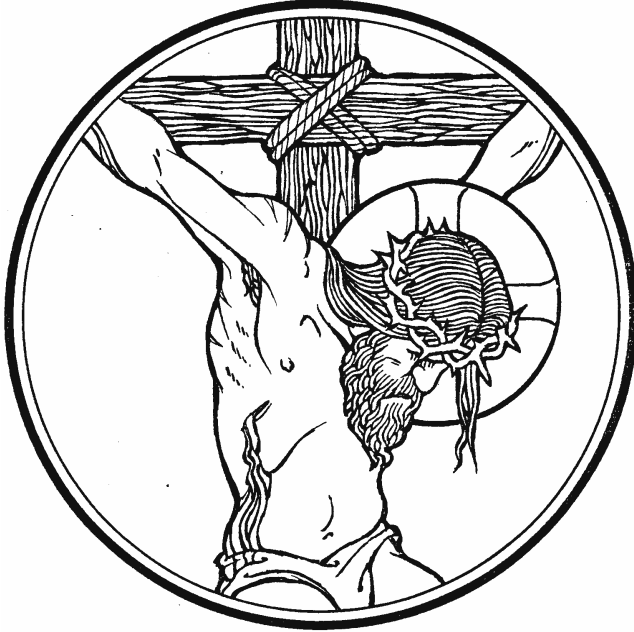


# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ***GOOD FRIDAY***

April 7, 2023

**GREETINGS IN JESUS' NAME** on this Holy Day of His suffering and death.

Tonight's Service is an adaptation of the ancient Office of **TENEBRAE**. (Tenebrae simply means "darkness".) As on that first Good Friday it may seem as if darkness conquers, but the Light of Christ cannot and will not be extinguished. Our joy in this assurance is complete as we also share the life-giving Body and Blood of our loving Lord in the **SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR**.

You will notice that the Christ candle remains lit throughout the service. This is to signify that although Christ truly died for our sins, at no point did Satan overcome Him. We know that we will again celebrate His resurrection on Easter. The Christ candle will be carried out of the sanctuary at the close of our service to signify our Lord's burial in the tomb.

**TRINITY PRACTICES CLOSED COMMUNION**

We welcome all of you to our celebration of Holy Communion this evening. Because of the sad divisions that exist in Christianity today, we cannot invite all of you to the Lord's Table. Trinity practices closed Communion which means we commune active members of Trinity and those guests who have been invited to commune prior to the service. If you are a guest and have not spoken to our pastor, please do not come forward to receive Communion.

*PRE-SERVICE CHOIR ANTHEM: "Lamentations of Jeremiah" I*

*The Lord is righteous, the Lord is righteous;  
For I have rebelled against His Commandments.  
Hear, I pray You, all people, and behold my sorrow.*

### ***THE INVOCATION***

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son (†), and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN.** (Spoken)

*(All may kneel through the collect)*

### **THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (TLH 172:1,4)

**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, tho' despised and gory,**

**I joy to call Thee mine.**

**4. My burden in Thy Passion,  
Lord, Thou hast borne for me,  
For it was my transgression  
Which bro't this woe on Thee.  
I cast me down before Thee;  
Wrath were my rightful lot.  
Have mercy, I implore Thee;  
Redeemer, spurn me not!**

**P:** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR MAKER AND REDEEMER, WE  
POOR SINNERS CONFESS UNTO THEE THAT WE ARE BY  
NATURE SINFUL AND UNCLEAN AND THAT WE HAVE  
SINNED AGAINST THEE BY THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED.  
WHEREFORE WE FLEE FOR REFUGE TO THINE INFINITE  
MERCY, SEEKING AND IMPLORING THY GRACE FOR THE  
SAKE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

### ***THE ABSOLUTION***

**P:** Upon this your confession I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Ghost.

**C: AMEN.** (Spoken)

***THE HYMN*** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (TLH 172:8, 10)

**8. What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow,**

**Thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me Thine forever!  
And should I fainting be,**

**Lord, let me never, never,  
Outlive my love for Thee.**

**10. 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY***

**P:** Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **AMEN.** (Spoken)

*(All may be seated)*

**+THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE+**

The Office is divided into 7 portions. Each of these concludes with the extinguishing of one candle as the hymn verse is sung.

***1.) THE PSALM VERSES***

*(Spoken in unison by the congregation)*

**C: MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?  
WHY ARE YOU SO FAR FROM SAVING ME, SO FAR FROM  
THE WORDS OF MY GROANING? O MY GOD, I CRY OUT  
BY DAY, BUT YOU DO NOT ANSWER, BY NIGHT, AND AM  
NOT SILENT. (Psalm 22:1,2)**

***THE LESSON***

John 18:1-11

**1. Go to dark Gethsemane,  
Ye that feel the Tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflicts see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away,  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

**2.) THE PSALM VERSES**

**C: ALL WHO SEE ME MOCK ME; THEY HURL INSULTS  
SHAKING THEIR HEADS. "HE TRUSTS IN THE LORD; LET  
THE LORD RESCUE HIM. LET HIM DELIVER HIM, SINCE  
HE DELIGHTS IN HIM." (Psalm 22:7,8)**

*THE LESSON*

John 18:12-24

*THE HYMN* "Go To Dark Gethsemane" (TLH 159:2)

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

### 3.) *THE PSALM VERSES*

**C: IN YOU OUR FATHERS PUT THEIR TRUST; THEY TRUSTED YOU AND YOU DELIVERED THEM. THEY CRIED TO YOU AND WERE SAVED; IN YOU THEY TRUSTED AND WERE NOT DISAPPOINTED.** (Psalm 22:4,5)

*THE LESSON*            John 18:25-38

*THE HYMN* “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (TLH 153:1,2)

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.

