

GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae Worship Service

April 18th, 2025 6:30 p.m. Ecumenical Service

Held at Messiah Lutheran Church



PRELUDE

”Deep Were His Wounds, And Red”

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

All: God is the strength of my life: whom shall I dread?

One: I am seeking your presence, O God.

All: Do not abandon me to my foes.**There are people who hate me;
there are things that control me;
there are places that frighten me.**

One: Trust in God. Stand fast and have courage.

All: Help us this night not to fall away.**Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and give us the courage to withstand.****HYMN**

#666 “What Wondrous Love is This”



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

INVOCATION OF THE SERVICE OF THE LIGHT

One: God be with you.
 All: **And also with you.**
 One: Let us pray:
 All: **Gracious God, you give us the sun to illumine the day and the moon and the stars to shine by night. Kindle in us the flame of your love that our lives may shed abroad the radiance of your light and the world may be full of the splendor of your glory; through Jesus Christ, the Son of Righteousness. Amen**

HYMN

#336 "Lamb of God"

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.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 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.

PRAYER AND THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

One: O Gracious Light, Pure brightness of the eternal Creator in heaven, O Je
 sus Christ, holy and Blessed!
 All: **Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold your
 vesper light, we sing your praises, Holy God, One in Trinity.**

One: You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Christ of God,
O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

LIGHTING OF THE TABLE CANDLES

HYMN

“Within Our Darkest Night”

Repeat



PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

One: Let us pray:

All: Spirit of Christ, be with us now. We may try to avoid this hour of trouble; we may not stay awake. Help us to face our fear of the cross on which you died. Help us face the crosses we must carry to honor your life.

Silence for Personal Confession

One: Let us continue:

All: We are your disciples. And we too follow you with confusion and fear. Strengthen us, we pray, so that we may walk through life into death without fear; through the night into eternal light. Amen

READING

The *Mandatum Novum* (New Commandment)

John 13: 34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS: TENNEBRAE

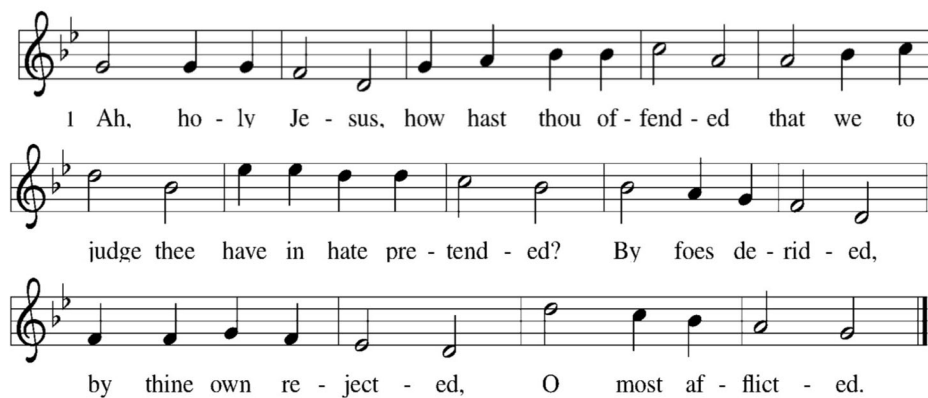
I. Shadow of Betrayal

Matthew 26: 20-22, 25

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

RESPONSE

#349 "Ah, Holy Jesus" *Verse 1*



I Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.

II. Shadow of Desertion

Matthew 26: 31a, 33-35

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'" Peter said to him, "Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

RESPONSE

#348 "Stay With Me" *sung 2 times*



Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
pray. Watch and pray.

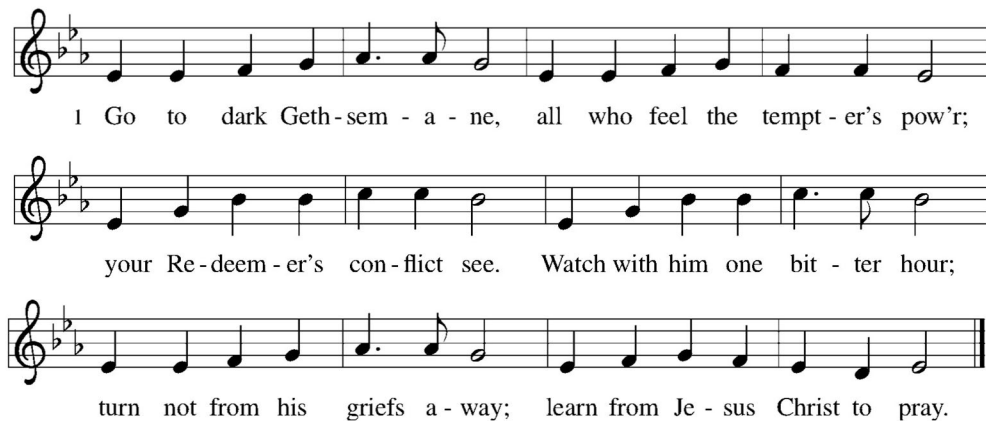
III. Agony of the Soul

Luke 22: 39-44

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.

