



Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY

“A Disciple Looks”

Berea Lutheran Church

April 15th, 2022



As We Gather

“The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we celebrate...” says one of the hymns of Passion Week. Good Friday brings us to the heart of that celebrating, combining elements of sorrow and love, despair and victory, death and life. Through the words and actions of this service we observe the completion of Jesus’ saving work and pass into the shadows of Tenebrae as our Lord’s body is placed in the tomb.

THE HYMN:

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

LSB 440 (vs. 1-4)

THE OPENING

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

C: AMEN

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we ask You graciously to behold this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked people and to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God world without end.

C: AMEN

THE HYMN:

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

LSB 440 (vs. 5-6)

THE RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 53:4-11

P: Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.

Women: But He was pierced for our transgression, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by his wounds we are healed.

All: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned in his own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

P: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open his mouth.

Men: By oppression and judgment, He was taken away. And who can speak of His descendants? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was stricken.

All: He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though he had done no violence nor was any deceit in his mouth.

P: Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life a guilt offering, He will see his offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand.

All: After the suffering of his soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities.

CHOIR: *“Red Letters”*

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 27:15-26

THE HYMN: *“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”* LSB 451

SERMON: *“A Disciple Looks”*

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *(Back cover of LSB)*

THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son, Jesus Christ into death on the cross for us. Give us grace to know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Strengthen the ministry of Your Church to bring Jesus' love to all those for whom he died. For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN

THE OFFERING

CHOIR: *“What A Savior”*



THE TENEBRAE SEQUENCE

I. Jesus Suffers and is Taken Away

P: O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

C: DO NOT REWARD US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES

P: Almighty God our heavenly Father, because You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that we turn from our evil ways, we implore you to graciously turn away from us the just punishment we have deserved by our sins. Grant us grace to always serve You with purity of living through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord;

C: AMEN

READING: Mark 15:16-20

(The First Candle is Extinguished)

THE HYMN: *“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken”* LSB 439

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?

II. The Cross is Laid on Simon

P: Help us, O God of our salvation, to the glory of Your name.

C: DELIVER US AND PURGE AWAY OUR SINS FOR YOUR NAME’S SAKE.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all its members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN

READING: Mark 15:21

(The Second Candle is Extinguished)

THE HYMN: “*O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken*”

They Crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge You;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge You;
They give you gall to drink they still decry You;
They crucify You.

III. Jesus Hangs on the Cross

P: Humbly we adore You, O Christ, and we proclaim Your saving love.

C: BY YOUR HOLY CROSS AND PRECIOUS BLOOD YOU HAVE RE-DEEMED THE WORLD.

P: O God, merciful Father, because You despise not the sighing of a contrite heart not the desire of the sorrowful, mercifully assist our prayers which we make before You in all our troubles and adversities as they come upon us, and graciously hear us, so that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil or people work against us may by Your good guidance be brought to naught that we, Your servants, being hurt by no affliction, may evermore give thanks to You in Your holy Church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN

READING: Mark 15: 22-24

(The Third Candle is extinguished)

THE HYMN: “*O Dearest Jesus What Law Have You Broken*”

What is the source of all Your Mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which You, Lord, must languish;
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that You inherit,
This I do merit.

IV. JESUS IS MOCKED

P: Call on Me in the day of trouble.

C: I DELIVER YOU, AND YOU WILL GLORIFY ME.

P: Spare us, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins, and though by our continual transgressions we have merited Your punishments, be gracious to us and grant that all these evils which we have deserved may be turned from us and overruled to our everlasting good; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN

READING: Mark 15: 25-32

(The Fourth candle is extinguished)

THE HYMN: “*O, Dearest Jesus What Law Have You Broken*”

How strange is this great paradox to ponder:
The Shepherd dies for sheep who love to wander;
The Master pays the debt his servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.

V. JESUS DIES

P: God forbid that I should glory;

C: EXCEPT IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing which You have made and forgives the sins of all who are penitent, create in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: AMEN

READING: Mark 15: 33-37

(The Fifth Candle is Extinguished)

THE HYMN: *“O Dearest Jesus What Law have you Broken”*

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
We forfeited our lives yet are acquitted;
God is committed!

VI. THE WITNESSES

P: O Lord, enter not into judgment with Your servants.

C: FOR IN YOUR SIGHT NO PERSON LIVING BE JUSTIFIED

P: Almighty God, since You know that we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN

READING: Mark 15:38-41

(The Sixth Candle is Extinguished)

THE HYMN: *“O Dearest Jesus What Law Have You Broken”*

O wondrous love, whose depth no heart has sounded,
That brought You here, by foes and thieves surrounded,
Conquer my heart, make love its sole endeavor
Henceforth forever!

VII. THE BURIAL OF JESUS

P: You will not abandon me to the grave,

C: NOR WILL YOU LET YOUR HOLY ONE SEE DECAY.

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us in the end of the day, in the end of our life, and in the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your Holy Word and Sacraments, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair when death shall come. Abide with us with all the faithful through time and eternity.

C: AMEN

READING: Mark 15:42-47

P: Merciful and everlasting God, who has not spared Your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all, that He might bear our sins upon the cross; grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN

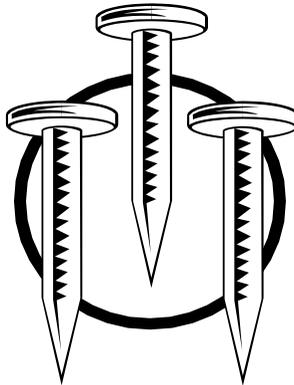
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The sound of a loud noise (the strepitus) is heard.

The "loud noise" symbolizes the earth shaking and rocks splitting (Matt. 27:51) at Jesus' death, and foreshadows the "violent earthquake" (Matt. 28:2) at the opening of Jesus' tomb on Easter morning.

(The candle is returned in the darkness)

(The Congregation Leaves in Silence)



*Join us this Sunday, April 17th at 9:00am as we celebrate
Christ's victory over death.*

(In-person and online on our Facebook and YouTube pages)