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Good Friday Tenebrae Service

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*Celebrate
Teach
Share
God's Grace*

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"

Ephesians 2:8

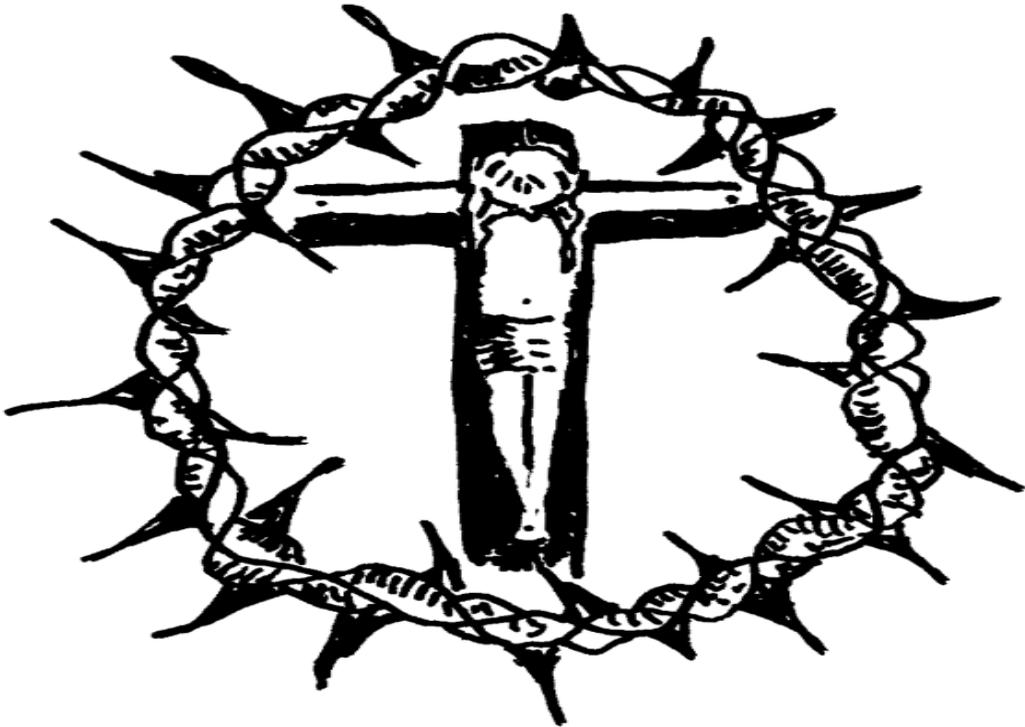


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tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



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.

Stand

Invocation—

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, by the way of the cross;

People: O Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, by the nails and thirst;

People: O Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, by the blood that stained the holy cross;

People: O Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,

People: who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and now He sits at the right hand of the throne of God. (*Hebrews 12:2, adapted*)

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,
People:and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
People:make haste to help me, O Lord. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Confession & Absolution—

Pastor: Lord God, You saved the first Israelites through the blood of the Egyptians' firstborn sons.
People:Save us and help us, we humbly implore You, O Lord.

Pastor: We adore You, Lord Jesus, in Your cross and Passion, through which You have brought life and joy into the world through Your suffering and death.
People:Be gracious to us according to Your mercy and bless us. Shine the light of Your face on us and give us Your peace.

Pastor: Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God,
All: at this hour You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live for righteousness. Have mercy on us now and at the hour of our death and give us a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and rule, God forever. Amen.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
People:have mercy on us.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
People:grant us peace.

Pastor: Jesus, the Lamb of God, has taken away the sins of the world. By the command of Christ and the power of His death, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People:Amen.

Sentences & Prayers—

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him,
People:and with His stripes we are healed. (*Isaiah 53: 5, adapted*)

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You carried our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in You now and in the world to come, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
All: Amen.

Pastor: We all, like sheep, have gone astray;

People:and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (*Isaiah 53: 6, adapted*)

Pastor: O Savior of the world, by Your cross and precious blood You redeemed the world.

People:Save us and help us, we humbly implore You, O Lord.

Pastor: We adore You, Lord Jesus, in Your cross and Passion, through which You have brought life and joy into the world.

People:Be gracious to us according to Your mercy and bless us and lift up the light of Your countenance upon us and give us your peace.

Pastor: Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, God forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

People:have mercy on us.

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Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

People:grant us peace.

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God, give us grace so to contemplate the Passion of our Lord Christ that we may find in it the forgiveness of our sins; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Sit

✠ WORD ✠

Old Testament Lesson— Exodus 12:21-32 (*The Sacrifice of the Lord's Passover*)

²¹Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²²Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two

doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ ²⁷you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

²⁸Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

²⁹At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. ³¹Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, “Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said. ³²Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle— Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 (*We have a great high priest.*)

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Pastor: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Stand

Gospel Lesson— John 19:17-30 (*Jesus is crucified.*)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord, according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²²Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed

- C 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.

Sit

Sermon Hymn—456 Were You There (vs. 1-4)



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?
 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

Sermon—“Christ, the Firstborn, Is Sacrificed” (Exodus 12:21-32)

Offering During this Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be passing the offering plates during worship, but will have them at the entrance of the church for people to drop their offerings off before or after the worship service. Thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord's Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

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Stand

Prayers of the Church—

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ: Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers we offer before You for all Your servants in Your Holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord: Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty: O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we

humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially *Joe Biden*, our President; the Congress of the United States; *Tony Evers*, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel: Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church: Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your Holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's Holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians: Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation: O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will: O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sit

✠ TENEBRAE OBSERVANCE ✠

THE SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

The First Word— (*"Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."*)

John 19:14-24 (NIV)

It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your King," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, "Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying His own cross, He went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified Him, and with Him two others---one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, The King of the Jews. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this Man claimed to be King of the Jews."

"What I have written, I have written." When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided My garments among them and cast lots for My clothing." So this is what the soldiers did.

Luke 23:32-34a (NIV)

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Him, along with the criminals---one on His right, the other on His left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Hymn— 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes (Part I / The First Word)



1 Je - sus, in Your dy - ing woes, E - ven while Your life-blood flows,
2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue When our sins Your pangs re - new,
3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, Be like You in heart and deed,



Crav - ing par - don for Your foes: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
For we know not what we do: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
When with wrong our spir - its bleed: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. When You were mocked, You did not respond with harsh words. When You were tormented, You did not react in anger. When You were nailed to the cross, You prayed for forgiveness for those who caused You to suffer. Give to us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and a forgiving spirit, that we may repay evil with good. Teach us also to love our enemies, and as children of the heavenly Father, to live in peace with all people.

All: Amen.

[The first candle is extinguished]

The Second Word— (*"I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*)

Luke 23:35-43 (NIV)

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar and said, "If You are the king of the Jews, save Yourself." There was a written notice above Him, which read: This is The King of the Jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't You the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked Him. "Don't You fear God, since You are under the same sentence?"

We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this Man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise."

Hymn— 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes (Part II/The Second Word)

Part II

4 Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief, who near You dies,
Promising him paradise:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

5 May we in our guilt and shame
Still Your love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Your name:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

6 May our hearts to You incline
And their thoughts Your cross
entwine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in Your infinite mercy You heard the plea of the thief dying on the cross next to You. We pray that You would open our hearts in mercy to welcome those who turn to You, and rejoice in their salvation. When our last hour comes, hold us firm in our faith, and bring us also to live with You in Paradise.

All: Amen.

[The second candle is extinguished]

The Third Word— *(Jesus said to His mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother.")*

John 19:25-27 (NIV)

Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Hymn— 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes (Part III/The Third Word)

Part III

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.

Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, while You suffered the agony of the cross, Your thoughts turned to the welfare of others. Your concern was for Your mother in her sorrow. We pray that You would regard with pity all parents who mourn the death of their children, and all parents who sorrow because their children have suffered tribulations or forsaken their faith. By the power of Your healing, we pray that parents and children may know peace, and that relationships may be restored.

All: Amen.

[The third candle is extinguished]

The Fourth Word— ("My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?")

Matthew 27:45-47 (NIV)

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

Hymn-447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes (Part IV/ The Fourth Word)

Part IV

10 Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,
With our evil left alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

11 When we seem in vain to pray
And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

12 Though no Father seem to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, Father of all people and Creator of all that exists, You hold all people in Your power. We pray that You would not forsake the world which Your Son died to redeem. Even though we still see the influence of sin and evil all around us, assure us of Your continued presence in our midst. Help us to know Your love in our lives, so we can show Your presence to others.

All: Amen.

[The fourth candle is extinguished]

The Fifth Word— ("I am thirsty.")

Matthew 10:37-42 (NIV)

"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the one who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

John 19:28-29 (NIV)

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 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.

Hymn— 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes (Part V/The Fifth Word)

Part V

13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,
While Your wounds Your lifeblood
drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

14 Thirst for us in mercy still;
All Your holy work fulfill;
Satisfy Your loving will:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

15 May we thirst Your love to know.
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, You endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing that only You can provide. When we find ourselves suffering, give us peace and patience to endure the pain that comes our way. Comfort us with the memory of the cross, and use this to give us the strength we need to bear our burdens.

