



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Good Friday**  
**April 19, 2019**

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Order of Worship

Good Friday

April 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

*At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life.*

*Key to hymnals:*

*ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back*

*WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back*

*STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)*

*\* = Please stand as you are able.*

## **THE SERVICE**

*This is a Tenebrae service. 'Tenebrae' is Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness'. In this service, we will use increasing darkness to dramatize the increasing sadness and darkness of the event of Holy Week.*

*After each portion of the Passion of our Lord according to St. John is read, one of the candles is extinguished, until only one candle remains. After the last reading, this candle is also extinguished leaving the congregation in darkness. The room is completely dark and recalls the days Jesus was in the tomb.*

*The intent of the service is to recreate the emotional aspects of our Lord's Passion—the 'shadows'—the 'darkness' of the betrayal, the abandonment, the trials, the humiliation, and the agony.*

*After a period of silence, a single candle is relit, representing the hope and joy and unexpected message of Easter—the Resurrection of our Lord. This story is not over until Easter Day. At this point the service is over. There is no benediction. Please leave in silence.*

## **GATHERING**

*(All gather in silence.)*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Lamb of God*

Senior Choir

In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Holy God,

**Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

Let us pray together.

**All-loving God, you sent the Christ to teach and embody your love for all people, all creation. On this day, Christ goes to the cross and to death, innocent and undeserving. Open our hearts minds to see his willing sacrifice and to be transformed by his self-giving love; through the same Jesus Christ, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, deserves our undying glory and praise.**

**Amen.**

# THE WAY OF THE CROSS

## I

### + Jesus Betrayed and Arrested +

READING

John 18:1-11

Rev. Darrel Cory

Holy God,

**Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*  
(stanzas 1-3)

ELW #347

*(One candle is extinguished.)*

## II

### + Jesus Questioned by Annas and Caiaphas +

READING

John 18:12-13, 19-24

Rev. Darrel Cory

Holy God,

**Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Let us pray together.

**Lord Christ, you came into a world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things; that we have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. In the security of your embrace we pray. Amen.**

*(One candle is extinguished.)*

**III**  
**+ Jesus Denied by Peter +**

READING

John 18:15-18, 25-27

Rev. Darrel Cory

Holy God,

**Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

**HYMN**

*In the Hour of Trial*

(next page)

*(One candle is extinguished.)*

# In the Hour of Trial

1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,  
 2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm,  
 3 Should thy mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,

lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.  
 or its sor - did trea - sures spread to work me harm,  
 or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,

When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;  
 bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne,  
 grant that I may nev - er fail thy hand to see;

nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.  
 or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross - crowned Cal - va - ry.  
 grant that I may ev - er cast my care on thee.

**IV**  
**+ Jesus Tried by Pilate +**

READING

John 18:28-38a

Rev. Darrel Cory

Holy God,

**Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Let us pray together.

**O God of truth, your thoughts are not our thoughts, your ways are not our ways. So teach us to trust in you that, like Christ Jesus, our lives may testify to your truth, through the same Christ, who humbled himself for the life of the world. Amen.**

*(One candle is extinguished.)*

**V**  
**+ Jesus Sentenced To Death +**

READING

John 18:38b-19:16a

Rev. Darrel Cory

Holy God,

**Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

**HYMN**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

ELW #349

*(One candle is extinguished.)*

**VI**  
**+ Jesus Is Nailed to a Cross +**

READING

John 19:16b-27

Rev. Darrel Cory

Holy God,

**Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Let us pray together.

**O God of Mercy, in your Servant Christ was no condemnation or spite. He who had the power, did not lash out in retribution or hatred, but took up his cross in open-hearted acceptance. May we, like Christ, face with courage the road before us, trusting in your care. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

ELW #351

*(One candle is extinguished.)*

**VII**  
**+ Jesus Dies +**

READING

John 19:28-37

Rev. Darrel Cory

Holy God,

**Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

**HYMN**

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

ELW #337

**HYMN**

*There in God's Garden*

ELW #342

*(One candle is extinguished.)*



**VIII**  
**+ Jesus is Buried +**

READING

John 19:38-42

Rev. Darrel Cory

Holy God,

**Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

**HYMN**

*Were You There*  
(stanzas 1 and 5)

ELW #353

*(The last candle is extinguished. Darkness.)*

*(Silence)*

*(A single candle is relit.)*

*(All depart the building in silence.)*

**The service continues on Easter Day at 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.**

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