

St. John's Lutheran Church Red Bud, Illinois Good Friday 7 p.m. April 2, 2021

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE: A service of Tenebrae, meaning "darkness," was first celebrated in the fourth century. It is a service of worship that moves from light to darkness with the fading life of Jesus on the cross. The candle on the altar which represents the life of our Lord is not extinguished but is removed and hidden for a short time just as Christ's body was hidden in the grave over three days' time. The noise of the Closing of the Door at the conclusion of the service symbolizes the closing of the tomb. This act completed Christ's work of suffering and dying in our place.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to worship. We observe the silence of mourners as we gather to witness the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus.

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S ABSOLUTION: *(please stand)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Heavenly Father, You have gathered us together at the foot of Your Son's cross where He suffers for us. We are guilty sinners in need of Your forgiveness, life and salvation.

C: Jesus Christ our Savior has died to take away our sins.

P: All too often we fail to fight against the evil in this world.

C: Jesus Christ our Savior has died to take away our sins.

P: All too often we fail to fight against the evil in our lives.

C: Jesus Christ our Savior has died to take away our sins.

P: All too often we deny and betray our Lord.

C: Jesus Christ our Savior has died to take away our sins.

ALL: We have sinned against You, O Lord, in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions. Have mercy on us, dear God, and grant us Your forgiveness.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of God's 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 Spirit. **C: Amen.**

THE RESPONSIVE READING: Lamentations 1:11c-14

P: "Look, O Lord, and see, for I am despised."

C: Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see

P: if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me,

C: which the Lord inflicted on the day of His fierce anger?

P: From on high He sent fire; into my bones He made it descend;

C: He spread a net for My feet; He turned Me back.

P: He has left me stunned, faint all the day long.

C: My transgressions were bound into a yoke;

P: by His hand they were fastened together;

C: they were set upon my neck; He caused my strength to fail.

P: The Lord gave me into the hands of those whom I cannot withstand.

C: The Lord rejected all in my midst; He summoned an assembly against me.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family for whom our Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross. **C: We pray this in the name of that same Jesus who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.**

(please be seated) HYMN: "O Dearest Jesus" (LSB 439)

**O dear-est Je-sus, what law hast Thou bro-ken
 That such sharp sen-tence should on Thee be spo-ken?
 Of what great crime hast Thou to make con-fes-sion, What dark trans-gres-sion?**

**What pun-ish-ment so strange is suf-fered yon-der?
 The Shep-herd dies for sheep that loved to wan-der;
 The Mas-ter pays the debt His ser-vants owe Him, Who would not know Him.**

**The sin-less Son of God must die in sad-ness;
 The sin-ful child of man may live in glad-ness;
 Man for-feit-ed his life and is ac-quit-ed; God is com-mit-ted.**

THE SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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 he has 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? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: 454 “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

(please stand for the last stanza, sing “A-men.”)



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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SERMON: “Were You There When He Was Laid in the Tomb?” John 19:38-42

TENEBRAE READINGS

First Word: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:26-34

The Prayer: P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Hymn: 453 "Upon the Cross Extended" *stanzas 1-4*

1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
 2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will
 3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so
 4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
 fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.
 sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?
 mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
 Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came
 We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -
 I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
 flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.
 gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.
 cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

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Second Word: "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:35-43

The Prayer: P:....through Jesus Christ, our Lord. C: Amen.

Hymn: 450 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *stanzas 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, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**

2 How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
 How doth Thy face now languish That once was bright as morn!
 Grim death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
 Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

3 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.

4 My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.
 Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts divine.
 Thy lips have often fed me With words of truth and love;
 Thy Spirit oft hath led me To heav'nly joys above.

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Third Word: "Dear woman, here is your son...here is your mother."

Scripture Reading: John 19:25-27

The Prayer: P:...through Jesus Christ, our Lord. C: Amen.

Hymn: 447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" *stanzas 7-9*

7 Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,
 And Your dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus.

8 May we in Your sorrows share, For Your sake all peril dare,
 And enjoy Your tender care: Hear us, holy Jesus.

9 May we all Your loved ones be, All one holy family,
 Loving, since Your love we see: Hear us, holy Jesus.

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Fourth Word: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

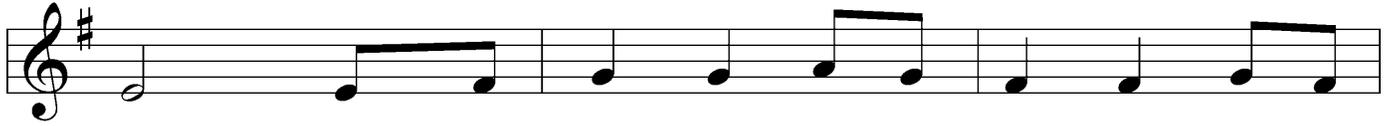
Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:45-47

The Prayer: P:...through Jesus Christ, our Lord. C: Amen.

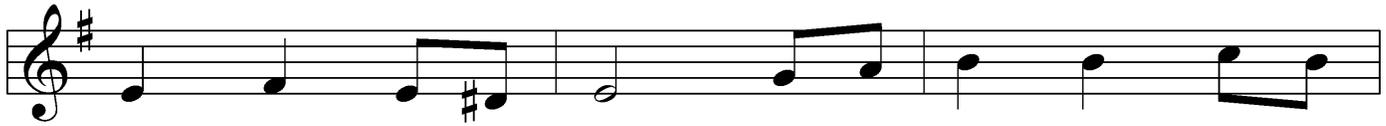
Hymn: 451 "Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted"



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
 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



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



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.
 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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Fifth Word: "I am thirsty"Scripture Reading: John 19:28-29The Prayer: P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Hymn: 452 "O Perfect Life of Love"



- 1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,
 2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;
 3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;
 4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul
 5 In per - fect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
 His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
 All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.
 Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.
 O all - a - ton - ing Sac - ri - fice, I cling by faith to Thee.

- 6 In ev'ry time of need, Before the judgment throne,
 Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Thy merits, not mine own.
 7 Yet work, O Lord, in me As Thou for me hast wrought;
 And let my love the answer be To grace Thy love has brought.

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Sixth Word: "It is finished"

Scripture Reading: John 19:30

The Prayer: P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord. C: Amen.

Hymn: 456 "Were You There"



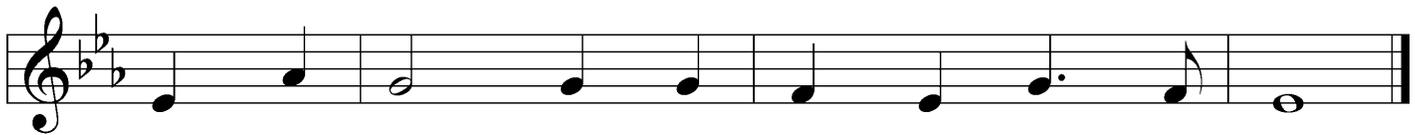
- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you
 4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...
 there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
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Seventh Word: "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit."

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:44-47

The Prayer: P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Choral Anthem: "'Tis Finished" (arr. by Parker & Shaw) *Choir*

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(please stand if you are able)

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (whispered by all)

THE REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CLOSING OF THE DOOR AND TOLLING OF THE BELL:

The harsh noise, traditionally called the *strepitus*, signifies the closing of Jesus' tomb. The bell tolls to announce the death of Jesus. We depart in silence. We are left in the darkness of Jesus' death until we return to His empty tomb on Sunday morning.

Serving Us in Worship This Evening

Preacher: Rev. Clifford Adair Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolyte: Blake Henry

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST meets tomorrow at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

AN EASTER EGG hunt for children through first grade will be held on the north lawn of our school tomorrow at 9 a.m.

SENIOR YOUTH will serve a continental Easter Breakfast from the Fellowship Hall between Sunday morning services.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Saturday, April 3, 5 p.m. Easter Festival Holy Communion Service

Sun., April 4, 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Holy Communion Service

8:30 a.m. Easter Festival Holy Communion Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School (no Youth or Adult Bible Classes)

10:30 a.m. Easter Festival Holy Communion Service

Watch and Pray

It is I who should drink the cup of wrath,
 Because I insist on my own path.
 Give me strength Your will to seek.
 Subdue my flesh which is so weak.
 Help me watch in wakeful contemplation,
 To trust You in the hour of grave temptation.
 I'd rather pray, "Make my kingdom come,
 And Thy will, as long as mine be done."
 Take from me the flood of sorrow,
 May my gloom be gone tomorrow.
 As each day passes in discontent,
 How long will You ignore my deep lament?
 Who am I to say what's good to You and bad for me?
 I humbly pray, "O, Lord, have mercy."
 You know the way of suffering,
 Help me to follow Your self-offering,
 In living or dying, may I rejoice in Your enduring love.
 In happiness or in grief, praising You above.
 Jesus shed great drops of blood from His exertion.
 And He drank the dregs of woe
 But lifts to me the cup of sweet salvation
 To sustain me when temped by the foe
 Shine Your gracious face upon my sunken heart,
 That I never from Your Way depart.

Dr. Paul L. Schrieber Lent 2012