RESPONSE

#347 "Go To Dark Gethsemane" verse 1



The musical notation is written on three staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

I Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.

IV. The Hour Has Come

John 16:30-33, 17: 1-4, 6

Now we know that you know all things and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!" After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do."

ECUMENICAL CHOIR ANTHEM

"Will You Go To Calvary?"

V. Arrest in the Garden

John 18: 1-5

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

RESPONSE

#350 "They Crucified My Lord"



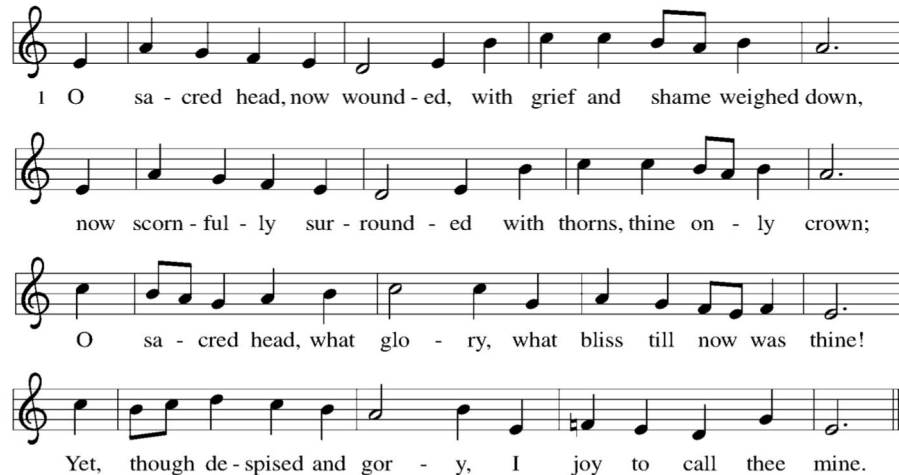
The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 they cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 not a word, not a word, not a word.

VI. Jesus is Sentenced

Matthew 27: 15-17, 20-23

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

RESPONSE#351 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" *Verse 1*


1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.

SILENCE

THE 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.

SILENCE

VII. Shadow of the Cross

Mark 15: 16-32

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passerby, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two rebels, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the

temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

HYMN

#616 "Jesus, Remember Me" *Sung 3 Times*



VII. Jesus Breathes His Last

Luke 23:44-49

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching these things.

IX. Care for the Body

Luke 23: 50– 56

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

CLOSING LITANY

One: After the betrayal, the accusations, the torturous execution, there seemed to be nothing left of Jesus' life's work, his vision of an upside-down kingdom

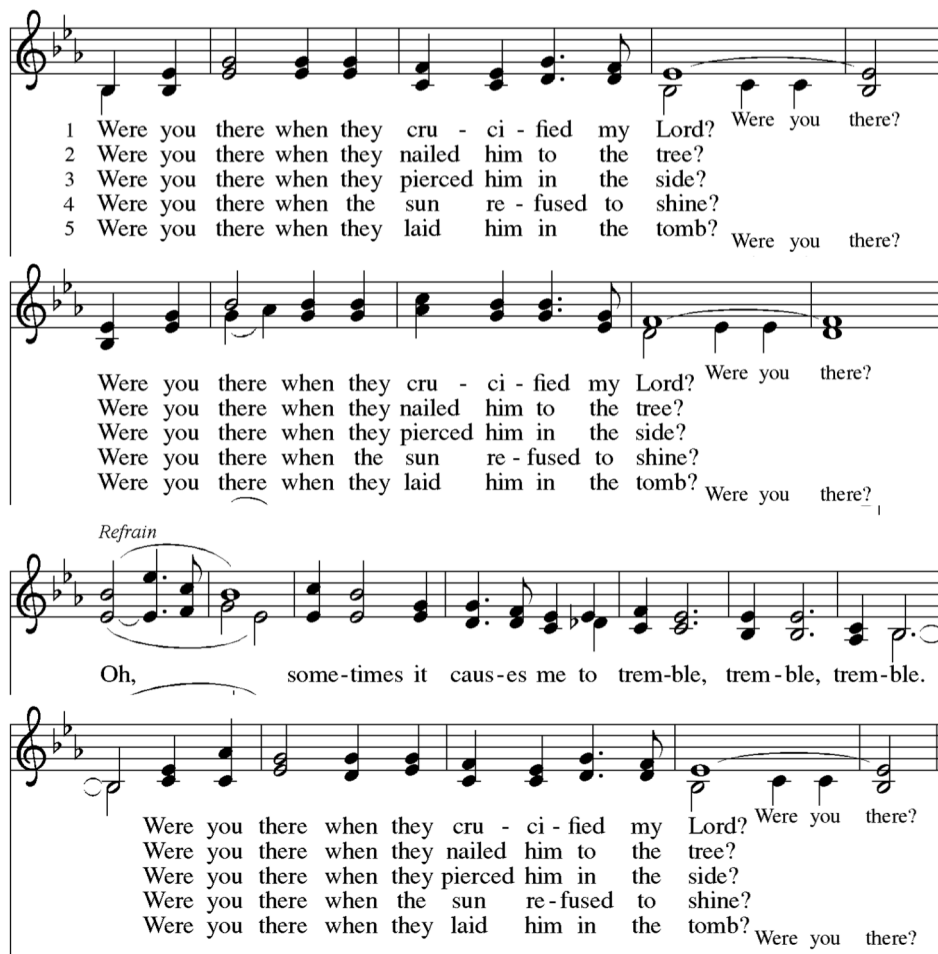
where the last are first. The Empire stomped out his spirit, and that was the end...

All: Except. There were the women who stayed with Jesus until the very end. Except. There was the body that had embraced, and fed, and touched so many lives—a body that was still honored, still cared for, still loved. Except. There was Joseph of Arimathea, who gave up his own tomb to bury the Son of God.

One: We end tonight in the space between death and resurrection. As the friends and followers of Jesus go home devastated and afraid, we linger with them, because grief matters. Even when we know a joyful new beginning is soon to come, the grief and pain are still real and deserve to be heard.

HYMN

#353 “Were You There”



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Refrain
 Oh, 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?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

YOU ARE INVITED TO DEPART IN SILENCE.

**WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE SPACE FOR REFLECTION TODAY
AND TOMORROW, AS WE HEAD TOWARD THE WONDER OF EASTER.**

**ST. PAUL'S
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:00AM
NURSERY IS PROVIDED 9-11AM
A CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT & FELLOWSHIP TIME WILL FOLLOW
WORSHIP.**

**MESSIAH
EASTER VIGIL WILL BE HELD AT 5:00 PM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH
WE BEGIN BY GATHERING AT THE ENTRANCE DOOR OUTSIDE OF
MESSIAH FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRE AND THEN
PROCESSING INSIDE FOR WORSHIP**

**EASTER SUNRISE WILL BE HELD AT MCCARTY'S COVE BEACH
AT 6:30 AM ON SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH**

**TRADITIONAL EASTER WORSHIP
SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH AT 8:30 AM
WITH CONTEMPORARY-ISH WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM**

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church



Children belong in worship!

Worship kits and a nursery space is available. God rejoices in the joyful noise of children and so do we!



God calls us to welcome everyone!

Messiah seeks to be a welcoming community and to share the love of God with our neighbors. If you are new, please introduce yourself to our pastors.



Worship should be accessible!

Hearing devices (and T-Coil) and large print bulletins are available. We invite you to sit or stand as you are comfortable. All gender and family restroom facilities are available on the first level, please see signs in the Narthex.



All are welcome at Jesus' table!

During communion grape juice and gluten-free options are available. Those not wishing to commune may come forward for a blessing. Those not able to come forward may receive communion in their pew, please notify the usher.



God calls us to pray!

Private prayer requests may be made by writing them on the back of the Welcome Card. If you would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a pastoral care visit, please contact the church office.

Liturgists:	Rev. Andrew Plocher, Rev. Molly Hunter, Rev. Marna Franson & Rev. Natalie Handley
Music:	Ecumenical Choir under the direction of Sara Parks
Greeters:	Chris Harkness, Marina Shinkarenko
Pianist and Organist:	Kathy Strazzinski

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