

He humbled himself



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Good Friday—Tenebrae

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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025, 7:00 PM

TENEBRAE SERVICE

PLEASE ENTER THE SANCTUARY IN SILENCE

About the Tenebrae Service

Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning 'darkness' or 'shadows.' A service of Tenebrae is a service of meditation and reflection. Scripture interspersed with music, for our reflection on what Christ has done for us.

There will be 7 candles lit on the altar as well as the Christ candle. With each reading and hymn selection a candle will be extinguished, and lights will be dimmed until the service ends in near darkness and silence, with only the Christ candle remaining lit. The Christ candle will then exit to allow time for meditation and prayer. Please stay seated until the Christ candle returns, and a small number of lights come back up in order to allow us to exit safely and silently.

As you entered the Sanctuary you were given a stone. We encourage you to use your stone during worship. Look at it, feel the weight of it, imbue your sins and your worries into it.

Some stones are used as symbols of altars built where people have an encounter with God.

Stones are used in modern Judaism to leave at a gravesite as a way to honor the memory of the deceased. Toward the conclusion of this Tenebrae service, we will follow this tradition by placing our stones around the foot of the cross in front of the altar after the reading in which the stone is rolled in place to cover the entrance of the tomb.

Tonight, we employ all these symbols and whatever new ones you wish to add. Together we bring them all to the foot of the Cross, for this is where the weight of our sin and the gravity of grace come face to face.

We stand

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

THE LITANY

P: All you who pass this way

**C: Look and see the shadow of sin,
look and see the weight of the world.**

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the suffering of our Savior.

P: All you who pass this way, look and see the sorrow of Jesus Christ.

C: Behold the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

P: Let us pray, brothers and sisters,
for the holy church, throughout the world.

Silent prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

Please be seated.

Hymn:

“What Wonderous Love is This”

**ELW 666
vs 1-2**

The Shadow and Stone of Accusation Matthew 27:11-14,20-29

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly. ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified.” ²³ And he said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified.” ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; ^[a] see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. ²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, ²⁹ and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.

First candle is extinguished. Silence for reflection.

P: Let us pray.

C: Forgiving Christ, when the world condemns us, when wrong is done to us, when we carry the weight of things that are too much to forgive, come alongside us in the darkness and give us the grace to be forgiven and forgiving. Amen.

The Shadow and Stone of Denial Matthew 26:69-75

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a maid came up to him, and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." ⁷¹ And when he went out to the porch, another maid saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷² And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." ⁷⁴ Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the cock crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

2nd Candle is Extinguished. Silence for reflection.

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, you know what it is to feel that God is far away. You know the sorrow we feel when we don't acknowledge God in our lives. Come alongside us in the darkness and help us call out for God. Amen

The Shadow and Stone of Crucifixion Matthew 27:31-43; Luke 23:39-43

³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. ³² As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which

read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

3rd Candle is Extinguished. Silence for reflection.

P: Let us pray.

C: Reconciling Christ, we are weighed down by sin and separation, a world that is not at peace, a people who are not whole. You reached out to the thief; you welcomed him to God's side. Come alongside us in the darkness and bring grace and peace to everything that is broken. Amen

Hymn

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

ELW 349
vs 1-2

The Shadow and Stone of Sorrow John 19:25-27

²⁵ So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

4th Candle is Extinguished. Silence for reflection.

P: Let us pray.

C: Loving Jesus, we carry the weight of the people we love. We are concerned for their sorrows and suffering. Come alongside us in the darkness and cradle the ones we love in your strong arms. Amen

Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ELW 338

vs 1-3

The Shadow and Stone of Suffering John 19:28-29; Mark 15:40-41

²⁸ After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so, they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth.

⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome, ⁴¹ who, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered to him; and also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

5th Candle is Extinguished. Silence for reflection.

P: Let us pray.

C: Suffering Savior, in all our thirst, in all our sickness, in all our longing, in all our pain, you are there. Come alongside us in the darkness and walk with us through all our suffering. Amen

Hymn

“Ah, Alas and did my Savior Bleed”

ELW 337

vs 1-2

The Shadow and Stone of Death Matthew 27:46-51

⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, la'ma sabach-tha'ni?” that is, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “This man is calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the

others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."⁴⁹ And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.⁵⁰ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

6th Candle is Extinguished. Silence for reflection.

P: Let us pray.

