



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Seymour, IN

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April 2, 2021

7:30 P.M.

Welcome to Worship!

In this service of Tenebrae (darkness) in readings and hymns we hear the great love of the Father for His children. The “Mark of Blood” that was shed by Jesus’ death on the cross is precious and costly! St. Paul in Ephesians 1:7 reminds us, “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of His grace!” Bloodshed is the epitome of violence. But for you and me, blood is also the costly guarantee of a most extravagant gift of grace!

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

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THE PRELUDE: “Behold the Lamb of God” –Healey Willan

THE HYMN: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Hymn 449

- 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.
- 2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners’ gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! ’Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.
- 3 What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.
- 4 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.

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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 ANTHEM: "No Tramp of Soldier's Marching Feet"

Hymn 444

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 52:13–53:8 (Page 613)

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 everyone 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 (Page 1003)

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, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

THE HYMN: "My Song is Love Unknown"

Hymn 430

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
 He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
 Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

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THE SERMON: "The Mark of Blood"

THE PRAYER

+THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE+

THE READING: John 18:1-11 (Jesus in the Garden) Page 904

Response: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Hymn 450, verse 1

(The first candle is extinguished.)

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.

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

Response: "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" Hymn 451, verse 1

(The second candle is extinguished.)

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.

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

Response: "Upon the Cross Extended" Hymn 453, verse 1

(The third candle is extinguished)

1 Upon the cross extended See, world, your Lord suspended.
 Your Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven
 Himself has freely given To shame and blows and bitter death.

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

Response: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" Hymn 437, verse 1

(The fourth candle is extinguished)

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

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

Response: "Were You There?" Hymn 456, verse 1

(The fifth candle is extinguished.)

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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

Response: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" Hymn 434, verse 1

(The sixth candle is extinguished.)

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
 Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
 All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
 Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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)

(The Christ Candle is returned, to show God's continuing presence. We leave in silence but will return with joy to celebrate Christ's resurrection Sunday at 6:30, 9, and 11:15 a.m.)

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

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

Special Music: Adult Choir

