

Tenebrae:

Darkness.

A time of worship commemorating
the day our Lord died.

A time of darkness, remembering our sin that sent him to that
cross.

Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers March 29, 2024

Introit

Psalm 38:1–4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

**upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.**

O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,

nor discipline me in your wrath!

For your arrows have sunk into me,

and your hand has come down on me.

There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;

there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

For my iniquities have gone over my head;

like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

I confess my iniquity;

I am sorry for my sin.

Make haste to help me,

O Lord, my salvation!

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

**upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.**

Hymn

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 611, st. 1 and LSB 436, sts. 2-3

All

**Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.**

Choir 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.

All **Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

Old Testament *He Was Pierced for Our Transgressions* Isaiah 52:13—53:12

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

¹⁴As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;

for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

¹Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,

so he opened not his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,

although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrew 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a

Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

Epistle

Jesus, the Great High Priest Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

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.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Isaiah 53:4

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Gospel

The Crucifixion

John 19:17–30

P

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

C

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] 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.

P

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

"Good Friday Windows"

John 19:17-30

The Seven Words of Christ on the Cross

Hymn

"Jesus, In Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447, sts. 1-3

I

All

**Jesus, in Your dying woes,
Even while Your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for Your foes:
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

Choir

Savior, for our pardon sue
When our sins Your pangs renew,
For we know not what we do:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

All

**Oh, may we, who mercy need,
Be like You in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed:
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

Reading

Luke 23:33-34a

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said,

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

(1st candle is extinguished)

II

Hymn "Jesus, In Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447, sts. 4-6

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

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

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

Reading

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying,

"Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

(2nd candle is extinguished)

III

Hymn "Jesus, In Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447, sts. 7-9

All **Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,
And Your dearest human friend:
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

Choir May we in Your sorrows share,
For Your sake all peril dare,
And enjoy Your tender care:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

All **May we all Your loved ones be,
All one holy family,
Loving, since Your love we see:
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

Reading

John 19:25-27

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother,

"Woman, behold, your son!"

Then he said to the disciple,

"Behold, your mother!"

And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

(3rd candle is extinguished)

IV

Hymn "Jesus, In Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447, sts. 10-12

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

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

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

Reading

Mark 15:34

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,

“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

(4th candle is extinguished)

V

Hymn "Jesus, In Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447, sts. 13-15

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

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

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

ReadingJohn 19:28

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),

I thirst.

A 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.

(5th candle is extinguished)

VI

HymnJesus, In Your Dying WoesLSB 447, sts. 16-18

All

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

Choir

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

All

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

ReadingJohn 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said,

It is finished,

and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(6th candle is extinguished)

VII

HymnJesus, In Your Dying WoesLSB 447, sts. 19-21

All

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

Choir

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.

All

May Your life and death supply
Grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the home on high:

Hear us, holy Jesus.

Reading

Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said,

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”

And having said this he breathed his last.

(7th candle is extinguished)

Anthem

What Love!

arr. Patrick Liebergen and David Johnson

He dies for me, what wondrous love! He dies for me, what love!

*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.*

*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!*

He dies for me, what wondrous love! He dies for me, what love!

Kyrie

P Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C **Have mercy on us.**

P Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C **Have mercy on us.**

P Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C **Grant us peace.**

Lord's Prayer *(whispered)*

**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.**

Closing of the Tomb

There is no benediction as the worship service is not ended.

*We continue on Sunday morning as we celebrate
our Lord's resurrection from the dead!*

Please leave the sanctuary in silence.

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