

# GRACE LUTHERAN

PLACES *of the* PASSION



Golgotha - GOOD FRIDAY

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**APRIL 2, 2021**  
**12:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

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**EXPLANATION OF THE SERVICE OF DARKNESS**

This service is patterned after the ancient office of *Tenebrae*. The word “Tenebrae” means “darkness.” The purpose of the service is to impress upon us the terrible reality of sin, which led our Savior Jesus to die on the cross for us.

A total of eight candles are used. Seven of these candles represent the seven last sentences which our Lord spoke from the cross, and the eighth is the Christ Candle. This service is divided into seven sections with select Scriptures from the Passion Readings; a conflation of the four Gospel accounts into one narrative.

As the candles are extinguished one by one, the chancel area becomes increasingly dark. By this visual experience, we are reminded of the darkness that covered the earth at the time Jesus was crucified. It also reminds us of the spiritual darkness that would have continued to cover the whole earth if the “Light of the World” had not come.

The exit of the Christ Candle at the end of the service signifies Christ’s death and burial. Even so, we are filled with hope because that special light is not extinguished. This symbolic item reminds us of the eternal light of God’s love and His never-ending presence with us. Although this time of worship is quiet and solemn, we still will depart from this place eagerly awaiting the entrance of the Christ Candle at the Easter Vigil service and the joy of the Easter resurrection on Easter morning!

*(The \* indicates when the congregation is invited to stand.)*

## THE PRELUDE AND WELCOME

### **\*THE STATIONING OF THE CROSS**

*(The people turn and face the cross as it is carried from the back to the front. The following versicles and response is said at three stations, the first station when the procession begins.)*

#### 1st Station:

Pastor: Behold, the Salvation of the world was hung on a cross.

People: **Oh, come let us worship Him.**

#### 2nd Station:

Pastor: Behold, the Salvation of the world was hung on a cross.

People: **Oh, come let us worship Him.**

#### 3rd Station:

Pastor: Behold, the Salvation of the world was hung on a cross.

People: **Oh, come let us worship Him.**

### **\*THE INVOCATION OF GOD'S HOLY NAME**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### **\*THE GOOD FRIDAY RESPONSES**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, in this life we will never know the full extent of Your suffering for us.

People: **Because You asked Your Father to forgive the people who put you on the cross, we trust that You have also forgiven us of our sins.**

Pastor: Because You promised everlasting life to the criminal who believed in You,

People: **we can be confident that, in spite of our sins, we may also live with You forever.**

Pastor: Because You were forsaken by Your very own Father,

People: **we believe that we will never be abandoned by our God.**

Pastor: Because You showed concern for Your mother,  
People: **we can rely on Your never-failing care for us also.**

Pastor: Because You endured the pain of thirst,  
People: **we now have access to the Living Water.**

Pastor: Because You declared that the work of redemption has been finished,  
People: **we have no need to doubt if we have been saved.**

Pastor: Because You laid down Your life and gave up Your spirit,  
People: **we have life.**

Pastor: Let us pray to our Savior together:  
People: **Lord Jesus, You carried our sins in Your own body on the cross so that we might have life. By Your Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith in You. Help us to believe that You have died the death we deserved to die. Because of Your sacrifice, we are made alive and given the promise of a life that will never end. Grant us courage to share Your story with our families, friends, and communities because this gift of life is for everyone. All this we ask in Your name, Jesus, because You alone are our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**\*THE HYMN OF THANKFULNESS**

*Hymn 425*

**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (v 1 & 3)**

**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.**

**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?**

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE SERVICE OF DARKNESS**

Pastor: Come now, let us all hear together the story of how Jesus paid the painful price for our forgiveness.

**I. THE PASSION READING: EVENING AGONY IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMAME**

Pastor: We pray: Jesus, Your commitment to fulfilling the Father's perfect will both humbles us and amazes us.

People: **We want Your will to be done here among us, but we often fail to do what is right in Your eyes.**

Pastor: Even though we are completely undeserving of Your love, You were unwavering in Your faithfulness to accomplish the holy mission of seeking and saving people like us.

People: **Help us avoid temptations that would pull our focus away from you. Amen.**

**THE HYMN VERSE**            **"Go to Dark Gethsemane"** (v. 1-2)            *Hymn 436*  
(During the singing of this hymn, the first candle is extinguished.)

**Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter'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.**

## **II. THE PASSION READING: ARREST IN THE GARDEN AND LATE-NIGHT TRIAL AT THE PALACE OF THE HIGH PRIEST**

Pastor: We pray: O Son of Man, You know all too well what it feels like to be betrayed by one of Your closest friends.

People: **Jesus, sometimes we also act in ways that reveal how little we really know about You.**

Pastor: In kindness, You have chosen to call us Your friends even though we are prone to treat You like a stranger or an enemy.

People: **When we break Your trust, rescue us from the kingdom of darkness and bring us into Your kingdom of light.**

Pastor: We also need You to guide us in having good relationships with the people you place among us.

People: **Teach us to seek peace more than comfort. Lead us to do good to all in every situation. Amen.**

## THE ANTHEM

**“The Weight of the Cross”** arr. C. Kirkland, T. Fettke  
(Vocal Duet)

### III. THE PASSION READING: DENIAL IN THE COURTYARD OF THE HIGH PRIEST AND EARLY MORNING SESSION OF THE SANHEDRIN

**Pastor:** We pray: Jesus, what did You think each time Peter denied You? How did You feel when he was too cowardly to be honest about being one of Your disciples?

**People:** **We also want to follow You, but we do not always have the courage to tell people about You when they ask.**

**Pastor:** You are worth so much more to us than any reputation we might try to build for ourselves.

**People:** **Help us to find our greatest security in our relationship with You, because You will never deny Your own people. Amen.**

**THE HYMN VERSE “Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted”** (v. 1, 2 & 4) *Hymn 451*  
(During the singing of this hymn, the third candle is extinguished.)

**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.**

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

**Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost:  
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.**

### IV. THE PASSION READING: MORNING TRIAL AT PILATE'S JUDGMENT HALL

**Pastor:** We pray: Lord Jesus, on the Last Day when You return in glory, You will judge all people based on Your perfect standards of righteousness and truth.

**People:** You have power over the heavens and the earth, yet You were willing to lower Yourself for us.

**Pastor:** Open wide our ears and our hearts; enable us by Your Spirit to receive the Truth.

**People:** As we listen to You, remind us that You are ruling over all things and that You welcome us to live in Your eternal kingdom. Amen.

**[12:00] THE HYMN VERSE “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (v. 1-3) Hymn 449**  
*(During the singing of this hymn, the fourth candle is extinguished.)*

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.

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.

What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.

**[7:00] THE ANTHEM “Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs”** *A. Pote*  
*(Grace Chorale)*

## **V. THE PASSION READING: MID-MORNING SENTENCING AT GABBATHA**

**Pastor:** We pray: Jesus, You are the King of Kings. By the work of Your Spirit, reign and rule in our hearts each day of our lives.

**People:** Keep us from following anyone or anything else that would lead us away from You.

**Pastor:** We honestly confess before Your throne that we have more in common with that blood-thirsty crowd than we would like to admit.

**People:** Our sinful actions and thoughts have also caused You to be taken away to the cross to die.

Pastor: When You were mocked and beaten, You did not respond with anger but with grace.

People: **Teach us to love our enemies and to find peace.**

**THE HYMN VERSE “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”** *Hymn 439*  
(v. 1-2, 5)

*(During the singing of this hymn, the fifth candle is extinguished.)*

**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?**

**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.**

**The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;  
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;  
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.**

## **VI. THE PASSION READING: MID-DAY CRUCIFIXION AT GOLGATHA**

Pastor: We pray: Lord Jesus Christ, while You suffered the agony of the cross, Your thoughts turned to the wellbeing of others.

People: **You made sure that Your own mother would have someone to care for her even after You died.**

Pastor: Learning from Your display of compassion, we pray for our own families and for the families in our community.

People: **Comfort parents whose hearts are heavy with grief.**

Pastor: By Your power, bring peace and restoration into every troubled home.

