

TRIDUUM

Day 2

Good Friday

Tenebrae Service

19 April 2019

Welcome



The Order of Service is printed out for you in this bulletin.

Large print versions of the bulletin are available from the ushers.

Guests - we welcome you and invite you to sign our guest book in the atrium and fill out the friendship register in the pew.

Parents with small children—we enjoy children in worship! However, if you need to leave during the service, we encourage you to use the nursery area in the lobby. If nursing, please feel free to use room 213 for your comfort.

Restrooms and changing tables are located upstairs and downstairs, past the elevators. *Please turn off or mute **cell phones** during the worship service.*

Service Introduction

In the Service of Darkness or Tenebrae the progressive extinguishing of candles represents the snuffing out of the life of Christ. After recalling the last words of the Savior's life, we come to stand, as it were, at the foot of the cross.

The sounds and sights of the service mean to be austere and stark, but the service is never without hope and anticipation. The silence is broken with a loud noise—the strepitus—that remembers the earthquake on Good Friday and foreshadows the rending of Christ's tomb in triumph on Easter morning. The seventh candle is returned to burn in the Passion Wreath. Even on Good Friday, our worship honors a living Christ.

Because this is Day 2 in the Triduum service, please note the following things:

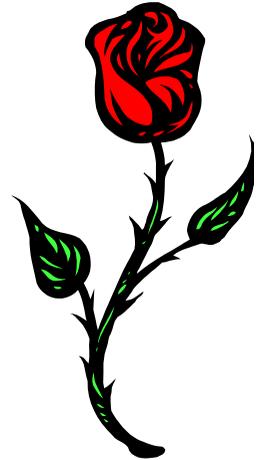
- As last night, there is no benediction to close the service. The benediction will occur at the end of the service on Easter morning.
- As last night, the congregation is asked to leave the church in silence.

☞The Rose of Sharon☞

The term “rose of Sharon” is used only once in Scripture in Song of Songs 2:1, and it spoken by the writer’s beloved. She says, *“I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.”* This term was a compliment to her beauty.

For centuries the Christian church has used “The Rose of Sharon” as a picture of Jesus Christ in music and art. One reason might be that Jesus as our Savior is truly beautiful despite that on earth *“he had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.”* (Isaiah 53:2) However, we cannot say exactly when and why this name was attached to Christ.

Holy Week draws to a moving finish as we focus on our suffering Savior hanging from a cross. Our sins and the sins of the world press down on him. His head and hands are bleeding; his hands and feet are nailed to the cross. It is a sorrowful picture, yet one that brings us hope — for at the cross Jesus made the payment for our sins. Watch closely and listen carefully tonight as we hear again this wonderful truth, and see our Savior represented as a beautiful rose, the Rose of Sharon.



May the risen Christ bless our worship as we celebrate his passion and resurrection.

Pastor: Rev. Ben Pederson

Ushers: Bruce Knapp

Pianist: Julie Cison

Dennis Philippi

Choir Director: Julie Hanson

Jason Hahn

Accompanist: Laurie Harvison

The service begins in silence.

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

C: Amen.

READING

ISAIAH 53

M: Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
3 He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
4 Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

M: Take heart! The Lord has taken away your sins. Jesus was pierced for your transgressions and crushed for your iniquities. Because Jesus walked the road to Jerusalem, because Jesus bore your punishment, your wounds are healed; you are at peace with God.

HYMN

“Were You There”

CW #119

**Were you there when the crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when the crucified my Lord?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
 Were you there when the crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?
 Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
 Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?**

**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?**

SERMON

“Three Words of Truth: It Is Finished”

JOHN 19:28-30

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The first candle is extinguished.

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register located in your pew and pass it to those worshipping with you. Guests, please include your address or email address.

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CHOIR

In My Father's House

PSALM 22

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: Why are you so far from saving me?

M: I am a worm and not a man,

C: scorned by men and despised by the people.

M: All who see me mock me.

