

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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*A Biblical, Confessional and Traditional congregation in the Chicago region
committed to ministering to sinners with the forgiving presence of Jesus Christ.*

The Office of Tenebrae

AN EXPLANATION OF THE TENEBRAE SERVICE

Good Friday is part of the sacred Triduum, the three-day observance of Christ's Passion. Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ. It is a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption of Christ accomplished for us on the cross. In keeping with this character, music is kept at a minimum, though not silenced. Elaborate words of praise are omitted, and the altar remains bare, having been stripped on Holy Thursday.

The Service of Tenebrae is an ancient Holy Week devotion finding its beginning in the 7th or 8th century after Christ. The name "Tenebrae" is from the Latin meaning "shadows" or "darkness." In the Service, candles are extinguished one by one to remind the hearer of the darkness which covered the earth when Jesus hung on the cross, the darkness which covered the people who rejected the Son of God, and the gradual expiration and death of Jesus on the cross. As the candles are extinguished, the church is gradually cast into darkness. This brings to completion the Good Friday Service.

The penitential lessons, together with the symbolic ceremony of extinguishing lights, fittingly express the sorrow in the church during these days. No Service during the entire Church Year is more Biblical; nearly every word of Tenebrae is taken directly from the Scriptures.

Following the opening versicles, the Service is divided into sections, called "Nocturns." Each Nocturn ends with the extinguishing of candles and the darkening of the church.

The Central candle, or Paschal candle, representing our Lord, is not extinguished, but as Christ's body was hidden in the grave for 3 days, so this candle is removed and hidden for a short time. While the Central candle is absent the "strepitus" is heard, a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb. Then the Central Candle is returned to its place in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection.

At the completion of the Service the ushers will dismiss you. Please leave the sanctuary silently, maintaining the spirit of humbleness befitting this solemn evening.

All enter in silence.

please stand

Opening 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.

Opening Collect

- P** 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 on 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.
C Amen.

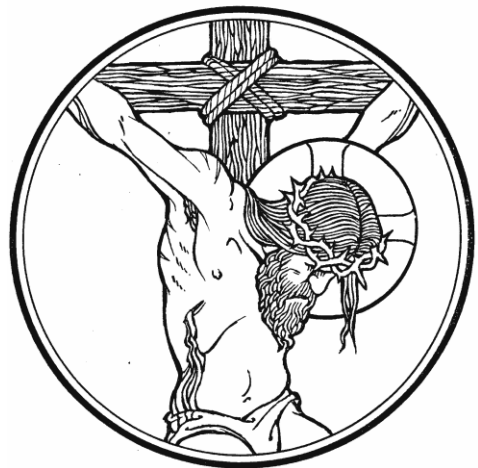
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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

After the reading:

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.



Hymn

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

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Collect

P Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the
 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
 time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
 Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
 no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
 and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
 Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
 Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He
 None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the
 Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
 true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.
 world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!
 in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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Collect

P Almighty and everlasting God, 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. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ THE PASSION ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN ✠

+ + + + The First Nocturn + + + +

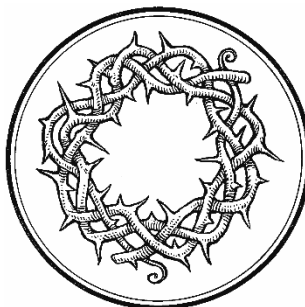


Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane
Saint John 18:1-11

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

I O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

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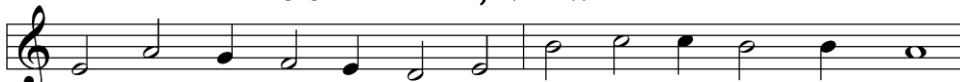
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Jesus before the High Priest

Saint John 18:12-27

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



2 How pale Thou art with an-guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!



How doth Thy face now lan-guish That once was bright as morn!



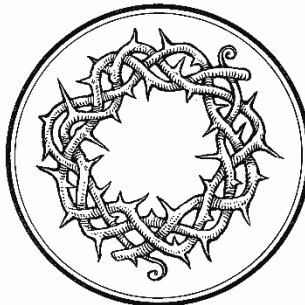
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;



Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

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+ + + + The Third Nocturn + + + +



Jesus before Pontius Pilate

Saint John 18:28-40

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.

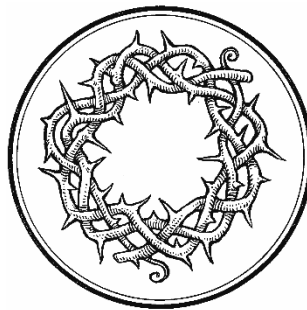


Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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+ + + + The Fourth Nocturn + + + +



Jesus Delivered to Be Crucified

Saint John 19:1-16A

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

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The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

Saint John 19:16b - 24

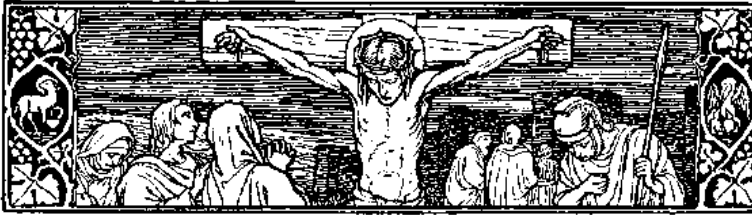
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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The Seven Words of Jesus and His Death

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

Saint Luke 23:33-38

“Woman, behold your son! ... Behold your mother!”

