

Father, forgive them;

*for they know not what they do*

*Verily I say unto thee,*

*Today shalt thou be with me in paradise*

*He saith unto his mother,*

*Behold thy son!*

*Then saith he to the disciple,*

*Behold thy mother.*

*Eli,*

*that is to say,*

**My God, my God,**

*why hast thou*

*forsaken me?*

*I thirst*

**It is finished!**

*Father, into thy hands*

*commend my spirit*

Tenebrae Service  
Good Friday  
April 2, 2021

# WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Service of Tenebrae is a form of one of the oldest traditional observances of the Christian Church during Holy Week. As the service unfolds, the darkness increases with the recounting of humanity's sin until only one light remains burning—the light of God's love, the light that darkness can never overcome. This single candle is carried out of the room for a little while to symbolize the three days in the tomb. However, like God's love, the light never goes out. The loud drum roll represents the earth quake that occurred when Jesus died. The slamming of the book at the end recounts the closing of the tomb and Christ's final words, "It is finished." This service is a somber dramatic reading of Christ's death. This service concludes in complete silence. Please maintain this silence until you reach your cars.*

**PRELUDE**

**Remembrances**  
Leigh Marsh-violin

**Williams**

**VIDEO**

**Sacred Ground**

**Neale**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Leader:** Let us pray. At this hour, O God Most High, while silence reigns and the sun hides its face, a world prostrate beneath its sins lifts its eyes to the cross, rejoicing that the tree of knowledge, which brought the human race to its knees, has become the tree of life, lifting us up to redemption. Let the glorious cross forever stand as the sign of our worth in your eyes! As we behold Innocence itself crucified in place of the guilty and Life put to death for sinners, may we take heart, remembering the prayers of the dying thief whose faith was rewarded. We ask this through your Son, the Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen. (sit)

## I. Cruel and Unusual Punishment

Isaiah 53:3-5

Pastor Scott Suskovic

## SONG

### Mercy

1. I will kneel in the dust at the foot of the cross, where  
2. We will lift up the cup and the bread we will break, re -

(last time to coda)

mer - cy paid for me. Where the wrath I de - serve, it is  
mem - ber - ing Your love. We were fall - en from grace, but You

gone. It has passed. Your blood has hid - den me.  
took all our shame and nailed it to a cross.

**Chorus:** Mer - cy, mer - cy; as end - less as the sea. I'll

sing — Your hal - le - lu - jah for all e - ter - ni - ty. *(repeat chorus 2nd time)*  
 May I nev - er lose the won - der; oh, the won - der of Your mer - cy.  
 May I sing Your hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men. *(4 times, then D.C. al coda)*  
 Je - sus paid it all. All to Him I owe.  
 Sin had left a crim - son stain. He washed it white as snow.

II. Covid and Isolation

Psalm 88:1-9, 14-18

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Coates

Men: 1 When I sur - ve y the won - drous cross on which the  
 Women: 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 All: 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 All: 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride. →  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

### III. Jesus in Isolation

Mark 14:43-50

VIDEO

It Is Finished  
SpiritSong, Lauren Ratcliffe-solo

arr. Matthys

### IV. Hell

Revelation 14:9-13

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

arr. Ferguson



All: 1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to  
Men: 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
Women: 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
All: 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
All: 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,  
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

### V. Jesus' life

Mark 15:25-32

VIDEO

Is He Worthy

arr. Mauldin

### VI. Alone

Mark 15:33-38

DUET

And Can It Be?  
Mark Johanson and Mark Glaeser

arr. Mauldin

### VII. The Answer

Isaiah 53:4-8

SOLO

Were You There?  
Gwen Glaeser-solo

Traditional

**VERSICLE AND RESPONSE** *(repeated three times while Paschal Candle is removed)*

**Leader:** Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the salvation of the world.

**People:** O come, let us worship him.

**PERIOD OF SILENCE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**People:** 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.

**BENEDICTION**

**DEPART IN SILENCE**