2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,  
Was there ever grief like His?  
Friends thro’ fear His cause disowning,  
Foes insulting His distress;  
Many hands were raised to wound Him,  
None would interpose to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him  
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

### 4.) *THE PSALM VERSE*

**C: DO NOT BE FAR FROM ME, FOR TROUBLE IS NEAR AND THERE IS NO ONE TO HELP.** (Psalm 22:11)

*THE LESSON*            John 18:39-19:7

*THE HYMN* “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

(TLH 143:1-3)

**1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken**

**That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, --  
What dark transgression?**

**2. They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;**

**With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;  
They crucify Thee.**

**3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?**

**It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,  
This I do merit.**

**5.) *THE PSALM VERSE***

**C: BUT YOU, O LORD, BE NOT FAR OFF. O MY  
STRENGTH, COME QUICKLY TO HELP ME. (Psalm 22:19)**

***THE LESSON***      John 19:8-16

***THE HYMN*** “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (TLH 153:3)

**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.**

**6.) THE PSALM VERSE**

**C: I WILL DECLARE YOUR NAME TO MY BROTHERS;  
IN THE CONGREGATION I WILL PRAISE YOU.**

(Psalm 22:22)

**THE LESSON**      John 19:16-27

**THE HYMN** "O Perfect Life of Love" (TLH 170:3,4)  
"Not All the Blood of Beasts" (TLH 156:4)

<b>3. No pain that we can share</b>	<b>4. And on His thorn-crowned head</b>
<b>But He has felt its smart;</b>	<b>And on His sinless soul</b>
<b>All forms of human grief and care</b>	<b>Our sins in all their guilt were laid</b>
<b>Have pierced that tender heart.</b>	<b>That He might make us whole.</b>

**4. My soul looks back to see  
The burden Thou didst bear  
When hanging on the curs-ed tree  
And knows her guilt was there.**

*(Out of respect for our Lord's dying we stand for the last section, number 7)*

**7.) THE PSALM VERSE**



**C: FOR HE HAS NOT DESPISED OR DISDAINED THE SUFFERING OF THE AFFLICTED ONE; HE HAS NOT HIDDEN HIS FACE FROM HIM BUT HAS LISTENED TO HIS CRY FOR HELP. (Psalm 22:24)**

***THE LESSON***      John 19:28-42

***THE HYMN*** “Throned upon the Awe-ful Tree” (TLH 174:1,2,3)  
“Go to Dark Gethsemane” (TLH 159:3)

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| <b>1. Throned upon the awe-ful tree,<br/>King of grief, I watch with Thee.<br/>Darkness veils Thine anguished face;<br/>None its lines of woe can trace,<br/>None can tell what pangs unknown<br/>Hold Thee silent and alone.</b> | <b>2. Silent thro' those three dread hours,<br/>Wrestling with the evil pow'rs,<br/>Left alone with human sin,<br/>Gloom around Thee and within,<br/>Till th' appointed time is nigh,<br/>Till the Lamb of God may die.</b> |
| <b>3. Hark the cry that peals aloud<br/>Upward through the whelming cloud!<br/>Thou, the Father's only Son,<br/>Thou, His own Anointed One,<br/>Thou dost ask Him, Can it be?<br/>“Why hast Thou forsaken Me?”</b>                | <b>3. Calvary's mournful mountain climb;<br/>There, adoring at His feet,<br/>Mark that miracle of time,<br/>God's own sacrifice complete.<br/>“It is finished!” hear Him cry;<br/>Learn of Jesus Christ to die.</b>         |

***THE SERMON***

# THE OFFERING

## CHOIR ANTHEM:

### “Lamentations of Jeremiah” II

*From above He hath sent fire into my bones;  
And it prevailed against me.  
He hath set a net for my feet; He hath turned me back;  
He hath made me desolate and faint all the day.*

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Chanted)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed  
Give us this day our  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver

be Thy name.  
dai - ly bread;  
us - ly from e - vil;

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for

earth as it is in heaven.  
those who trespass a - gainst us.  
ev - er. A - men.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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## CHOIR ANTHEM:

### “Lamentations of Jeremiah” III

*For the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests,*

*That have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,  
They have wandered as blind men in the streets,  
They have polluted themselves with blood,  
So that men could not touch their garments.  
They cried unto them: Depart ye! Depart ye! It is unclean.  
Depart, depart, depart, depart ye! Touch not, touch not, touch not, touch not!*

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

TLH 316

**THE POST COMMUNION HYMN**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (TLH 175:1-4)

- 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.**

*(Choir) 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 BENEDICTION***

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God the Father,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.
- C:** **AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.** (Sung)

*CHOIR ANTHEM:*

*“Lamentations of Jeremiah” IV*

*Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us;  
Consider and behold our reproach.  
Our fathers have sinned, and are not;  
And we have borne their iniquities.  
The joy of our heart is ceased;  
Our dance is turned into mourning.  
The crown is fallen from our head;  
Woe unto us, that we have sinned!*

The Christ Candle is removed, still lit, from the Sanctuary at this time. The Pastor will not greet you at the door on this special night. Depart in silence, thinking about the loving sacrifice we just celebrated and the full forgiveness He won for us.

***Please Return with Joy This Sunday  
at 10:30 am to Celebrate the Resurrection of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ!***

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