

St Peter Lutheran Church

Good Friday

April 7, 2023

P: We begin in the name of God the Father,

C: **who gave his only begotten Son for our Salvation,**

P: And in the name of God the Son,

C: **who bore our sins in his body on the cross,**

P: And in the name of the Holy Spirit,

C: **who witnesses to Him who was crucified so that we might have life. Amen.**

Hymn Savior, When in Dust to You LSB 419 vs 1-31 Savior, when in dust to Thee

Low we bow th'adoring knee;

2 By Thy helpless infant years,

When, repentant, to the skies

By Thy life of want and tears,

Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;

By Thy days of deep distress

O, by all Thy pains and woe

In the savage wilderness,

Suffered once for us below,

By the dread, mysterious hour

Bending from Thy throne on high,

Of th'insulting tempter's pow'r,

Hear our penitential cry!

Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye;

Hear our penitential cry!

3 By Thine hour of dire despair, By Thine agony of prayer,

By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,

By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dreadful sacrifice,

Listen to our humble sigh; Hear our penitential cry!

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P: Dear Friends in Christ: Whereas Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, among whom we also are numbered, let us come before our gracious God and openly confess our sins to Him, asking Him to grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

P: Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord

C: **Lord, hear my voice.**

P: Let Your ears be attentive

C: **to the voice of my supplication.**

P: Lord, if you should mark iniquities:

C: **O Lord, Who shall stand guiltless before You?**

P: But there is forgiveness with you

C: **With you there is full redemption.**

P: Lord, hear our prayer of confession:

All: **O Almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities, with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them. In the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Who for my sake endured bitter suffering and death, I implore You to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Amen.**

Agnus Dei LSB 163

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

P: God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to Himself by sending His Son Jesus to suffer and die in our stead. In the name of our resurrected and living Savior I therefore declare His full and free forgiveness to all of you. Be at peace with God and with each other, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: AMEN.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

THE SERVICE OF DARKNESS

The service of darkness (Tenebrae) is an old Church liturgy. It was first used in the 800s A.D.

During the service the church becomes darker and darker. This is done to remind us that as Jesus went to the cross His disciples and friends and we left Him. Until He was all alone when He suffered on the cross to forgive the sins of all people. At the end of the service one candle remains lit.

This one candle reminds us that although Jesus died on the cross, there was His promise that "on the third day, I (Jesus) will rise (Live) again."

THE DARKNESS OF MISUNDERSTANDING

Hymn "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" LSB 434 v 1

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thy-self to scorn didst offer.

All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:

Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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WORDS IN THE TEMPLE - Mark 11:15-18, John 10:27-39

(The First candle is put out.)

THE DARKNESS OF BETRAYAL

Hymn "Just as I Am, without One Plea" LSB 570 v1-2

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,

To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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WORDS IN THE UPPER ROOM Matthew 26:20-30

(The Second Candle is put out.)

THE DARKNESS OF TEMPTATION

Hymn "A Mighty Fortress" LSB 657 v 1,3

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
3. Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot over-power us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

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WORDS IN THE GARDEN Matthew 26:36-44, 50b-56

(The Third Candle is put out.)

THE DARKNESS OF INJUSTICE

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Jesus! Oh, How Could It Be True

1 Je - sus! Oh, how could it be true, A mor - tal
2 A - shamed of Jes - us, that dear friend On whom my
3 Till the - n, nor is my boast - ing vain, Till then I

man a - shamed of you? A - shamed of you, whom an -
hopes of heav'n de - pend? No; when I blush, be this
boast a sa - vior slain And oh, may this my glo -

gels praise, Whose glo - ries shine through end - less days?
my shame, That I no more re - vere his name
-ry be, That Christ is not a - shamed of me!

WORDS IN THE COURTROOM Mark 14:53-65

(The Fourth Candle is put out.)

THE DARKNESS OF DENIAL

Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LSB 425 v 1-4

1. 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.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. 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?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

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WORDS IN THE COURTYARD Mark 14:66-72
(The Fifth Candle is put out.)

THE DARKNESS OF REJECTION

WORDS BEFORE PILATE Luke 23:13-25
(The Sixth Candle is put put.)

Hymn – “No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet” LSB 444 v 3,4

3 What fading flow’rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory’s crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies, “Behold, behold your King!”

4 Now He who bore for mortals’ sake The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant’s form to take, The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior’s name Till heaven’s rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim “Behold, behold your King!”

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THE DARKNESS OF CRUCIFIXION

WORDS FROM THE CROSS Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John
(The Seventh Candle is put out.)

Hymn “Were You There?” LSB 456 vs 1-3

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

SILENT PRAYER

Leave the church in silence.