

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE VESPERS (HOLY FRIDAY)

APRIL 7, 2023
4:00 & 7:00 PM

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Almighty and everlasting God, You have willed that Your only-begotten Son should bear for us the pains of the Cross, that You might remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may obtain remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE OLD RUGGED, WOODEN CROSS

Since the altar is stripped and the paraments are gone, the wood of many altars, lecterns, and pulpits are fully exposed. Wood reminds you what took place on the tree of the cross, where your Lord once died. Jesus' cross brings peace, forgiveness, and salvation. By it, the lives of Christians are rescued, sweetened, and lightened. We reflect upon these familiar words of "The Old Rugged Cross" penned by American composer George Bennard in 1912:

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.



The pastor and congregation enter in silence

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 6:1-17

Elder: The Old Testament Reading is from Second Kings, the sixth chapter.

Now the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, “See, the place where we dwell under your charge is too small for us. Let us go to the Jordan and each of us get there a log, and let us make a place for us to dwell there.” And he answered, “Go.” Then one of them said, “Be pleased to go with your servants.” And he answered, “I will go.” So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. But as one was felling a log, his axe head fell into the water, and he cried out, “Alas, my master! It was borrowed.” Then the man of God said, “Where did it fall?” When he showed him the place, he cut off a stick and threw it in there and made the iron float. And he said, “Take it up.” So he reached out his hand and took it.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 2:13-15

Elder: The Epistle is from Colossians, the second chapter.

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

✠ THE SEVEN LAST WORDS ✠

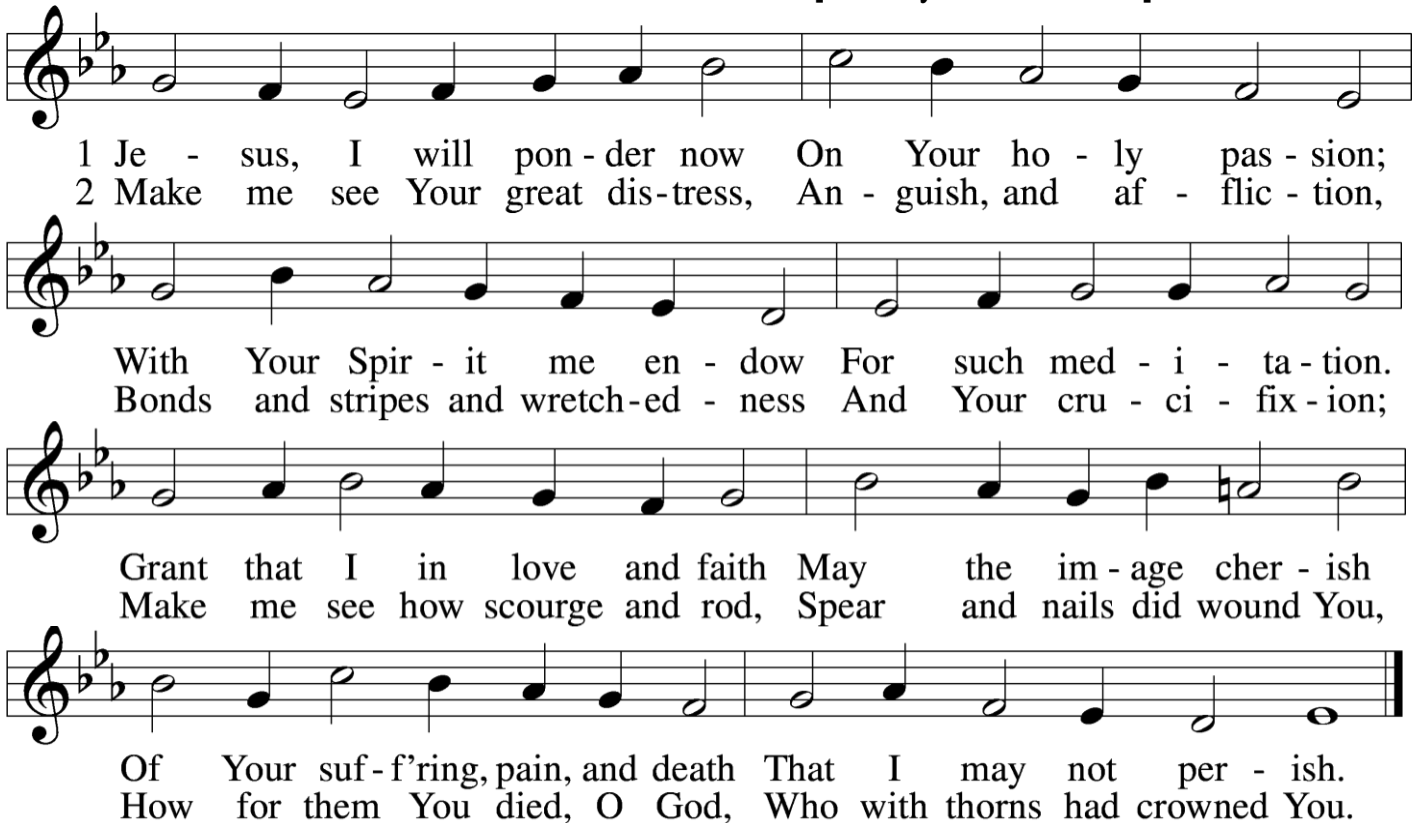
We reflect in the seven last words that Jesus spoke from the wooden cross.

Word of Pardon

Luke 23:33-34

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.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” [LSB hymn 440:1-2]



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

Word of Promise

Luke 23:39-42

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.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” [LSB hymn 449:1-2]

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
2 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.
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.

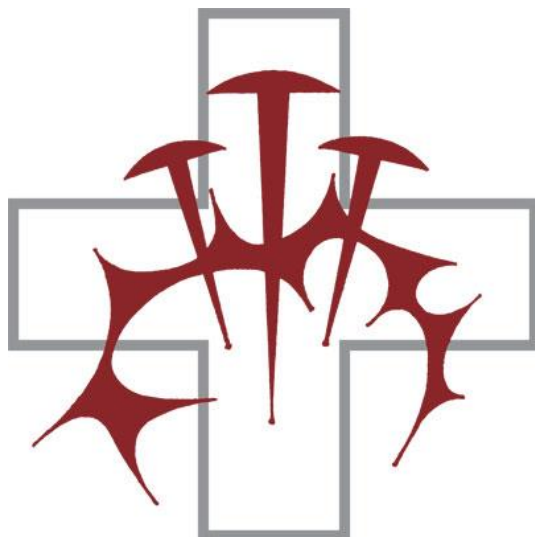
O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

Word of Love

John 19:25-27

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.



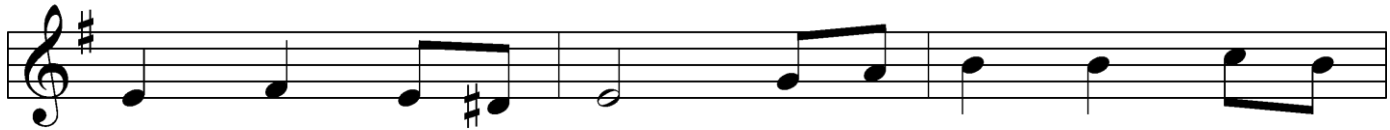
“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” [LSB hymn 451:1-2]



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

Word of Justice

Matthew 27:45-46

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” [LSB hymn 451:3-4]

3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the
 great lost: Here Christ, the Rock of our na - ture right - ly, Here its
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - sin - ners
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Word of Torment

John 19:28

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” [LSB hymn 435]

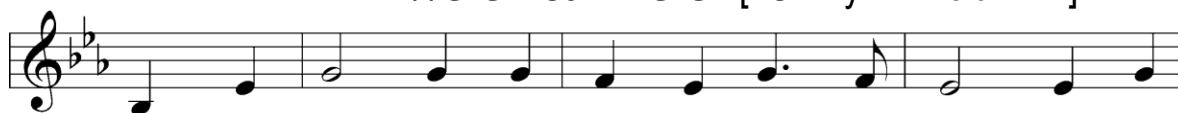
1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.

Word of Triumph

John 19:30

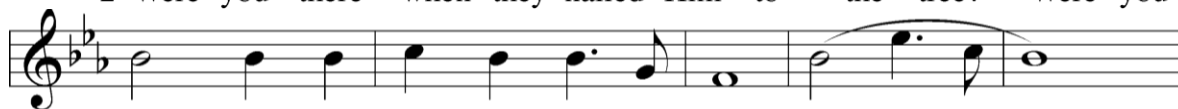
When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

“Were You There” [LSB hymn 456:1-2]



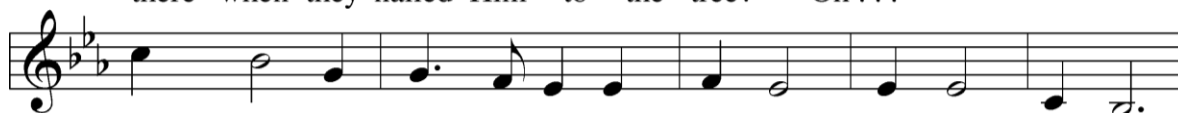
1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you

2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you



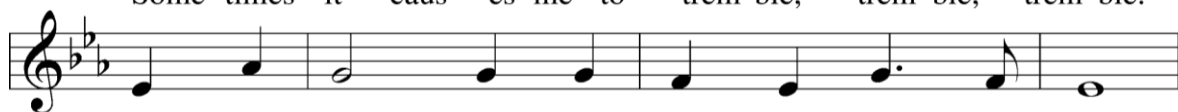
there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...

there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Word of Rest

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.

