

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

## **Good Friday: Service of Tenebrae**

April 18, 2025

8:00 pm

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*For God so loved  
the world that he  
gave his one and  
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, NIV

## **THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO WAS PIERCED FOR US**

In this Lenten season we have considered all the works of our Lord's hand contrasted with the works of our hands. His hands created us. At His hands, the devil and his demons are defeated and put in their place. His are the careful, gentle yet strong hands of a Great Physician bringing healing not only of sickness and injury but the ultimate healing of raising us from death itself. To this day the hand of the Lord cares for us and feeds us with spiritual nourishment and life. How different are the works of our hands, unable to grasp what we need the most: the help and mercy and grace of God. In the most mysterious way, it was our hands that nailed His hands to the cross, and it was our sin that caused His grief, sorrow, and bitter suffering and death. Yet in those nail-pierced hands was the power to take our sin away and give into our hands forgiveness, life, and salvation. We caused His death. His death gives us life. Without His death, today there can be no Easter resurrection. It all comes down to this: Christ crucified for the life of the world. Without His death there can be no salvation. Let us contemplate His death at our hands that we may receive eternal life from His hands.

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The Order of Tenebrae is an early Christian order of worship traditionally utilized in the observance of Good Friday. *Tenebrae* is Latin for “darkness” or “in the shadows,” and the service is characterized by the gradual removal of light from the sanctuary as the scriptural accounts approach the moment of the death of our Lord. It is not to be considered a funeral service for Jesus, but rather a time of repentance as we consider His Passion for us.

With Good Friday being the middle of the *Triduum* (three Sacred Days) – there is no Invocation or Benediction in this service. Following the silent prayer at the close of the service, worshipers will depart in silence. We ask that there be no speaking until you have left the church grounds. We retire to our homes in contemplation of the meaning of Christ’s death for us and in the certain hope of the Easter victory soon to be celebrated.

We are glad you are with us this evening.  
Please mark your presence on the fellowship board and return it to the center aisle.

## ✠ ✠ ✠ SERVICE OF TENEBRAE ✠ ✠ ✠

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Isaiah 52:13–53:12*

**A** *The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-second and fifty-third chapters.*

<sup>13</sup>Behold, My servant shall act wisely;

He shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

<sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you—

His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—

<sup>15</sup>so 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.

<sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>For 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.

<sup>3</sup>He 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.

<sup>4</sup>Surely He has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed Him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But 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.

<sup>6</sup>All 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.

<sup>7</sup>He 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.

<sup>8</sup>By 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?

<sup>9</sup>And 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.

<sup>10</sup>Yet 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.

<sup>11</sup>Out 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.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore 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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

**P** Let us pray...Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### PSALM – Psalm 31

*Choir:* <sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;  
let me never be | put to shame;\*  
in your righteousness de- | liver me!



**C** <sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me; rescue me | speedily!\***  
**Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to | save me!**

*Choir:* <sup>3</sup>For you are my rock and my | fortress;\*  
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me;

**C** <sup>4</sup>**you take me out of the net they have hidden | for me,\***  
**for you are my | refuge.**

*Choir:* <sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\*  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.

**C** <sup>6</sup>**I hate those who pay regard to worthless | idols,\***  
**but I trust | in the Lord.**

*Choir:* <sup>7</sup>I will rejoice and be glad in your | steadfast love,\*  
because you have seen my affliction;  
you have known the distress | of my soul,

**C** <sup>8</sup>**and you have not delivered me into the hand of the | enemy;\***  
**you have set my feet in a | broad place.**

*Choir:* <sup>9</sup>Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | in distress;\*  
my eye is wasted from grief;  
my soul and my body | also.

**C** <sup>10</sup>**For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with | sighing;\***  
**my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones | waste away.**

*Choir:* <sup>11</sup>Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors,  
and an object of dread to my ac- | quaintances;\*  
those who see me in the street | flee from me.

**C** <sup>12</sup>**I have been forgotten like one | who is dead;\***  
**I have become like a broken | vessel.**

*Choir:* <sup>13</sup>For I hear the whispering of many—terror on | every side!—\*  
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to | take my life.

**C** <sup>14</sup>**But I trust in you, | O Lord;\***  
**I say, “You | are my God.”**

*Choir:* <sup>15</sup>My times are | in your hand;\*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

**C** <sup>16</sup>**Make your face shine on your | servant;\***  
**save me in your | steadfast love!**

*Choir:* <sup>17</sup>O Lord, let me not be put to shame,  
for I call up- | on you;\*  
let the wicked be put to shame;  
let them go silently | to Sheol.

