



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Larimore, North Dakota
March 29, 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

*LIGHTING OF CANDLES

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER:

Lord, surrounded by the darkness of sin, we cry out to you for salvation.

CONGR.:

Help us to look within ourselves that we might see ourselves as you see us.

LEADER:

Lord, we know of the sin of those who were there as Jesus was crucified.

CONGR.:

Help us to know that our sinfulness, too, led him to the cross, and to realize that we, also, were there when they nailed him to the cross.

***THE INVOCATION: (In Unison)**

**O Father, as we remember that you sent your Son into the world to be our Savior, we praise you and wait before you in the shadow of the cross. We see the sin within us and know that our hearts are filled with the same hatred, jealousy, envy and greed that filled those who were there when our Lord was crucified. Give us the strength to resist temptation and the ability to die to sin, so that we may rise up as your faithful witnesses and servants filled with your Spirit, which lives and reigns within us. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
AMEN.**

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”^[c] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

HYMN “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

ELW 337 vs. 1

Silence for Reflection



³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.^[d]”⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane” ELW 347 vs. 1

Silence for Reflection



III. THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:25-27

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman,^[b] here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

ELW 347 vs. 3

Silence for Reflection



IV. THE SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:45-50

⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli,*^[c] *lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).^[d]⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

HYMN “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

ELW 335 vs. 1

Silence for Reflection



V. THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:28

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

HYMN “Ah, Holy Jesus”

ELW 349 vs. 1

Silence for Reflection



VI. THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:29-30

²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HYMN "Ah, Holy Jesus"

ELW 349 vs. 3

Silence for Reflection



⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”^[e] When he had said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

HYMN “O Sacred Head...”

ELW 351 vs. 1-3

Silence for Reflection



John 19:31–42

³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. ³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵ The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶ These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken,"^[c] ³⁷ and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."^[d]

³⁸ Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.^[e] ⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹ At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

SOLO *“Were You There?”* Kevin Nelson

TIME FOR REFLECTION

SILENT RECESSIONAL FROM WORSHIP.

PLEASE EXIT THE CHURCH IN SILENCE.

***Easter Service —Sunday, March 31, 2024 (10am)**