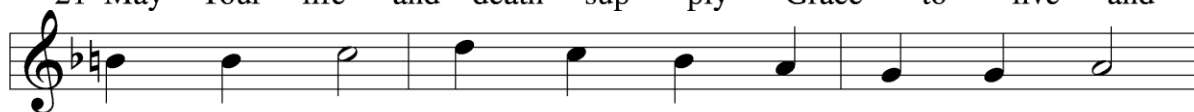
“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” [LSB hymn 447:19-21]



19 Je - sus, all Your la - bor vast, All Your woe and

20 When the death shades round us low'r, Guard us from the

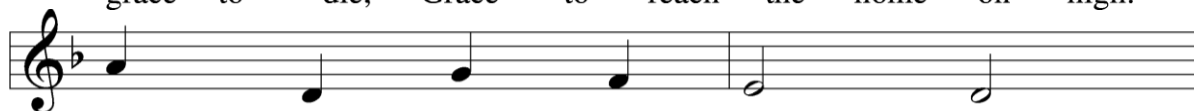
21 May Your life and death sup - ply Grace to live and



con - flict past, Yield - ing up Your soul at last:

tempt - er's pow'r, Keep us in that tri - al hour:

grace to die, Grace to reach the home on high:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

ANTHEM

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken ” (4:00 PM)

[LSB hymn 439]

“Behold the Lamb of God” (7:00 PM)

Craig Courtney

*Behold the Lamb of God, The Lamb for sinners slain; A perfect sacrifice for all,
He died, but lives again. Behold the Lamb of God, Behold His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.
He lives-let Heav'n rejoice, And earth her honors bring to Him, the everlasting God,
The great eternal King. Behold the Lamb, Behold His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.
Oh, strike your harps of gold, Ye ransomed host above.
Praise Him who bought you with His blood, And saved you by His love.
Behold the Lamb of God, Behold His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.*

SERMON

“The Old Rugged, Wooden Cross”

(Pastor Jim Toma)

Stand

BIDDING PRAYER

Elder: 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:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth we ask You to keep in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name.

Cong: Amen.

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

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole Body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers we offer before You for all Your servants in Your Holy Church that every member may truly serve You according to Your calling.

Cong: Amen.

Elder: 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:

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen.

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

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen.

Elder: 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:

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen.

Elder: 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:

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen.

Elder: 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:

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen.

Elder: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen.

Elder: 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:

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

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

**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.**

Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

Cong.: O come, let us worship Him.

Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

Cong.: O come, let us worship Him.

Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

Cong.: O come, let us worship Him.

✠ REPROACHES ✠

Pastor: 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.

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

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” [LSB hymn 434:1]

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:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed You with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

Elder: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” [LSB hymn 434:2]

Four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: 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: Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

