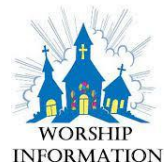




We are happy that you have joined us for worship  
and hope you find this to be a meaningful time.



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GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 18, 2025, 4 P.M.

\* = Please stand *as you are comfortable*.      **Bold** type indicates congregational responses.

- **Welcome!**
- Offerings can be placed in the plate at the entrance before, during, or after the service.  
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***A Service of Tenebrae for Good Friday***

*Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning “darkness” or “shadows.” A service of Tenebrae is a meditative and reflective service of diminishing light. The story of Jesus’ passion is interspersed with music and silence for reflection as we encounter the story of Christ’s death and the depth of what it means for us in faith.*

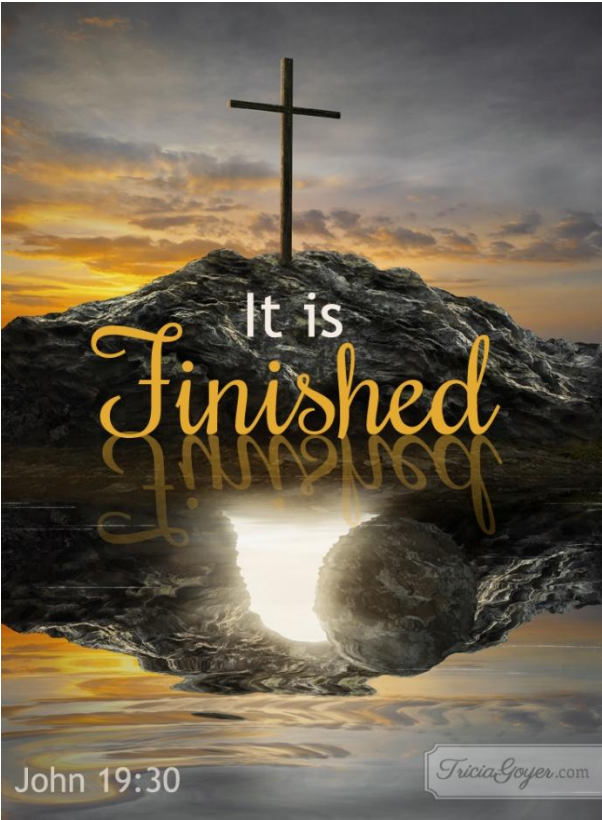
*The assembly is invited to gather in silence.*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

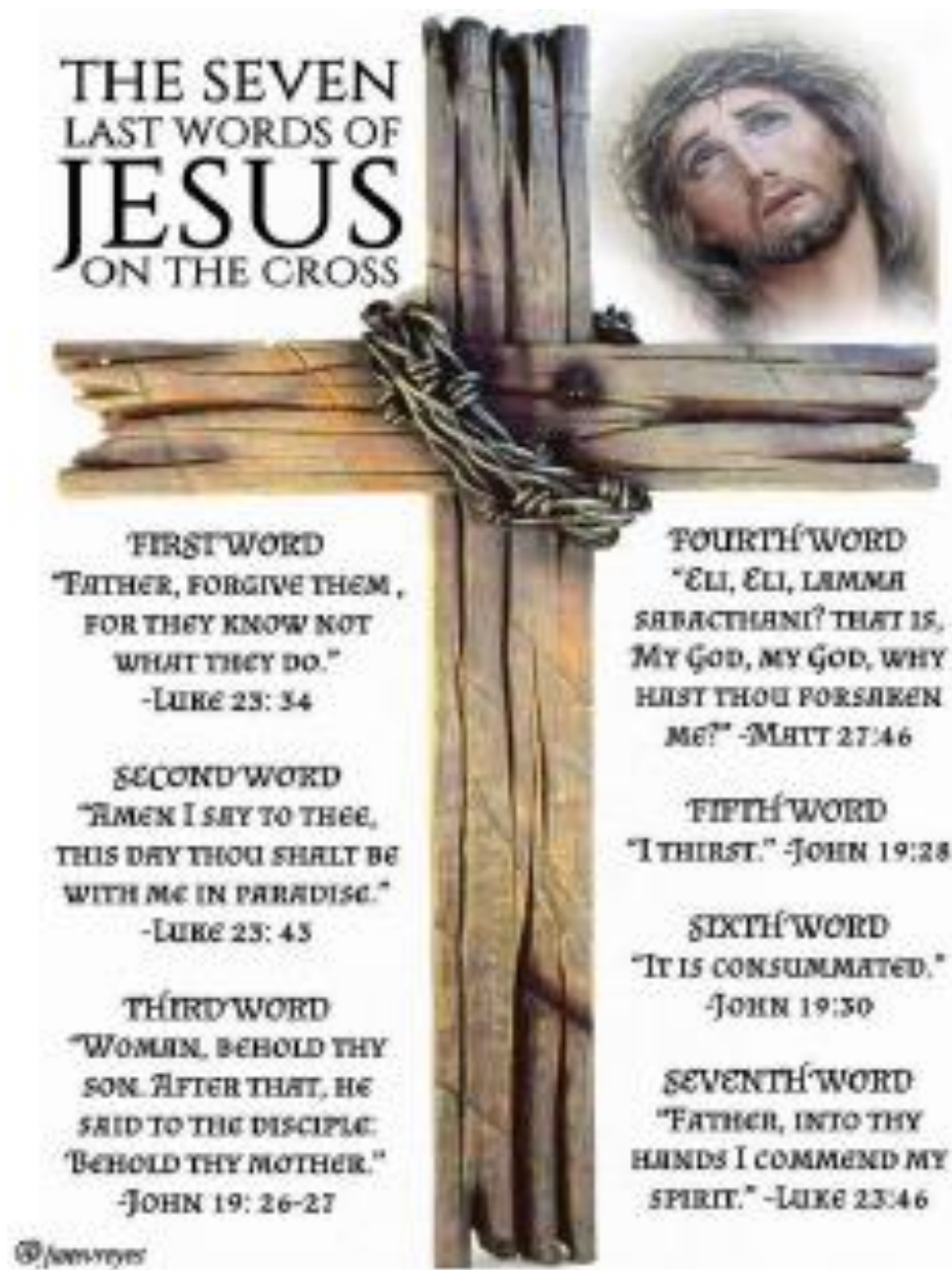
Blessed be the name of the Lord our God  
**Who redeems us from sin and death.**  
For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.  
**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