**C** <sup>18</sup>**Let the lying | lips be mute,\***  
**which speak insolently against the righteous in pride | and contempt.**

*Choir:* <sup>19</sup>Oh, how abundant is your goodness,  
which you have stored up for those who | fear you\*  
and worked for those who take refuge in you,  
in the sight of the children of | mankind!

**C** <sup>20</sup>**In the cover of your presence you hide them from the | plots of men;\***  
**you store them in your shelter from the | strife of tongues.**

*Choir:* <sup>21</sup>Blessèd | be the Lord,\*  
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged | city.

**C** <sup>22</sup>**I had said in my alarm, “I am cut off | from your sight.”\***  
**But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to | you for help.**

*Choir:* <sup>23</sup>Love the Lord, all | you his saints!\*  
The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who | acts in pride.

**C** <sup>24</sup>**Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\***  
**all you who wait | for the Lord!**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## **EPISTLE** – *Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

**A** *The Epistle is from Hebrews, the fourth and fifth chapters.*

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For 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. <sup>16</sup>Let 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. . . .

<sup>5:7</sup>In 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.

<sup>8</sup>Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. <sup>9</sup>And 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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

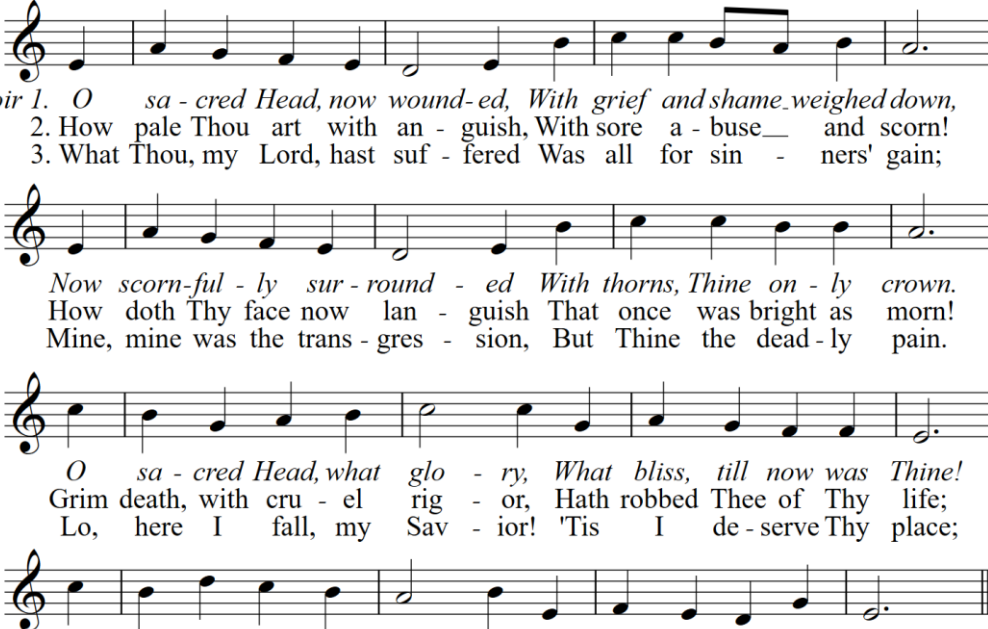
**C** **Amen.**

*The first candle is extinguished.*



# THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

## HYMN – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (vv. 1-3)



Choir 1. *O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
2. How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!  
3. What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;*

*Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!  
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.*

*O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;*

*Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.*

**P** The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

## READING - John 18:1-40

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” <sup>5</sup>They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am He.” Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>So He asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, “I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go.” <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: “Of those whom You gave me I have lost not one.” <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right

ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup>So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?"

<sup>12</sup>So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. <sup>13</sup>First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

<sup>18</sup>Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup>The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup>When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how You answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?" <sup>24</sup>Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup>One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" <sup>27</sup>Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

<sup>28</sup>Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you." <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup>This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

<sup>33</sup>So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." <sup>38</sup>Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"



After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in Him.”<sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”<sup>40</sup> They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

*The second candle is extinguished.*

### HYMN – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (vv. 4-7)



4. My Shep-herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.  
 5. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,  
 6. My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;  
 7. Be Thou my son - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.  
 For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
 Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!  
 Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;  
 O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,  
 When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,  
 Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.  
 But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own.  
 My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

### READING – John 19:1-42

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck Him with their hands.

<sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.” <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers

saw Him, they cried out, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.” <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God.” <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to Him, “You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?” <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin.”

<sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” <sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” <sup>15</sup>They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” <sup>16</sup>So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup>Many 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. <sup>21</sup>So 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.’” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When 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, <sup>24</sup>so 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. <sup>25</sup>But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup>He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of His bones will be broken.” <sup>37</sup>And again another Scripture says, “They will look on Him whom they have pierced.”

<sup>38</sup>After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away His body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup>So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup>So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** Thanks be to God.

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## RESPONSORY



- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.  
 2 Blessed is he whose  
     transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.  
 3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

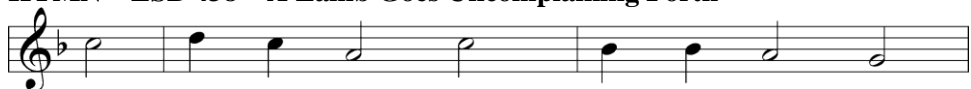


**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered  
                                                             for the sins of the peo-ple.

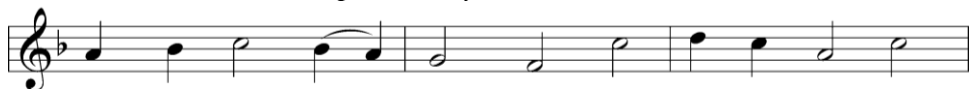
## HOMILY

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# HYMN – LSB 438 – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



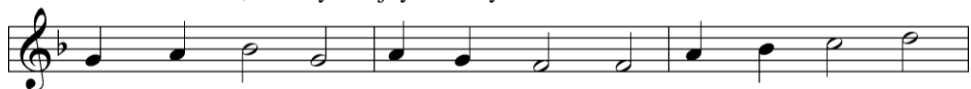
1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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## BIDDING PRAYER

**A** *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:*

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:*

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole Body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *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:*

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:*

**P** 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, our President; the Congress of the United States; 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *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:*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**A** *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:*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**A** *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:*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**A** *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:*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**A** *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:*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**A** *Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:*

**C** 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.

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

**C** O come, let us worship Him.

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## THE REPROACHES

**P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

**A** *Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.*

## HYMN – LSB 434 – Lamb of God Pure and Holy (v. 1)

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:





### HYMN – LSB 434 – Lamb of God Pure and Holy (v. 3)

3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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*The final candle is extinguished.*

### ADORATION OF CHRIST

- C** We adore You, O Lord,  
and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.  
For behold, by the wood of Your cross  
joy has come into all the world.  
God be merciful to us and bless us,  
and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.  
We adore You, O Lord,  
and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.  
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### HYMN – LSB 767 – Jesus, Remember Me

*The choir sings first, repeated twice by the congregation.*

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.  
Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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## CONCLUDING COLLECT

**P** Let us pray... We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

**CHANT** – *The Royal Banners Forward Go (Vexilla Regis)*

Venantius Fortunatus (c. 530-609)

*The royal banners forward go;  
The cross shines forth in mystic glow  
Where He, as man, who gave man breath,  
Now bows beneath the yoke of death.*

*Fulfilled is all that David told  
In true prophetic song of old;  
How God the nations' King should be,  
For God is reigning from the tree.*

*O tree of beauty, tree most fair,  
Ordained those holy limbs to bear;  
Gone is thy shame, each crimson'd bough  
Proclaims the King of glory now.*

*Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore  
The wealth that did the world restore,  
The price of humankind to pay,  
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.*

*O cross, our one reliance, hail!  
Still may thy pow'r with us avail  
More good for righteous souls to win,  
And save the sinner from his sin.*

*To Thee, eternal Three in One,  
Let homage meet by all be done:  
As by the cross thou dost restore,  
So rule and guide us evermore. Amen.*



*After time of **silent prayer**, please depart in **silence**.*



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## The Resurrection of our Lord

### Easter Vigil – April 19

8 pm at Faith

### Easter Sunday – April 20

8 & 10:30 am **Festival Worship** *(Holy Communion & special music)*

9:15 am **Easter Breakfast**

5 pm **Worship** *with Holy Communion*