C: **Dearest Jesus, even in death you are with us. When we mourn, when we are afraid, when we come to our own end, you have been there too. Come alongside us in the darkness and carry us through death to life. Amen**

Hymn

"Were You There"

ELW 353

vs 1-3

The Shadow and Stone of Burial John 19:34-34; Matthew 27:57-60

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day); the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him;³³ but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud,⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and departed.

7th Candle is Extinguished. Silence for reflection.

During the hymn, we will place our stones at the foot of the cross. To assist in maintaining order, please follow the same practice that we use when we go to the altar for communion. Please remain silent as you place your stones at the foot of the cross.

P: May Jesus Christ who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep and strengthen you.

The Christ candle will be carried down the main aisle and out of the Sanctuary. Please take these moments for reflection and prayer.

When the Christ candle returns, and when you are ready, please depart in silence. As with the Maundy Thursday service, there is no Benediction until the proclamation of Easter.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Pastor: Rev. Bob Miller

Cantor/Organ: Karoline Van Horn

Assisting Minister: Matt Bergstresser

Reception of New Members

Good Shepherd is receiving new member on Sunday, April 27th! There will be a one hour New Member Class on Sunday, April 13, after worship. During the class, we'll talk about being Lutheran and some of the service/fellowship opportunities at Good Shepherd. For more information, please speak to Chris Thompson, Sally Allen, or Pastor Bob.

PREPARING for EASTER

Please join us on Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Church in the Narthex. We need everyone to help us set up for: Saturday Evening Vigil at 7:00 p.m., Easter Sunday Service in the Sanctuary, Easter Sunday Breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please join us on Saturday in preparing our Church for the Resurrection of our Lord.

Contact: Chris Thompson – 865-414-2197 or Wylene Hinkle 423-586-0641 if you have questions. Thank you so much for your help.

Blessings, Chris Thompson

FLOWERS for the CROSS

Please bring flowers and/or foliage to decorate on the Cross outside near the large outdoor Cross on Easter Sunday, April 20. Come for breakfast and to flower the Cross. Glory and Praise for our Risen Lord.
Chris Thompson

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please join us on Easter Sunday at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast.

We are asking everyone, if able, to please bring breakfast food to share. The sign-up sheet is on the high/tall table in the Narthex.

We are asking everyone to please bring their breakfast food to the Fellowship Hall between 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. We hope to start serving around 8:00 a.m. Please join us for delicious food, fellowship, and celebrating our risen Lord. After eating, we plan to flower the Cross outside between the patio and the large outdoor cross around 9:00 a.m. In His Wonderful Love, Chris Thompson

Coming up at Good Shepherd

Friday, April 18	7:00 pm Good Friday
Saturday, April 19	10:00 am Setup for Easter 7:00 pm Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 20	Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday 7:30 am Breakfast Setup 8:00 am Easter Morning Breakfast served 9:00 am Flowering of the Cross 9:15 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Worship Service
Monday, April 21	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry
Sunday, April 27	Second Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Worship Service 11:30 am New Member Reception
Sunday, May 4	Third Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Worship Service
Tuesday, May 6	6:00 pm American Legion
Thursday, May 8	6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
Sunday, May 11	Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday, May 14	4:00—6:00 pm Community Dinner
Friday, May 16	10:00 am Deborah Circle, <i>Narthex</i>
Sunday, May 18	Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Worship Service 2:30 pm Lifecare, Jefferson City Service
Monday, May 19	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry



We Remember in Prayer



Members - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Karoline Van Horn
Sally Allen
Darlene Kline
Steve Werner
Ric Van Horn

Family & Friends - *Healing, comfort, strength, & peace*

Family and friends of Opalee Queen, friend of Chris Thompson,
comfort in sorrow

Pamela T. Lefkowitz, sister of Mike Thompson

Berlyn Cate, friend of Chris and Mike Thompson

Shannon Martin, Friend of The Good Shepherd, *comfort in sorrow at the passing of her father.*

Sallie Blazer, Friend of Mike and Chris Thompson, *comfort in sorrow at the passing of her mother; Betty Burns Blazer*

Those in the community - *guidance, hope, comfort, healing, & peace*

Suzanne Christian
Lester Brown
Yohana Velazquez
Steven Martinsen
Linda Cobble
Darlene Rosenbalm
William Bowers

Military Serving our Country - *Protection, comfort, & strength*

John Gray, Joshua Gray's brother
Ian Anderson, Alan Anderson's nephew
Joshua Sheaf, Good Shepherd member