C: They hurl insults, shaking their heads.

M: "He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him.

C: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

M: My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.

C: You lay me in the dust of the earth.

M: A band of evil men has encircled me;

C: they have pierced my hands and My feet.

M: They have divided my garments among them

C: and cast lots for my clothing.

M: But you, O Lord, be not far off;

C: O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

The second candle is extinguished.

PRAYER

M: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN

“Behold a Branch Is Growing”

CW #47

1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of
love - liest form and grace, As proph - ets sang, fore -
know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's race And
bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of cold - est
win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.

Convicted

Matthew 26:57-68

The third candle is extinguished; the rose is covered with a black veil.

**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, poor, wretched, blind;
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
 Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down.
 Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Sentenced

Matthew 27:11-26

The fourth candle is extinguished; the rose is carried to the foot of the cross.

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
 Now scornfully surrounded, with thorns thy only crown,
 O sacred head, no glory, now from your face does shine;
 Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.**

**What language shall I borrow, to thank you dearest friend,
 For this, your dying sorrow, your pity without end?
 Oh, make me yours forever, and keep me strong and true;
 Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for you.**

Stripped

Matthew 27:27-36

The fifth candle is extinguished: the leaves are stripped off the rose stem.

HYMN

"O Dearest Jesus"

CW #117 (1-3)

O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken,
That such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?
Of what great crime have you to make confession -
What dark transgression?

They crown your head with thorns, they smite they scourge you;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge you;
They give you gall to drink, they still decry you;
They crucify you.

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit, This I do merit.

Abandoned

Matthew 27:37-49

The sixth candle is extinguished; the rose is nailed to the cross.

HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

CW #125 (1-3)

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

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.

**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?**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

M: Heavenly Father, you are a just God who accepts nothing less than perfection. All too often we fail to realize how much our sins offend you. We forget that the wages of sin truly is death. Lead us to recognize the seriousness of our sinfulness. Lead us also to admit our inability to make things right with you.

C: **Teach us to look to you as the only one who can make us just and right.**

M: Today we are reminded not only of your justice but also of your love. You did not spare your own Son but gave him as a ransom for each one of us. Comfort us with the knowledge of this great love. Give us the peace that forgiveness brings.

C: **When we feel our guilt, point us to the cross where our guilt was washed away in Jesus' blood.**

M: Lord Jesus, we thank you for paying the debt that we could not pay. We thank you for coming to earth so that we could be with you forever in heaven.

C: **For being our perfect substitute, we thank you, Jesus.**

M: Son of God, you offered up your body as an unblemished sacrifice for sin and commended your spirit into the hands of your Father. Teach us to cast the cares of this brief life on our heavenly Father and commit our bodies and souls to his love.

C: **Give us the courage to face death, knowing that it is only a sleep from which we will awake in heaven.**

M: The cross was once an instrument of death. It now means life.

C: **Dear Savior, we humbly kneel at the cross in awe of your love. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

At Rest

Matthew 27:57-61

The rose is covered in a white cloth; the final candle is carried from the chancel.

HYMN

"Oh, Perfect Life of Love"

CW #138

**Oh, perfect life of love! All, all is finished now,
All that he left his throne above To do for us below.**

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

**No pain that we can share But he has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care Have pierced that tender heart.**

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

**In perfect love he dies; For me he dies, for me!
O all-atoning Sacrifice, You died to make me free!**

**In ev'ry time of need, Before the judgment throne,
Your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Your merits, not my own.**

Following the hymn, the church is left in darkness.

The strepitus is heard, and the candle is returned to burn in the chancel.

After a moment of silence, the lights will be turned on to aid you as you exit.

The congregation may then disperse quietly.

*Please join us Easter Sunday
to celebrate Jesus' victory over the grave!*

Easter Dawn
6:30am

Easter Festival
8 & 10:30am

Breakfast will be served after the first two services with a free-will offering received for the Hmong mission in Vietnam.