People: **Help us to love the people who are closest to us in the way You want us to love them. Amen.**

**THE ANTHEM**

**“Via Dolorosa”**  
(Vocal Solo)

*B. Sprague, N. Borop*

*(During the singing of this hymn, the sixth candle is extinguished.)*

## VII. THE PASSION READING: MID-AFTERNOON DEATH AT GOLGATHA

**Pastor:** We pray: Jesus our Savior, You endured both spiritual anguish and physical pain on the cross.

**People:** **At times when we are also suffering, give us peace and patience to endure the pain that comes our way.**

**Pastor:** Help us to always be filled with humble gratitude for what You have done for us.

**People:** **We thank and praise You still today because You died in our place.**

**Pastor:** Your strong declaration that “It is finished!” assures us that the price of our sin has been paid in full.

**People:** **You have rescued us from the power of death and have given us the gift of life. Amen.**

**[12:00]THE HYMN VERSE “O Perfect Life of Love” (v. 1-2, 4-5) *Hymn 452***

*(During the singing of this hymn, the seventh candle is extinguished.)*

**O perfect life of love! All, all, is finished now,  
All that He left His throne above To do for us below.**

**No work is left undone Of all the Father willed;  
His toil, His sorrows, one by one, The Scriptures have fulfilled.**

**And on His thorn-crowned head And on His sinless soul  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.**

**In perfect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.  
O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.**

**[7:00]THE ANTHEM**

**“Humble Cross”  
(Grace Chorale with Violin)**

*J. Parker, J. Raney*

## THE PASSION READING: LATE-AFTERNOON BURIAL AT THE GARDEN TOMB

*John 19:38-42*

**THE CONCLUDING ANTHEM    “Were You There”**

***Removal of the Christ Candle***

***Sealing of the Tomb***

*(The congregation is asked to leave silently after hearing this final loud sound.)*

## The Participants

### Noon

<i>The Liturgists</i>	<i>The Rev. Charles T. Reich, Vicar Michael Duffy</i>
<i>The Passion Readings</i>	<i>The Rev. Charles T. Reich</i>
<i>The Voices</i>	<i>Vicar Michael Duffy, Steve Griffith, Ivan Lambert,</i> <i>Lou Marinelli, Jan Struck, Leah Welter</i>
<i>The Organist/Accompanist/Choir Director</i>	<i>Wynn Bonner</i>
<i>The Accompanist</i>	<i>Diane Lambert</i>
<i>The Vocalists</i>	<i>Wynn Bonner, Peggy Jo Griffin, Ivan Lambert</i>
<i>The Sound Technician</i>	<i>Wynn Bonner</i>
<i>The Cross Bearer</i>	<i>Duncan Locke</i>
<i>The Acolyte</i>	<i>Jake Garrison</i>
<i>The Robing Leader</i>	<i>Leah Welter</i>
<i>The Elder on Duty</i>	<i>Lou Marinelli</i>
<i>The Welcome Team Greeter</i>	<i>Suzanne Ellett</i>
<i>At the Welcome Center</i>	<i>Laura Griffith</i>
<i>The Ushers</i>	<i>Sharon Wilson, Jeff Wittcop</i>

### 7:00 PM

<i>The Liturgists</i>	<i>The Rev. Charles T. Reich, Vicar Michael Duffy</i>
<i>The Passion Readings</i>	<i>The Rev. Charles T. Reich</i>
<i>The Voices</i>	<i>Vicar Michael Duffy, Steve Griffith, Ivan Lambert,</i> <i>Tammi Straughn, Roger Walker, Leah Welter</i>
<i>The Organist/Accompanist/Choir Director</i>	<i>Wynn Bonner</i>
<i>The Accompanist</i>	<i>Diane Lambert</i>
<i>The Instrumentalist</i>	<i>Sarah Duffy</i>
<i>The Vocalists</i>	<i>Wynn Bonner, Peggy Jo Griffin, Ivan Lambert</i>
<i>The Sound Technician</i>	<i>Bruce Wales</i>
<i>The Cross Bearer</i>	<i>Duncan Locke</i>
<i>The Acolyte</i>	<i>Andrew Woods</i>
<i>The Robing Leader</i>	<i>Susie Woods</i>
<i>The Elder on Duty</i>	<i>Karen Nelson</i>
<i>The Welcome Team Greeter</i>	<i>Dr. Ken Rogers</i>
<i>At the Welcome Center</i>	<i>Jill Rogers</i>
<i>The Ushers</i>	<i>Dr. Don Eason, Donna Enzor, Steve Griffith, Carl Rod</i>