Elder: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

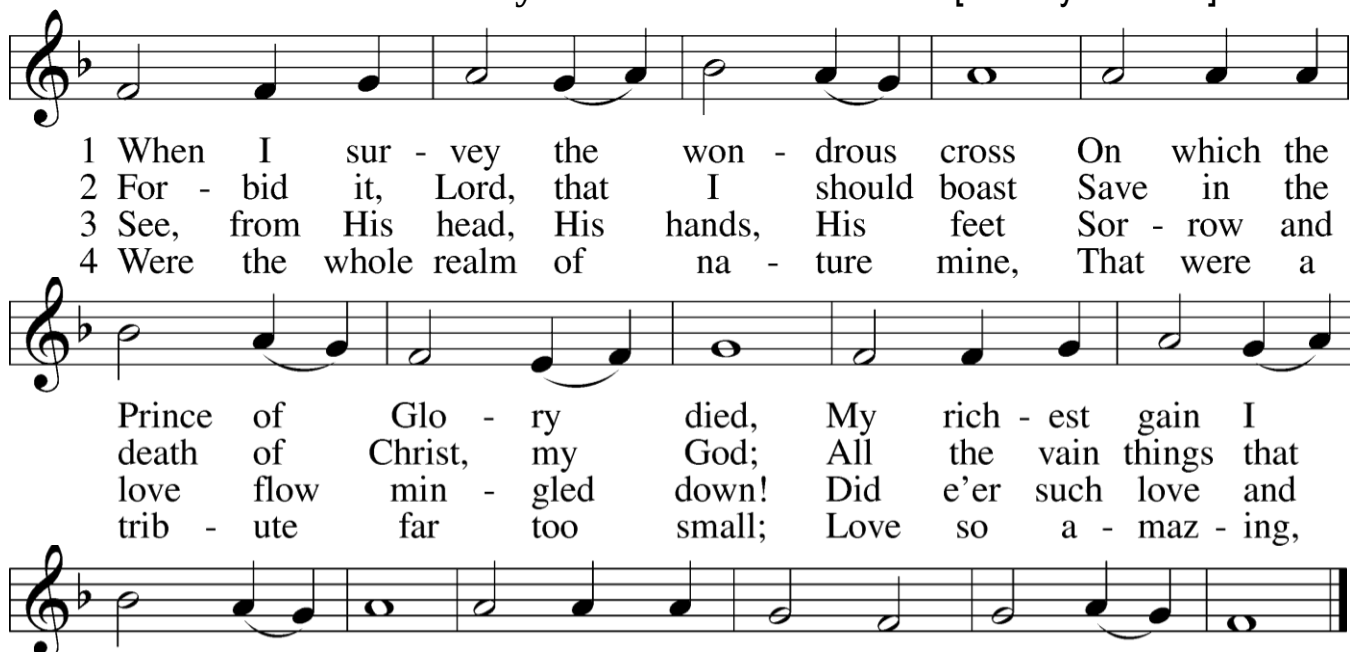
“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” [LSB hymn 434:3]

Four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: 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!

ADORATION OF CHRIST

**Cong.: 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.
For behold, by the wood of Your cross
joy has come into all the world.**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” [LSB hymn 425]



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

Sit

CHOIR ANTHEM (7:00 PM)

“Eli, Eli Lama Sabachtani”

Psalm 22 (Ruth Elaine Schramm)

Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani. My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? My heart is melted away within me, I am poured out like water. Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani. My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? They pierced my hands, they pierced my feet. I can count all my bones; they stare at me and mock me. Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani. My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?

The candles are extinguished

CLOSING OF THE BOOK

(The Strepitus)

The congregation leaves in silence

The Christ Candle is removed at the end of Good Friday services to symbolize the death of Jesus and is returned to its place on Easter Sunday to remind us that Christ rose again. The sound of the closing of the Bible at the end of the service is to acknowledge that Christ's mission of salvation is fulfilled. Upon completion of the service, the congregation leaves the church in silence and returns to their homes, to await the Benediction on Sunday morning. Now we confidently await the resurrection and wait to hear the words of the angels – “*Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen!*”

THE *TENEBRAE* SERVICE is a traditional service of the Christian Church dating back to the Middle Ages on Good Friday to impress upon the minds and hearts of believers the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of the Savior's sacrifice. The word “*tenebrae*” means darkness and refers to the darkness which covered the earth at the time of Christ's crucifixion.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

April 8 Easter Vigil Divine Service (Incense will be used)

“The Oil of Joy and Gladness” 7:00 PM

April 9 Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) Divine Service

“Welcome to the Promised Land of Milk and Honey”

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Easter Breakfast 9:15 – 10:30 AM

SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

4:00 PM

7:00 PM

Acolyte/Usher/Elder:

Adam Volkert

Roman Jurenka

Music:

Rick Ritchie, Karen Miller

Sanctuary Choir

Adam & Bonnie Volkert

Altar Guild:

Chris Ohlendorf, Carol Waidner

Alisa Duffey, Maria Jurenka

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

SCRIPTURE ALONE GRACE ALONE FAITH ALONE CHRIST ALONE



16351 Springdale Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92649-2773

CHURCH: 714-846-6330 Office Hours: Tue-Fri 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM / 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
churchoffice@redeemer-lutheran.net Fax: 714-840-2679

Jim Toma, Pastor jbtoma@redeemer-lutheran.net

Tom Miller, Specific Ministry Pastor tmiller@redeemer-lutheran.net

Church Website: redeemer-lutheran.net

SCHOOL: 714-840-7117 Office Hours: Mon- Fri 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Mindy Weiss, Preschool Director preschool.director@redeemer-lutheran.net

Preschool Website: school.redeemer-lutheran.net

CLEAR WITNESS ✝ CARING SERVICE

Our mission is to receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, worship Him and grow in His grace, and to share those holy gifts, by making disciples for Christ, who reach out joyfully to the world around them.

A CONGREGATION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD