



**SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

***Good Friday***

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"In Nomine Iesu"

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### **About this evening's service.**

As we gather:

*Tenebrae* is the Latin word for "darkness." As the candles are extinguished and lights dim, we reflect on our Lord's passion and death through Psalms and readings. At the end of this service, when the darkness of our sin is at its deepest and the powers of evil have apparently won, the light of Christ's resurrection shines deeply into us, scattering the darkness in our hearts and minds.

Although this service is solemn in nature, tonight we worship with joy as God's beloved children, His forgiven people, and we give thanks for the perfect life which Jesus offered as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Notes on the Liturgy: The Psalms will be prayed responsively. The Officiant will pray the *italicized portions* and the regular print portions. **The congregation will pray the bold portions.**

Easter Morning:

We will celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Sunday morning at 7am and 10am. CREW is offering a breakfast with food service beginning at 8:30am.

*There will be no presentation of the offering  
during the service this evening.*

**+ Service of the Word +**

*All enter the church in silence.*

### **Versicles**

P O Lord, open my lips.

C **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

## Psalmody

Psalm 70

*Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek my life.*

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me!  
Make haste to help me, O LORD!

**C Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek my life; let them be turned back and confused who desire my hurt.**

P Let them be turned back because of their shame, who say,  
"Aha, aha!"

**C Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; and let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!"**

P But I am poor and needy; make haste to me, O God!

**C You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.**

*Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek my life.**(A candle is extinguished)*

## Psalmody

Psalm 63:1-8

*God did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all.*

P O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

**C So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.**

P Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You.

**C Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.**

P My soul shall be satisfied with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

**C When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches.**

- P Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow  
of Your wings I will rejoice.
- C **My soul follows close behind You;  
Your right hand upholds me.**

*God did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all.*

*(A candle is extinguished)*

## Psalmody

*Psalm 130*

*I wait for the LORD, my soul waits.*

- P Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; Lord, hear  
my voice!
- C **Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my  
supplications.**
- P If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?
- C **But there is forgiveness with You,  
that You may be feared.**
- P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in His word I do hope.
- C **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch  
for the morning—yes, more than those who watch for  
the morning.**
- P O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there  
is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.
- C **And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

*I wait for the LORD, my soul waits.*

*(A candle is extinguished)*

## Hymn

*“Jesus I Will Ponder Now”*

LSB #440 vs 5-6

## The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

*John 19*

So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> Then they said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck Him with their hands. <sup>4</sup> Pilate then went out again, and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him.” <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus came out, wearing

the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup> Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, <sup>9</sup> and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." <sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." <sup>13</sup> When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup> But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" <sup>16</sup> Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away. <sup>17</sup> And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, <sup>18</sup> where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. <sup>19</sup> Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was:

#### JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>20</sup> Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. <sup>21</sup> Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews." ' " <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." <sup>23</sup> Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. <sup>24</sup> They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall

be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.<sup>25</sup> Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.<sup>26</sup> When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!"<sup>27</sup> Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"<sup>29</sup> Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.<sup>30</sup> So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.<sup>31</sup> Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.<sup>32</sup> Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.<sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.<sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.<sup>35</sup> And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.<sup>36</sup> For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken."<sup>37</sup> And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."<sup>38</sup> After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus.<sup>39</sup> And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.<sup>40</sup> Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.<sup>41</sup> Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.<sup>42</sup> So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

*(A candle is extinguished)*

Hymn: "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" LSB #451

Psalmody *Isaiah 53*

*And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

- P Who has believed our report?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- C For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground.**
- P He has no form or comeliness;
- C And when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.**
- P He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
- C And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.**
- P Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
- C Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**
- P But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;
- C The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.**
- P All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way;
- C And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**
- P He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth;
- C He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.**
- P He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation?
- C For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken.**

- P And they made His grave with the wicked—but with the rich at His death,
- C **Because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.**
- P Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.
- C **He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.**
- P Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong,
- C **Because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

*And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

*(A candle is extinguished)*

Hymn      *“The Death of Jesus Christ Our Lord”*      LSB #634

Sermon

Hymn      *“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”*      LSB #438

Psalmody      *Psalm 150*

*O Death, I will be your grave; O grave,  
I will be your destruction.*

- P Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary;  
praise Him in His mighty firmament!
- C **Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!**
- P Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;  
praise Him with the lute and harp!
- C **Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!**



P Praise Him with loud cymbals;  
praise Him with clashing cymbals!  
C **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.  
Praise the LORD!**

*O Death, I will be your grave;  
O grave, I will be your destruction.*

*(A candle is extinguished)*

**Choir Anthem**      *“God So Loved the World”*  
Text: John 3:16-17  
Music: John Stainer; Arr. John Leavitt

### **The Litany and Prayers**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.  
C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

P O God the Father in heaven:  
C **Have mercy upon us.**

P O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:  
C **Have mercy upon us.**

P O God the Holy Spirit:  
C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Jesus, Son of the living God:  
C **Have mercy upon us.**

P From all evil:  
C **O Jesus, deliver us.**

P From sudden, unprepared, or evil death;  
From the snare of the devil;  
From anger, hatred, or ill-will;  
From everlasting death:  
C **O Jesus, deliver us.**

P By the mystery of Your Incarnation;  
By Your most holy life and conversation;  
By Your most bitter Passion and death;

By Your agony and bloody sweat;  
By Your thrice-repeated prayer;  
By Your bonds and stripes;  
By Your sacred body buffeted and smitten;  
By the spitting upon Your adorable face;  
By the false judgment pronounced upon You by Caiaphas;  
By Your being set at nought by Herod;  
By the shameful stripping off of Your garments;  
By Your painful crown of thorns;  
By Your purple robe of mockery;  
By Your most unjust condemnation;  
By Your bearing Your own cross;  
By Your footprints to the place of death;  
By the cruel straining of Your sacred limbs;  
By Your dread crucifixion;  
By the upraising of Your cross;  
By Your prayers and tears;  
By the insults which You endured;  
By the shedding of Your most precious blood;  
By Your patience and humility;

By the love with which You loved us to the end:

**C O Jesus, deliver us.**

**P** We sinners beseech you:

**C To hear us, O most loving Jesus.**

**P** That being dead to sin, we may live unto righteousness;  
That we may not glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
That we may take up our cross daily and follow You;  
That Your blood may cleanse us from dead works to serve the living God;  
That looking to Your example, we may follow Your steps;  
That being partakers of Your sufferings, we may also partake of Your glory:

**C We beseech You to hear us, O Jesus.**

**P** O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

**C Have mercy upon us.**

**P** O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

**C Have mercy upon us.**

P O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:  
C **Grant us Your peace.**

P We adore You; we bless You, O Jesus:  
C **By Your Cross and Passion, You have redeemed the world.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, You who were lifted up on the cross for the redemption of the world and did shed Your blood for the remission of our sins, we humbly beseech You that, by the virtue and merits of Your most holy life, Passion, and death, You would grant us to enter into the gates of paradise with joy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

*(The final candle is extinguished)*

Hymn                    *"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"*                    LSB #422

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
All **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.**

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with your spirit.**

P Almighty and everlasting God, because You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross that You might remove from us the power of the adversary, cause us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may obtain remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

The candle is removed.

The Strepitus  
*(A loud sound symbolizing the stone being rolled  
in front of the tomb)*

The candle is returned.  
*(symbolizing that our Easter Hope is coming!)*

*The omission of the Benediction tonight indicates that our worship  
is not yet complete until we are joined together to celebrate the  
Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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