

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## Good Friday Tenebrae

April 10, 2020

*Tenebrae, which is a Latin word meaning "shadows," has been observed in the church of Jesus Christ since the fourth century. On this Good Friday we marvel at the depth of suffering our Savior was willing to experience so that we might never have to experience the depth of suffering we truly deserve.*

### CALL TO MEDITATION

#### PRAYER

M **My** Father, when your Son hung on the cross, he cried out to you in agony and grief. You gave him the strength to endure so that death might be destroyed and life restored. Look with mercy upon your family gathered here from whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into the hands of sinful men, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we meditate on the way of his passion; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### TOLLING OF BELLS ANNOUNCE THE DEATH OF CHRIST

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

M The Gospel according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

Carrying his own cross, Jesus went out to The Place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read, "**Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews**". Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment

was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

"Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

This happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 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. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## MEDITATION

### HYMN

**Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion;  
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish  
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.**

**Make me see your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound you,  
How for them you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.**

**Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see your passion,  
But its cause to me make known And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been Of your crucifixion.**

**If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,  
Let your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won By your holy passion.  
If for me he slays his Son, God must have compassion!**

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

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*“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”*

*The first candle is extinguished.*

M Jesus, in your dying woes,

C **Even while your lifeblood flows,**

M Craving pardon for your foes:

All **Hear us, holy Jesus.**

## HYMN

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?

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 that you inherit,  
his I do merit.

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder?  
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;  
The Master pays the debt his servants own him,  
Who would not know him.

I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,  
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;  
To do your will shall be my sole endeavor  
Henceforth forever.

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*“I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”*

*The second candle is extinguished.*

M Jesus, pitying the sighs

**C** Of the thief who near you dies

**M** Promising him paradise:

**All** Hear us, holy Jesus.

#### **HYMN**

**There is a fountain filled with blood—  
Immanuel was slain—  
And sinners who are washed therein  
Lose ev'ry guilty stain,  
Loes ev'ry guilty stain.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there have I, as vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away,  
Washed all my sins away.**

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*“Dear woman, here is your son....Here is your mother.”*

*The third candle is extinguished.*

**M** Jesus, loving to the end.

**C** Her whose heart your sorrows rend.

**M** And your dearest human friend:

**All** Hear us, holy Jesus.

#### **PSALM 22**

**M** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me,  
so far from the words of my groaning?

**C** O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

**M** Yet, you are enthroned as the Holy One;

**C** you are the praise of Israel.

M In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

**C** They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

M But I am a worm and not a man, Scorned by men and despised by the people.

**C** All who see me mock me; 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 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

**C** Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

M I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

**C** My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

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

**C** you lay me in the dust of death.

M Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me,

**C** they have pierced my hands and my feet.

M But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

**C** Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

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*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

M Jesus,whelmed in fears unknown,

**C** With our evil left alone,

M While no light from heaven is shown:

All Hear us, holy Jesus.

ANTHEM

My God, My God

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*"I am thirsty."*

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

M Jesus in your thirst and pain,

C While your wounds your lifeblood drain,

M Thirsting more our love to gain:

All Hear us, holy Jesus.

SONG

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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*“It is finished!”*

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

M Jesus, all our ransom paid,

C All your Father’s will obeyed,

M By your sufferings perfect made:

All Hear us, holy Jesus.

HYMN

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! -  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, -  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down,  
Beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

†††

*“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”*

*The seventh candle is extinguished.*

M Jesus, all your labors vast,

**C All your woe and conflict past,**

M Yielding up your soul at last:

**C Hear us, holy Jesus.**

*The Christ candle is removed and the altar cross is veiled.*

### **STREPITUS**

*A Latin word meaning “loud noise”, symbolizing the earthquake that occurred when Jesus died and the closing of the Savior’s tomb.*

*The Christ candle is returned to the chancel, representing our Easter hope!*

M Remember how he told you, “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and on the third day rise again” (Luke 24:7).

### **LORD'S PRAYER** (*whispered*)

M We pray.

**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.**

### **ANTHEM**

*Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sov' reign die?*

*Would he devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?*

*Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?*

*Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!*



*Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut its glories in  
When God, the mighty Maker, died For his own creatures' sin.*

*Thus might I hide my blushing face While his dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt my eyes to tears.*

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away -- 'Tis all that I can do.*

*We end the service in silence. The silence of wonder and awe before the love of Christ.*

## **Easter 2020 — Join Us Online**

All online worship resources are available on our [website](#).



### **April 12 Easter Festival**

Available Easter morning..

**April 12 Easter at The Bridge Livestreamed at 10:15 am**

[The Bridge](#) is livestreamed on Sunday at 10:15 am on The Bridge [website](#) and on Facebook at *The Bridge at St. Paul's*. The service is available for viewing later at any time on each platform as well as full HD on our [You Tube channel](#) at *The Bridge Church Muskego*.

**Prayer Requests** If you have a prayer request, please don't hesitate to contact one of our pastors or use the contact form at the bottom of our [website](#). We have a team of dedicated prayer warriors ready to pray for you. If you would like to keep your prayer requests confidential among the pastors, check the applicable box.

Your Ministerial Team desires to serve you in any way that we can during this "Safer at Home" order. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Easter Season Message Series

### If...

“If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile”  
(1 Corinthians 15:17).

That is the great “If” of the Easter season. Everything we believe hangs on this one question: Did Jesus rise from the dead?



Join us at our Easter services to find answers to that most important question. Let's listen:

- to the Old Testament prophets,
- to guards at the tomb,
- to the women who were at the foot of the cross and at the garden tomb,
- to the disciples on the way to Emmaus,
- to Jesus himself.

Let God's Word give you an answer to the great “IF” of Easter.

### Then...

Join us in the following weeks as we see the change that Jesus' resurrection brings to our lives:

- Then I live in hope – 1 Peter 1:3-9 (April 19)
- Then I live a new life – 1 Peter 1:17-25 (April 26)
- Then I entrust my life to the Good Shepherd – 1 Peter 2:19-25 (May 3)
- Then I live a meaningful life – 1 Peter 2:4-10 (May 10)
- Then I live always prepared to answer – 1 Peter 3:15-22 (May 17)
- Then I will end my life well – 1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11 (May 24)



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

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