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Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 3, 2026

Welcome Visitors!

We are both excited and honored that you've joined us for worship today! We hope you'll join us again next week at 9:30am for Sunday School and 10:30 for worship.



If you have a smartphone, use your phone's camera or code scanner to electronically submit your **church connection card**. Let us know how we might be able to serve and pray for you.

Restrooms: Located downstairs under the Sanctuary, the back hallway behind the Sanctuary or in the lobby connector with the Fellowship Hall.

Families with Children: If you wish, a staffed nursery for children aged 0-4 is located in the lower level of the building below the sanctuary. Children also have the option of worshipping in the sanctuary, or attending Children's Church, which begins after the Children's Chat.

Food & Drinks: To help keep our worship space clean and reverent, no food is permitted in the sanctuary. Water bottles or enclosed cups are welcome. Thank for your cooperation.

Question: If you have any questions, please feel free to ask an usher.

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 Please stand as you are able where denoted during the worship service.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service April 3, 2026

In the Tenebrae service this evening, seven candles on the altar will represent each of the sayings of Jesus from the cross. Readers will share with us the words that Jesus spoke while on the cross. After each passage, one candle will be extinguished and the lights in the church gradually dimmed until all is in total darkness. This symbolizes the death of Christ on the first Good Friday. After the Book is closed, and the last refrain of "Jesus, Remember me" is sung, the service concludes in personal reflection on the suffering, sacrifice, and death of Jesus on the cross for each of us! Each worshiper may leave their pew, come to the center aisle, and for a moment ponder the love and grace of God accomplishing our salvation in the suffering and death of Jesus. You may hit the nail, remembering that it was for our sin that He endured the cross; we were there when they crucified our Lord. After you hit the nail, you may leave silently or you may sit again in personal devotion, as the beautiful, instrumental music "Adagio for Strings" (Lamb of God) is played quietly in the background. It is finished! After His death, Jesus was laid in the tomb. We will gather once again Easter morning to celebrate His victory over death.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

† Friday Responsive Reading

C: We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection for by your cross joy has come into the world.

P: May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

C: We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

C: We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

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

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

† The Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, look with mercy on your family of faith who are gathered here and across the world, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over into the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† Hymn "Were You There" LBW Hymn 92

Tenebrae Service of Message, Light, and Darkness

FIRST WORD "Father Forgive" Luke 23:32-34

- 32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.
- 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.
- 34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." [a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Silent Meditation

Special Music "On My Cross" Elizabeth Rodgers

SECOND WORD "With Me in Paradise" Luke 23: 39-43

- 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
- 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?"
- 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."
- 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. [a]"
- 43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Silent Meditation

Special Music "He Grew The Tree" Geoffrey Sloop

† Hymn "Seek Ye First"

See ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be given unto you
Allelu, alleluia.

THIRD WORD "BeHold Your Mother" John 19: 25-27

- 25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
- 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved

- standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, [a] here is your son,"
- 27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Silent Meditation

Special Music "Jesus Died Alone" Kathy Patrick & Jessica Sloop

FOURTH WORD "Eloi, Eloi" Mark 15: 33-38

- 33 At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.
- 34 And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). [a]
- 35 When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."
- 36 Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.
- 37 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.
- 38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

Silent Meditation

Special Music Crucifixus by Rossini (Petite Messe Solenelle)
Alexandra Ong/Harp

FIFTH WORD "I Thirst" John 19: 28-29

- 28 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."
- 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

Silent Meditation

Anthem "Pie Jesu" Adult Choir
(Bells, Harp)

SIXTH WORD "It is Finished" John 19:30

- 30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

SEVENTH WORD “Father, Into Your Hands” Luke 23: 44-46

- 44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,
- 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
- 46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”[a] When he had said this, he breathed his last.**Silent**

Silent Meditation

All Sing “Jesus, Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

FINAL READING “Burial” John 19:38-42

- 38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate’s permission, he came and took the body away.
- 39 He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.[a]
- 40 Taking Jesus’ body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.
- 41 At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.
- 42 Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Depart in Silence

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