All: Amen.

[The fifth candle is extinguished]

The Sixth Word—("It is finished.")

Hebrews 9:11-12, 15, 27-28 (NIV)

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most

Holy Place once for all by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. For this reason Christ is the Mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance---now that He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.

John 19:30a (NIV)

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

Hymn—447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes (Part VI/The Sixth Word)

Part VI

16 Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All Your Father's will obeyed;
By Your suff'rings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

17 Save us in our soul's distress;
Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

18 Brighten all our heav'nward way
With an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. We pray that You would complete in us also everything that You intend for us, so that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for His glory.

All: Amen.

[The sixth candle is extinguished]

The Seventh Word— ("Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.")

Luke 23:44-46 (NIV)

Pastor: It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." When He had said this, He breathed His last.

Matthew 27:54

Pastor: When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed,

People: "Surely He was the Son of God!"

Hymn— 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes (Part VII/The Seventh Word)
Part VII

19 Jesus, all Your labor vast,
All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

20 When the death shades round us
low'r,
Guard us from the tempter's pow'r,
Keep us in that trial hour:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

21 May Your life and death supply
Grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the home on high:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.

All: Amen.

[The seventh candle is extinguished]

Pastor: Let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

Lord's Prayer—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.

The Light of Christ is Removed—*[The pastor takes the white/paschal candle out of the sanctuary and extinguishes it or leaves it lit.]*

The Strepitus—*(The stone is rolled in front of the tomb.) [A book is slammed down on a hard surface as a reminder of the sealing of the tomb.]*

The Candle is Returned—*[The pastor returns the white/paschal candle extinguished to indicate Jesus died, or the candle could remain lit to point us to the hope of Easter.]*

[A single bell will ring 33 times, once for each year of Jesus' life.] (You are asked to leave in silence anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday. You may remain in the sanctuary for meditation or prayer as long as you like. The omission of the benediction today indicates that our worship is not complete until joined with the celebration of Easter).

Holy Week Services for Grace Lutheran Church
“Coming Home from Exile: The Exoduses of the Scriptures.”

Sunday, April 4th 6:00am Easter Sunrise Service, No Communion

Sunday, April 4th 8:30am & 10:00am Easter Sunday Festival Service with communion

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord. **Judy** (hospitalized with stroke) Amber Kendrick’s Grandmother; **Tiffany** (miscarriage) Amber Kendrick’s friend; **Pastor Bill Wurm**, Pastor Taggatz’s father-in-law, **Angela Strasse** (cancer) friend of Taggatz family, **Leigh Schmeiser** (healing), **Julia Oelke** (Army National Guard Medic and her Unit deployed) Debbie Oelke’s daughter; **Dave Vitek** (serving on the Greenfield Police Department) **and Milwaukee Police Officers, Norma Manoil** (cancer), **Tom Janes** (healing & strength) Diane Pielsnik’s brother, **Cindy Riemer** (cancer), **Ronnie Boyd** (healing & strength), **Art Hartsmandorfer** (healing & strength) friend of Doc Medek, **Paul Carpenter** (healing & strength) relative of Stephanie Gulizia, **Valinda** (hospice) Aunt of Glenn Dotson; **Virginia Schmeiser** (healing & strength); **Pat Groth** (healing & strength); **Myles King** (blood disorder) son of Meredith & Matthew King; **Bev Buretta** (healing & strength); **Sharon McCaigue** (healing & strength) sister of Doc Medek & sister-in-law of Ron Savarino, **David** (seriously ill) brother of Suzie Mirinda, **Ron** (prostate surgery) friend of Lance Kopperud.

For our Homebound Members at Grace: Betty Lemmer, Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, June Roewer, Art Steinborn, Ernst & Patricia Groth, and Gloria Kilponen.

We Mourn with the families of **Raymond Kozlowski**, Brother in Law of Pauline Parker, and **Anthony Bartlein**, Dena Guziewicz’s brother (Dena is our School Secretary), as they mourn their recent deaths. Let us pray. Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with the families of *Raymond and Anthony*, and all who mourn their deaths that, casting every care upon You, they may know the consolation of Your love; through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We have gathered today to celebrate the most precious gifts and treasures our Lord gives us: His forgiveness, life and salvation. It would be our honor to have you join us again next week as we “Celebrate, Teach, and Share” the Good News of God’s Grace among all people.

Grace is committed to supporting families through our Early Childhood Center, Day School, and High School. We are blessed to be a member of the Lutheran High School Association of Milwaukee.

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