**HYMN**                                      *What Wondrous Love Is This*                                      **ELW 666**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!**  
**What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**  
**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss**  
**to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,**  
**to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**



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When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

**THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL: Luke 22:1-6, 7, 14, 21-23**

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. <sup>2</sup>The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus\* to death, for they were afraid of the people.  
<sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; <sup>4</sup>he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup>They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.  
<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.  
<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. [and Jesus said]<sup>21</sup>”But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup>For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!’ <sup>23</sup>Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

**HYMN**

*In Christ Alone*  
**Praise Jam**

*First candle extinguished*

**THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF SPIRIT AND ARREST: Luke 22:39-54**

<sup>39</sup>[Jesus] came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>When he reached the place, he said to them, ‘Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup>‘Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from

me; yet, not my will but yours be done.’ [43Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. 44In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] 45When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, 46and he said to them, ‘Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.’

47While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; 48but Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?’ 49When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, ‘Lord, should we strike with the sword?’ 50Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51But Jesus said, ‘No more of this!’ And he touched his ear and healed him. 52Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? 53When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!’

54Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Go To Dark Gethsemane

ELW 347, vs. 1-2

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the temper’s pow’r;  
your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

*Second candle extinguished*

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL: Luke 22:54-62

54But Peter was following at a distance. 55When they had kindled a fire in the middle

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

THE SHADOW OF BURIAL: Luke 23:50-56

50 Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, 51had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. 52This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. 54It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. 55The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. 56Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

HYMN

Were You There?  
Praise Jam

ELW 353, vs. 4-5

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Seventh candle extinguished*

May Jesus Christ who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on a cross,  
keep you and strengthen you.  
**Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to depart in silence*



And from my contrite heart, with tears two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

*Fifth candle extinguished*

THE SHADOW OF DEATH: Luke 23:44-49

<sup>44</sup> It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.’ Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, ‘Certainly this man was innocent.’ <sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

VIDEO ANTHEM *Last Words* Peterson  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHBuzP5pxJc>

*Sixth candle extinguished*

HYMN *Were You There?* Praise Jam ELW 353, vs. 1-3

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

The courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup>Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, ‘This man also was with him.’ <sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know him.’ <sup>58</sup>A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, ‘You also are one of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’ <sup>59</sup>Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, ‘Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.’ <sup>60</sup>But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about!’ At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup>The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.’ <sup>62</sup>And he went out and wept bitterly.

HYMN *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRAISE JAM ELW 773

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

*Third candle extinguished*

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION: Luke 22:66 – 23:5, 18-25

<sup>66</sup>When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. <sup>67</sup>They said, ‘If you are

the Messiah, tell us.’ He replied, ‘If I tell you, you will not believe; <sup>68</sup>and if I question you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup>But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.’ <sup>70</sup>All of them asked, ‘Are you, then, the Son of God?’ He said to them, ‘You say that I am.’ <sup>71</sup>Then they said, ‘What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!’

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup>They began to accuse him, saying, ‘We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.’ <sup>3</sup>Then Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ He answered, ‘You say so.’ <sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, ‘I find no basis for an accusation against this man.’ <sup>5</sup>But they were insistent and said, ‘He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

<sup>18</sup>Then they all shouted out together, ‘Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!’ <sup>19</sup>(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) <sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, ‘Crucify, crucify him!’ <sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them, ‘Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.’ <sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

HYMN

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

ELW 351, vs. 1-2

**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.**

**How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!**

**Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.**

*Fourth candle extinguished*

**THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION AND HUMILIATION: Luke 23:32-43**

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [<sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?’ <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ <sup>42</sup>Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ <sup>43</sup>He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

HYMN

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ELW 338, vs. 1-2

PRAISE JAM

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.**