Saint John 19:23-27

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

Saint Luke 23:39-43

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Saint Matthew 27:43-47, 49

“I thirst!”

Saint John 19:28-29

“It is finished!”

Saint John 19:30

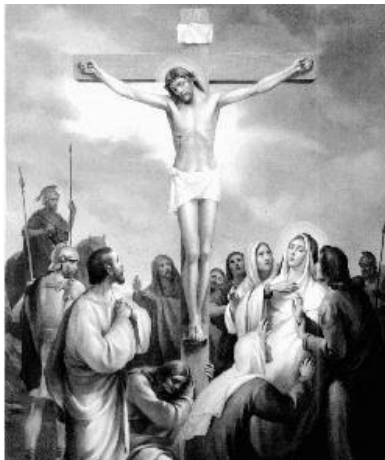
“Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.”

Saint Luke 23:46

“Lord, We Will Remember Thee” Carl F. Schalk

Choir

Homily



please stand

Responsory

1 John 2:1-2; Mark 10:33; Psalm 32:1

- P** We have an advocate with the Father;
Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death;**
He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- P** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven
and whose sin is put away.
- C** **He was delivered up to death;**
He was delivered for the sins of the people.
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Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death;**
He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Kyrie — *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

- P** Lord, have mercy.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Christ, have mercy.
- C** **Christ, have mercy.**
- P** Lord, have mercy.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- C** **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.

Salutation and Closing Collects

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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 on 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.

C Amen.

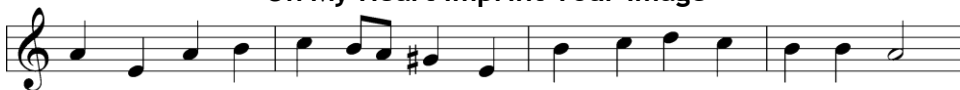
P Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

please be seated

Hymn

On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;

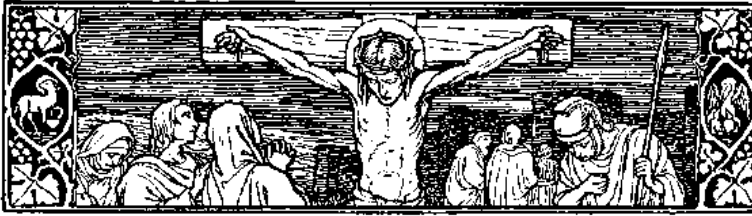


Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

+ + + + The Seventh Nocturn + + + +



The Burial of Jesus

Saint John 19:31-42

+ + + + Conclusion + + + +

- P** Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- C** Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name.

+ THE CENTRAL CANDLE IS REMOVED +

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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✠ THE SANTUARY IS CAST INTO DARKNESS ✠

P Let us pray: Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree of the cross so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, with all those who devoutly remember Your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come; for You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ THE STREPITUS IS HEARD +

The strepitus is heard, a noise signifying the closing of the tomb and the earthquake which occurred at the time of our Lord's death.

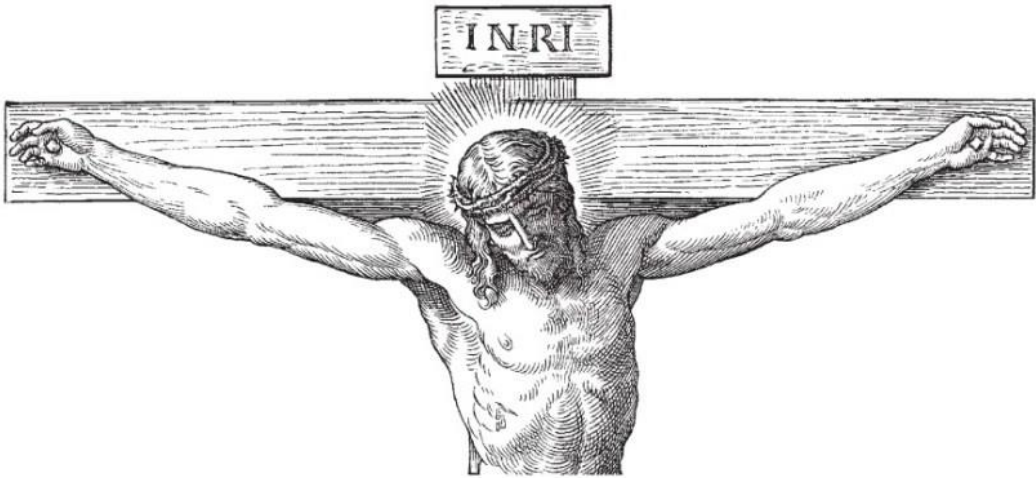
+ THE CENTRAL CANDLE IS RETURNED +

The Central candle is brought back into the chancel, in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection.

As with the service for Maundy Thursday, there is no benediction in this evening's Tenebrae Service. The extended service of the Triduum (three days) will conclude with our Easter celebration. Please feel free to remain in prayer as long as you desire.

As you are ushered out, please leave in silence, maintaining the spirit of humbleness befitting this solemn evening.

You may place your offering in the plate in the narthex as you leave the church.



"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

✠ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY ✠