



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Seymour, IN

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April 10, 2020

7:30 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY

TENEBRAE

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Welcome to Worship! Today is the day we look to the cross where death did its worst and the Son of God laid down His life. Standing in the shadow of the cross, however, we also see a light that gives us hope. Though Jesus knew His life would end hanging on the cross, it was the only way He could get us to the Light!

Large Print bulletins and **Hearing Devices** are available from an usher.

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THE PRELUDE: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" - Dietrich Buxtehude

THE HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory "

Hymn 427

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

THE OPENING RESPONSES

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

People: Amen.

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.

(We take a time of silence to personally confess our sins.)

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 sins, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our sins, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.”* (Col. 2:13-14). 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. Because of the cross, you are fully and freely forgiven!

People: Amen.

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.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:8

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you – his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind – so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken

away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

THE HYMN: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Hymn 425

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
 And pour contempt on all my pride.

- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.

- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all!

THE SERMON: “He Knew It All Along”

THE OFFERING

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "When on the Cross the Savior Hung" - Fischer

THE PRAYERS

+THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE+

THE READING: John 18:1-11 (Jesus in the Garden)

Response: "Go To Dark Gethsemane" Hymn 436, vs. 1-2

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

(The first candle is extinguished.)

THE READING: John 18:12-27 (Jesus denied by Peter) *Page 904*

Response: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" Hymn 437, vs. 1-2

Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

(The second candle is extinguished.)

THE READING: John 18:28-19:16 (Jesus before Pilate) *Page 904-905*

Response: "Christ the Life of All the Living" Hymn 420, vs. 1-2

1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff' rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

(The third candle is extinguished)

THE READING: John 19:16b-22 (Jesus Goes to Calvary) Page 905

Response: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" Hymn 423, vs.1-2

1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.

2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

(The fourth candle is extinguished)

THE READING: John 19:23-25a (Jesus is crucified) *Page 905*

Response: "Sticken, Smitten, and Afflicted" Hymn 451, vs. 1, 3

- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.
- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

(The fifth candle is extinguished.)

THE READING: John 19:25b-30 (Jesus gives up His spirit) *Page 905-906*

Response: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Hymn 450, vs. 1,7

- 1 O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.
- 7 Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,

Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

(The sixth candle is extinguished.)

THE PROMISE: Isaiah 53:9-12 (Assigned a grave with rich) *Page 614*

He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and after the suffering of His soul, He will see the light (of life) and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The seventh candle is extinguished, and the Christ Candle is removed to signify the burying of Christ. The Strepitus is heard to signify the closing and sealing of the tomb.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Whispered in unison)

**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.**

(The Christ Candle is returned, to show God's continuing presence.)

Preacher: Pastor Rodriguez **Liturgists:** Pastor Bloch and Pastor Blumenberg

Lector: Vicar Ronchetto **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer