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Good Friday

7:30 p.m.

Tenebrae Service

April 3, 2026



WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN'S PROVIDENCE CAMPUS

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Fill out one of the Connect cards located in the pew racks in front of you, and place in the offering plate.

The order of service is divided into several sections. Use this bulletin to participate in the worship service, noting parts spoken by the leader or the people, when to stand, sit, or kneel, and music for congregational singing.



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Tenebrae Order of Worship

GATHERING

ABOUT THE SERVICE

The Holy Week Service of Tenebrae is one of the oldest traditional observances of the Christian Church. As the service unfolds with the dramatic recounting of humanity's sin and Christ's death, the darkness gradually increases until only one light remains burning: the light of God's love, the light that darkness can never overcome. The service ends in silence.

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

Duane Funderburke
Leigh Marsh, violin

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Dan Forrest
Christ Choir; Leigh Marsh, violin

GATHERING SONG (stand)

What Wondrous Love Is This with You Are My King (Amazing Love) arr. Allen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Let us pray, at this hour, O God Most High, while silence reigns and the sun hides its face, a world prostrate beneath its sins lifts its eyes to the cross, rejoicing that the tree of knowledge which brought the human race to its knees, has become the tree of life, lifting us up to redemption. Let the glorious cross forever stand as the sign of our worth in your eyes! As we behold innocence itself crucified in place of the guilty and Life put to death for sinners, may we take heart, remembering the prayer of the dying thief whose faith was rewarded. We ask this through your Son, the Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
Amen.*



PART 1

“NO ONE NOTICED”
Lamentations 1:12-13,
16 (NIV)
(sit)

ANTHEM

“Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see. Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me, that the Lord brought on me in the day of his fierce anger? From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones. He spread a net for my feet and turned me back. He made me desolate, faint all the day long. This is why I weep and my eyes overflow with tears. No one is near to comfort me.”

The Power of the Cross

arr. Cottrell
Rob Chase, worship leader



PART 2

**“WHAT’S ONE
MORE BABY?”**
Luke 2:1-7 (RSV)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirin'i-us was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

ANTHEM

Behold the Lamb

arr. Duren
Kristin Glaeser-Cavazos, solo



PART 3

**“DID PILATE
NOTICE... REALLY?”**
Mark 15:1-5 (NIV)

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

“Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate. “You have said so,” Jesus replied.

The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

CONGREGATIONAL
SONG*The Blood of Jesus
Speaks for Me*

arr. Cottrell
(stand)

1. The blood of Je - sus speaks for me Be still my soul. Re - deem - ing
2. My heart can bare - ly take it in; He par - dons all my guilt - y
3. When my ac - cu - ser makes the claim that I should die for my of -

love out of the dust of Cal - va - ry is ris - ing
stains. Sur - ren - der all my shame to Him, He breaks the
fense, I point him to that rug - ged frame where I found

to the throne a - bove. There is no ven - geance in His cry, while "It is
curse of ev - 'ry chain. My sin is great, but great - er still, the bound - less
life at Christ's ex - pense. See from His hands, His feet, His side, the foun - tain

fin - ished," fills the sky. For-give-ness is the fi - nal
 grace His heart re - veals. A mer - cy deep - er than the
 flo - wing deep and wide. Oh, hear it shout the vic - to -
 ry;
 The blood of Je - sus speaks for me. _____
 Wor - thy is the Lamb, Lamb for sin - ners slain! Je - sus, Lord of all,
 Heav - en cry - ing out, let the earth pro - claim; pow - er in the blood,
 Glo - ry to His name! Je - sus _____ Oh, let my
 soul a - rise and sing. My con - fi - dence is not in vain. The One who
 fights for me is King! His oath, His cov - e - nant re - main. No con - dem -
 na - tion now I dread; e - ter - nal hope is mine in - stead. His Word will
 stand; I stand re - deemed. The blood of Je - sus speaks for me. _____
 A - maz - ing love, how can it be? _____ The blood of
 Je - sus speaks for me! _____ For me! _____ For me! _____

PART 4
"A THIEF NOTICED"
 Luke 23:39-43 (NIV)
 (sit)

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "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."

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

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

HYMN
*When I Survey the
 Wondrous Cross*
 arr. Coates
 (stand)



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous Cross
 2. For - bid it, Lord that I should boast
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,
 On which the Prince of Glo - ry died,
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down;
 That were an off - 'ring far too small;
 My rich - est gain I count but loss,
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,
 And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all.



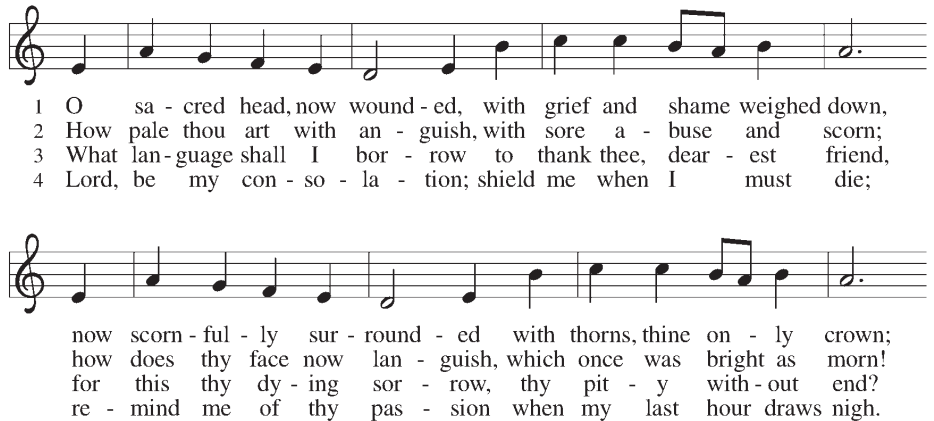
PART 5

**“ONE SIGN,
 ONE MENTION,
 ONE LINE”**

Luke 23:44-46 (NIV)
 (sit)

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 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.”

HYMN
*O Sacred Head,
 Now Wounded*
 Gerhardt, Hassler
 (stand)



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 lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;
 now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.



PART 6

**“MAYBE A GUARD,
 HIS MOM, SOME
 WOMEN?”**

Mark 15:33-41 (NIV)
 (sit)

At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.” Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!” Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

ANTHEM

Silent the Garden, Silent the Tomb

Victor Johnson
 Christ Choir



PART 7

**“SOMEONE
 NOTICED”**

Isaiah 53:4-7 (NIV)

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. 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. 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.

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.

SOLO

Were You There
 Traditional Spiritual
 Claire Murphy, solo

VERSICLE AND RESPONSE (repeated three times while Paschal Candle is removed from the Sanctuary)
(stand) *Leader: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the salvation of the world.*
People: O come, let us worship him.

A loud drum roll represents the earthquake that occurred when Jesus died.
The Paschal Candle is carried out of the room to symbolize the three days in the tomb.

STREPITUS The slamming of the book symbolizes the closing of the tomb and Christ's final words, "It is finished."

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.**

BENEDICTION *The Lord bless you and keep you.*
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

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7 a.m. Sunrise Service *Fountain Plaza*
in person only

8:45 a.m. Traditional Sanctuary
children's message • nursery available

10 a.m. The Bridge *Christ Chapel*
in person only • nursery available

11 a.m. Contemporary Sanctuary
children's message • nursery available

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He is Risen!

