

TENEBRAE

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THE BODY OF CHRIST IN HIS PASSION



GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WELCOME TO GRACE!

We're glad you're here! May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone. You can follow along with the service using this worship folder or using the screens above the chancel. If you're new here, below is some helpful information about our sanctuary and our worship...

- Please reserve the **BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.
- A **PARENT'S ROOM** with private changing area and restroom is available through the door at the back of the middle aisle. Windows from the room allow you to still watch the service and speakers allow you to hear as well. A volume control is available on the wall by the door.
- Ask an usher to receive an **AUDIO RECEIVER** and **HEADSET** if you need hearing assistance in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.
- **RESTROOMS** are available in the Narthex. Exit out of the north doors from the Sanctuary and go to the left. They are located in the alcove behind Luther's Seal.
- **LARGE PRINT** bulletins are available. See an usher to receive one.
- Visit our **WEBSITE** at www.graceglendale.org for additional information about our ministries and upcoming events.

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ABOUT THE SERVICE

Tonight, we recall the crucifixion of our Lord. To help us in our remembrance, we are using an order of worship which is based on a medieval prayer service called the “**Tenebrae**” (a Latin word which means “**darkness**”). Good Friday Tenebrae is not a liturgical “funeral” for Jesus marked by gloom, but a solemn service of reflection, intercession, quiet meditation, and adoration for God’s Son as he offers up his life as the Lamb of God.

Seven lighted candles represent Jesus’ seven sayings from the cross. One by one the Tenebrae candles are extinguished. The loss of light symbolizes the ebbing of Jesus’ life and the darkness which surrounded the cross at Calvary from noon until 3:00 p.m.

The eighth candle, the Christ-candle, is not extinguished, but just as Christ’s body was hidden in the grave until the third day, so this candle is removed and hidden for a short time.

At the end of service, the Christ-candle is returned, giving testimony that we believe that Jesus Christ has conquered death, hell, sin, and Satan for us and assures us of being reconciled with God and that in him we do have eternal life.

The congregation will leave quietly without being ushered out. Let the contrast of tonight make more meaningful the joy and excitement we will be privileged to experience on Easter Sunday.

Your offering may be placed in the plates by the door as you leave.

ORDER OF SERVICE

INVOCATION

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

Amen.

Behold the † Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Let us worship him.

ADULT CHOIR

"Crucified"



Feet Anointed for Burial

JOHN 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵"Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷"**Leave her alone,**" Jesus replied. **"It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."**

ISAIAH 52:7-8

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
**Who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'**

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy.
When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

The first candle is extinguished.

HYMN: TO MY PRECIOUS LORD

CW 542



Hands Folded in Prayer

LUKE 22:39–46

³⁹Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰On reaching the place, he said to them, “**Pray that you will not fall into temptation.**” ⁴¹He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴²“**Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.**” ⁴³An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

⁴⁵When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶“**Why are you sleeping?**” he asked them. “**Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.**”

PSALM 24:2-4

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

They will receive blessing from the LORD
And vindication from God their Savior.

The second candle is extinguished.

HYMN: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

CW 721



Wrists Bound in Willingness

JOHN 18:2–11

²Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

⁴Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?”

⁵“Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied.

“I am he,” Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.)

⁶When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

⁷Again he asked them, “Who is it you want?”

“Jesus of Nazareth,” they said.

⁸Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go.” ⁹This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: “I have not lost one of those you gave me.”

¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.)

¹¹Jesus commanded Peter, “Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?”

PSALM 51:11-13

Do not cast me from your presence
Or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation.
And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
So that sinners will turn back to you.

The third candle is extinguished.

HYMN: THE WILL OF GOD IS ALWAYS BEST

CW 838 sts. 1, 4



Face Slapped in Mockery

JOHN 18:19–24

¹⁹Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

²⁰“I have spoken openly to the world,” Jesus replied. “I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. ²¹Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said.”

²²When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” he demanded.

²³“If I said something wrong,” Jesus replied, “testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?” ²⁴Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

PSALM 22:6-8

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

All who see me mock me;
They hurl insults, shaking their heads.

‘He trusts in the LORD,’ they say,
‘Let the Lord rescue him.

Let him deliver him,
Since he delights in him.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

HYMN: O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

CW 429 sts. 1–4



Head Crowned with Thorns

MATTHEW 27:27–31

²⁷Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

PSALM 22:12-15

Many bulls surround me;
Strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

Roaring lions that tear their prey
Open their mouths wide against me.

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

My heart has turned to wax;
It has melted within me.

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
And my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
You lay me in the dust of death.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

HYMN: O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

CW 429 sts. 5–7



Hands & Feet Nailed to the Cross

JOHN 19:16–18

¹⁶Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

PSALM 22:16-18

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;
They pierce my hands and my feet.

All my bones are on display;
People stare and gloat over me.

They divide my clothes among them
And cast lots for my garment.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

HYMN: WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

CW 407 sts. 1, 3



A Side Pierced in Death

JOHN 19:31–37

³¹Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. ³²The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

ISAIAH 53:4-6

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.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

HYMN: GOD WAS THERE ON CALVARY

CW 433 sts. 1, 5–6

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*The Christ Candle is removed,
(signifying the death and burial of Jesus)*

Silent Meditation

*The Strepitus
(a loud noise representing the closing of Jesus' tomb)*

*The Christ Candle is restored.
(anticipating our Lord's resurrection)*

HYMN: REST, O CHRIST, FROM ALL YOUR LABOR

CW 437

*You may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.
Your offering may be placed in the plates by the door as you leave.*

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6:00 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

7:00 – 10:15 a.m.

