quietly and reflect on what we have heard and experienced tonight. Offerings may be placed in the plate at the entrances of the sanctuary. Those wishing to remain in prayer are invited to come to the altar or remain in their pews.

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Thank you to all the musicians who gave of their time and talents to lift up our Holy Week services.

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**Join us for Easter Service:
Sunday March 31, 2024 at 9:30am**