

AS WE GATHER

The Good Friday Tenebrae helps us experience the time of darkness that occurred during Jesus' crucifixion. The Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") is a worship service observed during Holy Week to impress upon us the horrifying consequences of our sin and the magnitude of our Savior's sacrifice for us. Candles are extinguished to remind us of the darkness of that day and the darkness of our sinful world. Tonight, we use seven candles as we remember Jesus' seven last words from the cross. The removal of the Christ Candle near the end of the Tenebrae signifies the death of Jesus. The loud sound—the *strepitus*—represents the closing of the tomb. However, we do not leave in total darkness. The return of the Christ Candle reminds us that death is not the end of Jesus, nor the end of us. We conclude in both silence and confidence, knowing that the light of Easter will soon scatter the darkness of Good Friday.

WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION ON PSALM 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. ³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴ In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵ To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; 8 "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!" ⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. ¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God. 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. ¹² Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet — ¹⁷ I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸ they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹ But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! ²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! 21 Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! 22 I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: ²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. ³⁰ Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

PRELUDE "Christ lag in Todesbanden" ... Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Colossians 2:13–15

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear now words of forgiveness, spoken to you, flowing from the cross: "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him." On the cross, God the Father took your sins and laid them upon His Son, Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus triumphed over sin, death, hell, and the devil. Everything Jesus did on the cross, He did for you. Because of the cross, you are fully and freely forgiven.

People Amen.

SALUTATION/PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

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A WORD OF FORGIVENESS Luke 23:32–38

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

(A Candle is Extinguished)

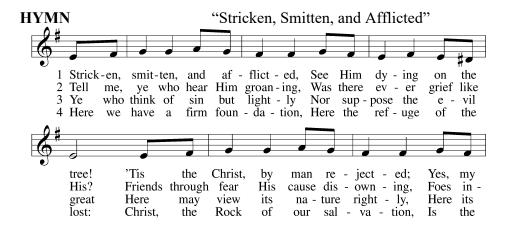


A WORD OF CONCERN

Luke 23:43

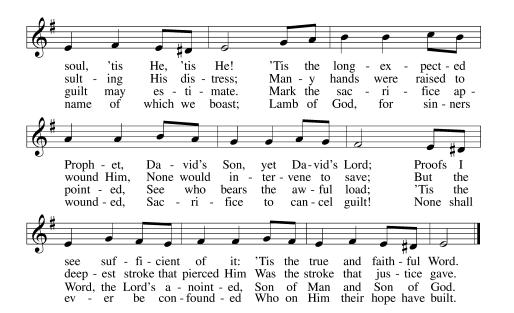
"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

(A Candle is Extinguished)



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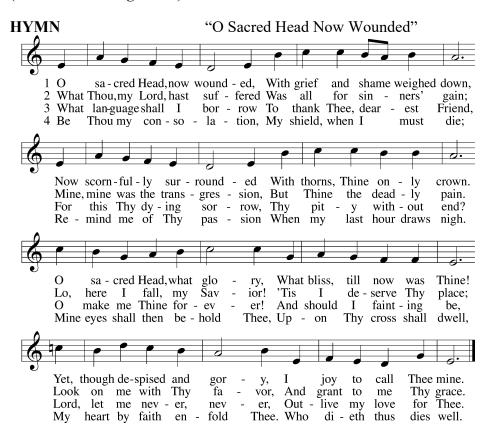


A WORD OF LOVE

John 19:25-27

"Woman, behold, your son!" "Behold, your mother!"

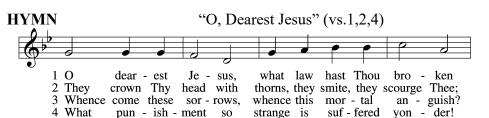
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A WORD OF LONELINESS *Matthew 27:45–49*

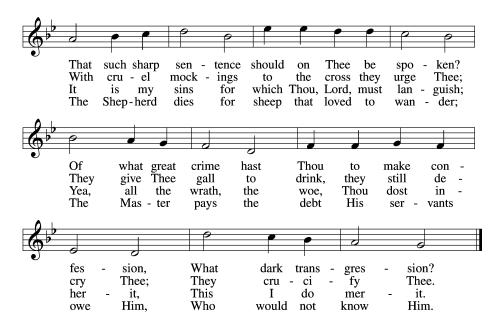
"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

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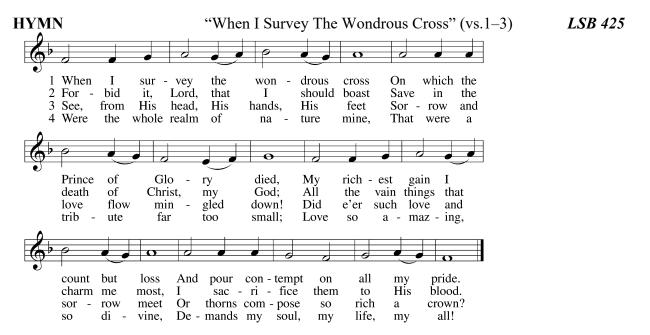


A WORD OF SUFFERING

John 19:28–29

"I thirst."

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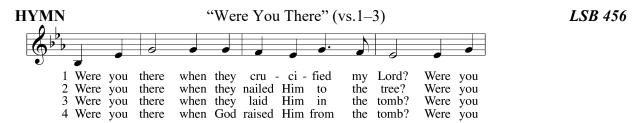


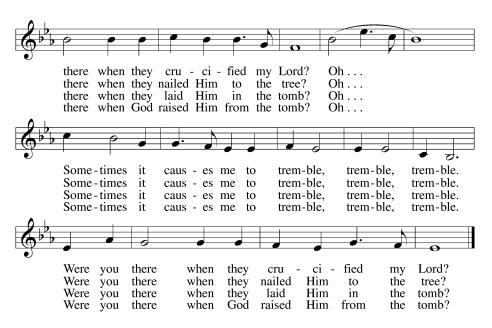
A WORD OF VICTORY

John 19:30

"It is finished."

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A WORD OF REUNION

Luke 23:44–46

"Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!"

(A Candle is Extinguished)

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

(We quietly pray as the Lord Himself has taught us.)

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.

ANTHEM "Rise Again" ... D. Holm sung by Pastor Jason

After the song, the Candle is removed, symbolizing the burying of Christ, and the Strepitus - a loud sound - is heard, symbolizing the closing and sealing of the tomb.

The candle is returned, symbolizing God's continuing presence. There is no Benediction; our worship continues with the Easter Celebration on Sunday morning at 9:00am.

As we meditate on the thoughts of this evening, and remember the price Jesus paid for our sins, we end our worship in total silence.

+ TO GOD ALONE BE ALL GLORY +

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