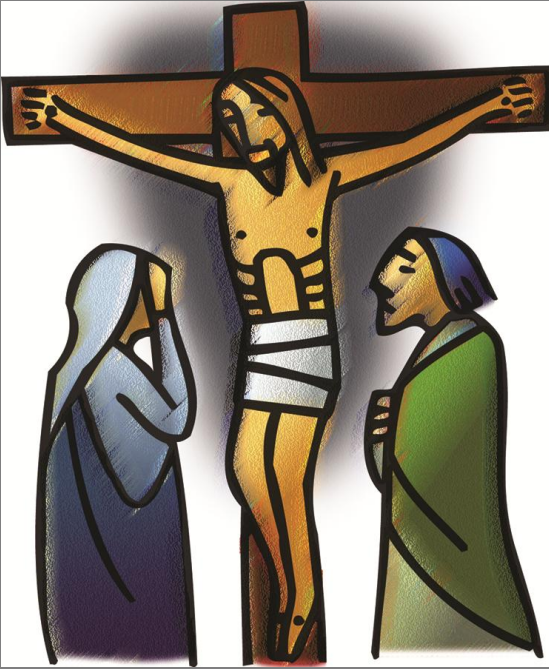


ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

April 3, 2026

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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.

**There will be a loud noise in the service at the sixth 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 comfortable

## Good Friday Tenebrae

April 3, 2026

7:30 p.m.

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*"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

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are aligned with the notes on the treble staff.

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.

## \*OPENING PRAYER

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

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.**

## IT IS FINISHED

By Mary McDonald

First Reading

First candle extinguished

Anthem – *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

Second Reading

Second candle extinguished

Anthem – *“I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love”*

Third Reading

Third candle extinguished

Anthem – *“As You Will, It Will Be”*

Fourth Reading

Hymn – *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

The musical score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The accompaniment provides a steady harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Fourth candle extinguished

Fifth Reading  
Anthem – “*Let Him Be Crucified*”  
Fifth candle extinguished

Sixth Reading  
Christ Candle removed  
**A loud noise (*the strepitus*) symbolizes the earthquake that followed Christ's death.**  
Anthem – “*It Is Finished with Were You There?*”

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

### **BIDDING PRAYER** (*10 times*)

*Each petition ends.*

P ...We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

C **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.**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE CROSS** (*3 times*)

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

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

### **THE SOLEMN REPROACHES** (*11 times*)

P ... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*All depart in silence.  
Those who wish to reverence the cross  
may kneel at the altar in silent prayer.*

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**JOIN US FOR**

**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 am

"It Is Finished

Mary McDonald

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