

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



TENEBRAE SERVICE

**A SERVICE OF SHADOWS
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**GOOD FRIDAY
April 18, 2025**

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**LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHURCH
SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**

Our service is an adaptation of the ancient Tenebrae Service which dates from the 8th century. It is a service of worship that moves from light to darkness, with the fading light symbolizing the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus.

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

***HYMN** *“Lamb of God, Your Only Son”* **ELW #336**

INVOCATION AND PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, look with loving mercy on Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

THE DARKNESS OF MISUNDERSTANDING

The Words in the Temple

Mark 11:15-18, John 2:13-21

The first candle is extinguished

Silent Meditation

THE DARKNESS OF BETRAYAL

The Words in the Upper Room

Matthew 26:14-29

The second candle is extinguished

Silent Meditation

THE DARKNESS OF TEMPTATION

The Words in the Garden

Matthew 26:31-46

The third candle is extinguished

Silent Meditation

***HYMN** *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* **ELW #351**

THE DARKNESS OF INJUSTICE

The Words of the Trial

Mark 14:53-64, Mark 15:1-5, Luke 23:7-12

The fourth candle is extinguished

Silent Meditation

THE DARKNESS OF DENIAL

The Words in the Courtyard

Mark 14:66-72

The fifth candle is extinguished

Silent Meditation

THE DARKNESS OF REJECTION

The Words before Pilate

Luke 23:13-24

The sixth candle is extinguished

Silent Meditation

*HYMN

“Were You There”

ELW #353

*GLORIA PATRI

(In Unison)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE DARKNESS OF THE CRUCIFIXION

The Words from the Cross Luke 23:33-34, 39-43, John 19:26-30, Mark 15:45-46, Luke 23:46-48

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Song of Sorrow”

Patrick M. Liebergen

The seventh candle is carried out

(As the candle is carried out, all the lights will be turned out.)

Silent Meditation

PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we beseech You graciously to behold this Your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be destroyed and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer to death upon the cross.

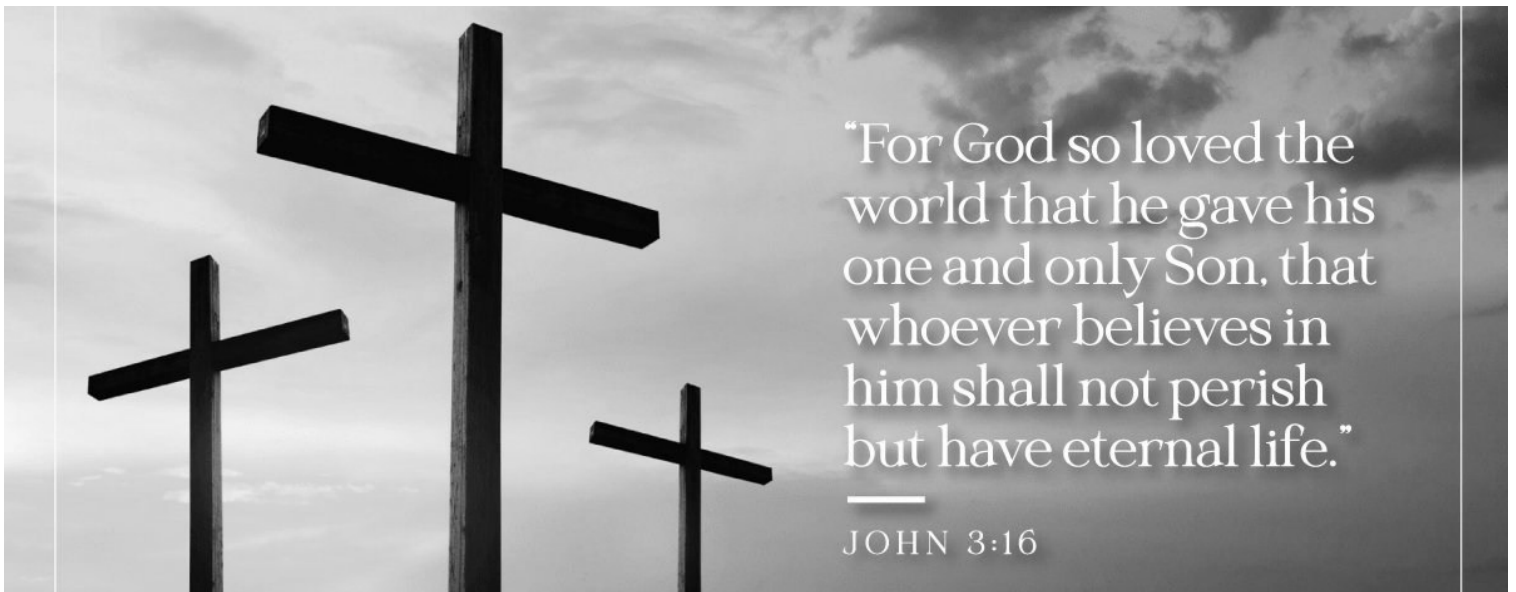
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(After a period of silence, the seventh candle will be brought back to the altar, held aloft and then returned to its position. All rise and leave the church in silence. The Pastor will not greet the congregation following the service.)

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

ELW # 347



LENT

Lamb of God

Your Only Son

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

Refrain



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958

Music: Twila Paris

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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite
 Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612;
 arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750