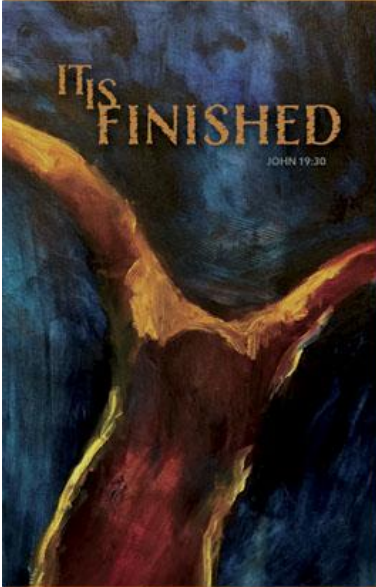


ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

April 18, 2025

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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- Praising** God through music, word, and service
- Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

There will be a loud noise in the service at the eighth candle's removal. This service will conclude in near darkness. For your safety, please remain seated until the lights are brought back up after the service concludes.

P - Pastor

C - Congregation responses are in bold

**Stand as you are able*

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

Good Friday Tenebrae

April 18, 2025

8:00 p.m.

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

"Tenebrae" is the Latin word meaning 'shadows'. The sanctuary is progressively darkened as the candles are extinguished. At the end the Christ candle is removed. This symbolizes Christ's three days in the tomb. This light will be present with us again on Easter morning.

Hymns are found at the end of this bulletin

***GATHERING HYMN**

"What Wondrous Love is This"

***GREETING**

P And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and we loved darkness rather than light.

C **God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.**

For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light.

But all who do what is true come to the light.

***OPENING PRAYER**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into 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 ever.

Amen.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO JOHN

John 18:1-11

First candle extinguished

Hymn

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

John 18:12-27

Second candle extinguished

Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”, stanzas 1 & 2

John 18:28-40

Third candle extinguished

Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”, stanzas 3 & 4

John 19:1-7

Fourth candle extinguished

Anthem

“Soldiers Wove a Crown of Thorns”

Drennan

John 19:8-16a

Fifth candle extinguished

Anthem

“There Is a Fountain”

Excell/Mason

John 19:16b-22

Sixth candle extinguished

Anthem

*“On the Via Dolorosa”
Deb Diddlemeyer – Violin*

Wagner

John 19:23-25a

Seventh candle extinguished

Anthem

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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John 19:25b-30

Christ Candle removed

A loud noise (the strepitus) symbolizes the earthquake that followed Christ's death.

Anthem

“It Is Finished”

Boersma/Lantz

John 19:31-42

Silence for meditation

The Christ Candle, symbolizing the light that no darkness overcomes, returns

Anthem

“How Beautiful”

arr. Larson

PRESENTATION OF THE CROSS

As the Cross is processed ... (3X)

P Behold the Life giving Cross, on which was hung the salvation of the World.

C **O come, let us adore Him**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

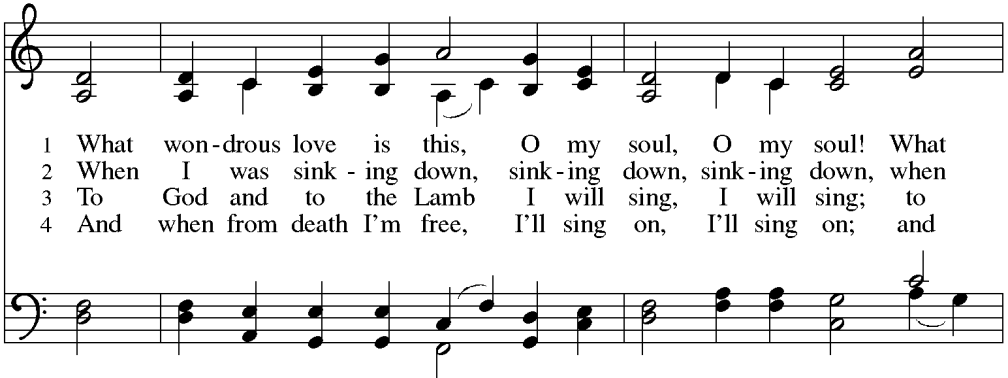
P Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever.

C **Amen.**

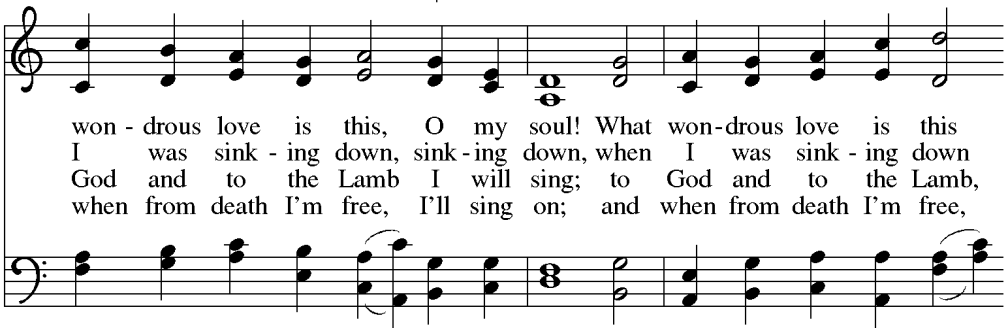
All depart in silence

It is finished. He is at rest.

What Wondrous Love Is This



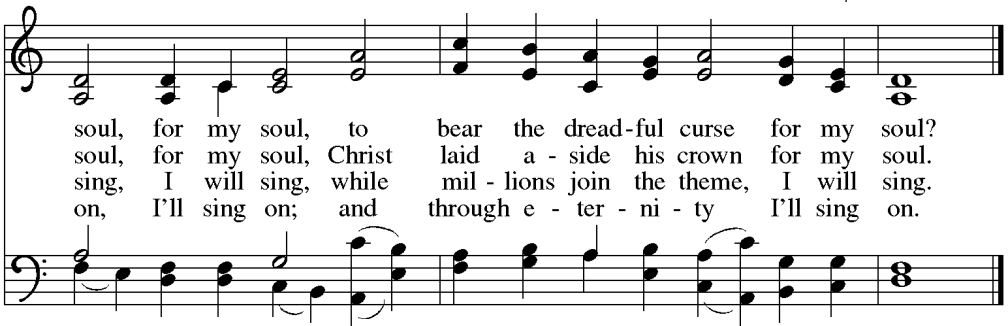
1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

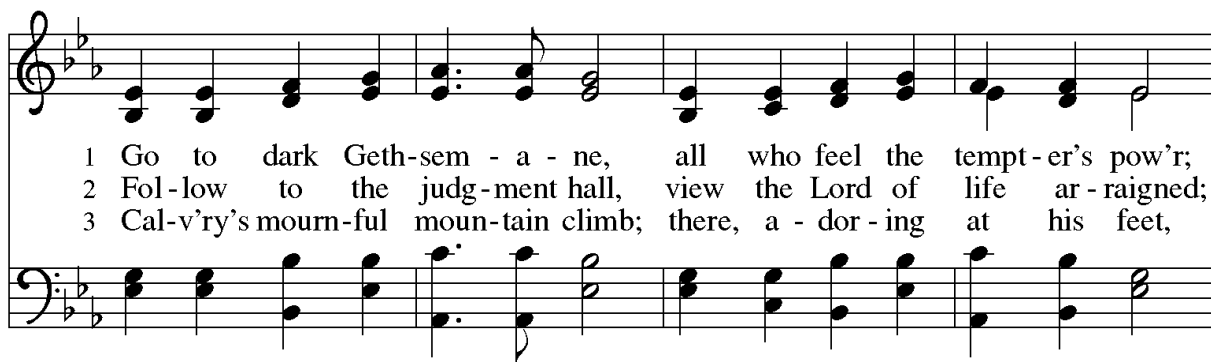


that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

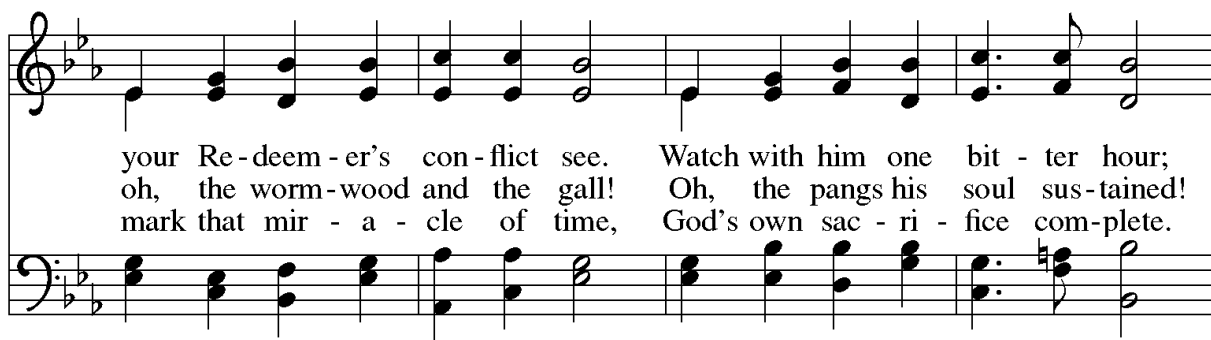


soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

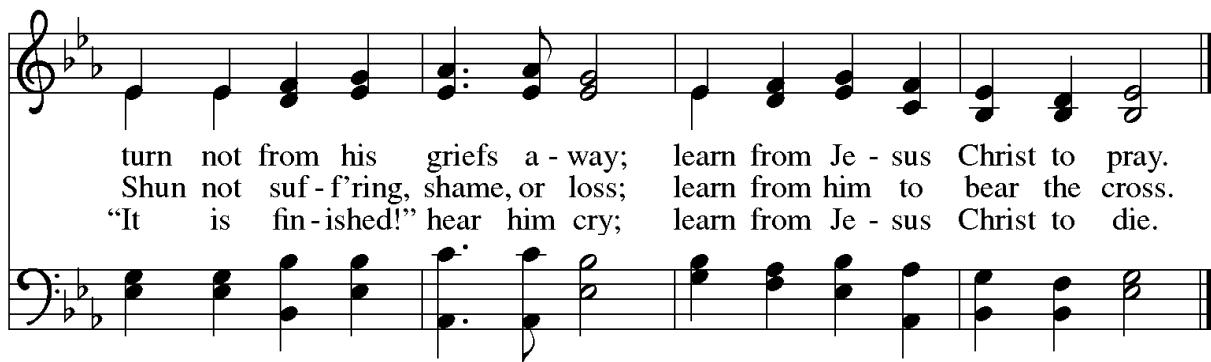
Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

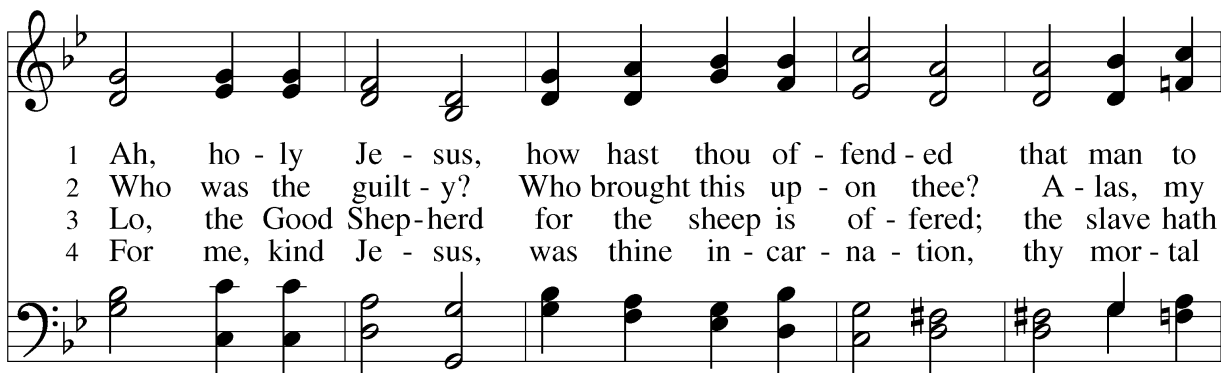


your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.

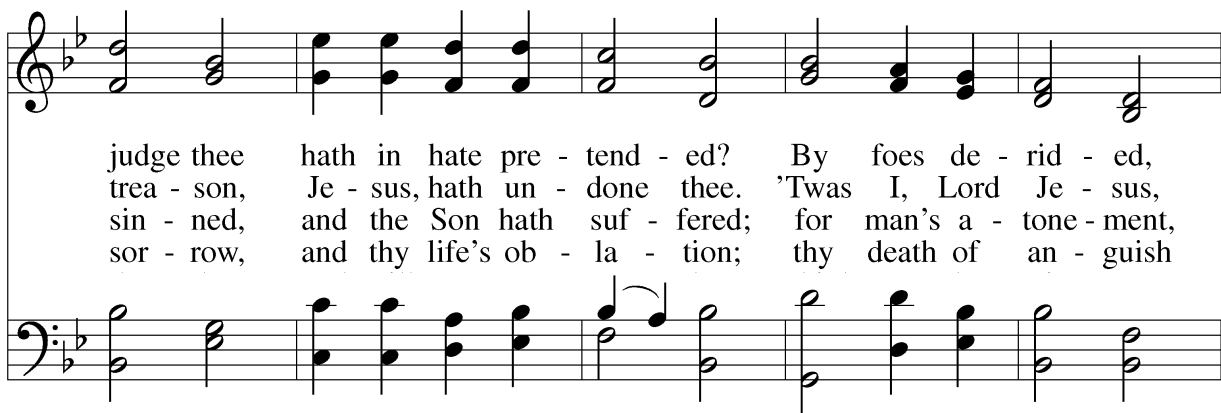


turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

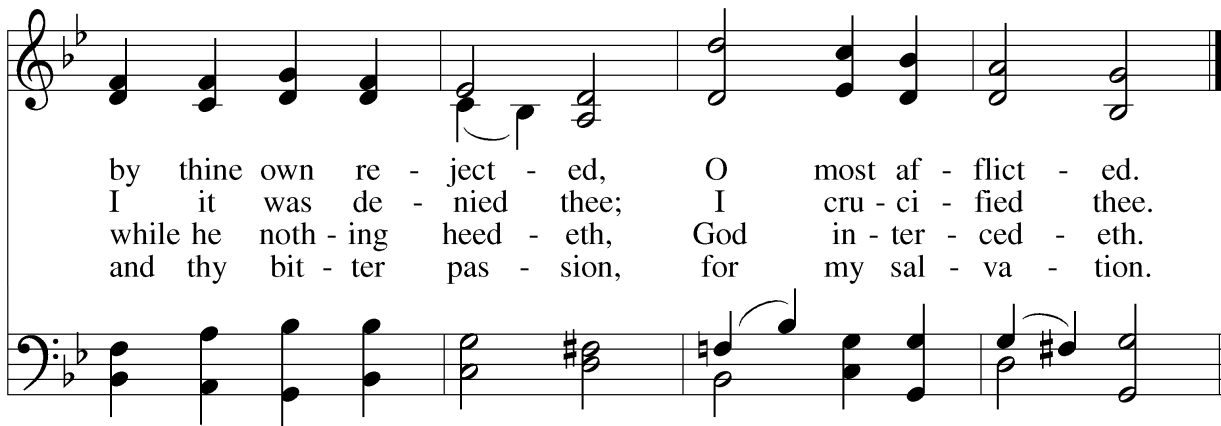
Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.

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