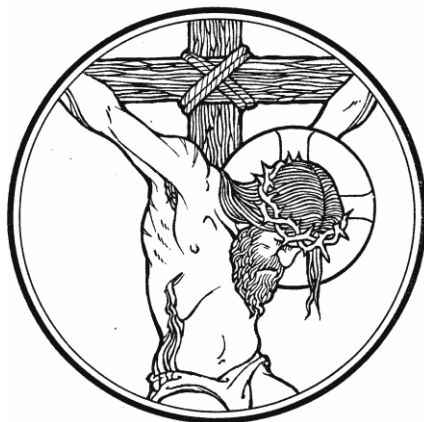


***Good Friday***  
***Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026***  
***Tenebrae Service***



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## **Greetings to all in the Name of the Risen Lord!**

May our worship this glorious morning celebrate the joy and hope, peace and presence, of our Lord Jesus Christ, raised to life for us. We welcome all, especially our guests. If you do not have a church home, please consider Divine Shepherd. We would love to have you as part of our family. Please take a minute and sign our guest book.

### **A prayer before Worship**

This is the day you have made, O Lord Jesus, a day of new life and eternal celebration! The stone is moved; death is defeated; heaven is open. As Your disciples first saw and believed Your victory over the tomb, so give us joy in the promise You made and keep for us: because You live, we live also! Amen.

**\*PLEASE NOTE\* We ask that when the Prelude is begun, conversation will cease in order that all have an opportunity to prepare for worship. Please turn off all cell phones.**

### **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated by us this morning in the confession and gladness that, as our Lord says, He gives into our mouth not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His Words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.



Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the blood of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

(1 Cor 11:28 ESV) Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Any who holds a confession differing from that of the Holy Scriptures or are not a member in good standing with the LC-MS, are asked to speak with Pastor Mercer.

*The congregation and pastors enter in silence.*

## **Opening Versicles**

P O Lord, open my lips,

**C and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C make haste to help me, O Lord. Praise to You, O Christ,  
Lamb of our salvation.**

## **Psalm 22**

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words  
of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>**In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>**But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>**“He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

<sup>10</sup>**On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother’s womb you have been my  
God.**

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,

for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

**12 Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

**14 I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;**

**it is melted within my breast;**

<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

**16 For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—**

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;

**18 they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup>But you, O Lord, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

**20 Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

**22 I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise**

**you:**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**24**For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

**26**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord!  
May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.

**28**For kingship belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**30**Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming  
generation;

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people  
yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

## Psalm 51

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

**<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

**<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**<sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

**<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.

**14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your  
righteousness.**

**15** O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

**16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**

**17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not  
despise.

**18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;**

**19** then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

## **The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

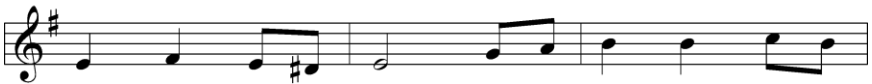
## 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I  
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

"Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin." <sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus,

*A candle is extinguished.*

## 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854  
 Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901  
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<sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, 'I am King of the Jews.'"<sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. <sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. <sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain 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. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup>He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken."

<sup>37</sup>And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced." <sup>38</sup>After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup>So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup>So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*A candle is extinguished.*

### **Responsory**

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

**C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

## 544 O Love, How Deep st. 5

5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,  
He bore the shame - ful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dy - ing breath.

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## Sermon "It Is Finished"

### Special Music "Verse for Good Friday" *Adult Choir*

### Prayers

P Lord, have mercy.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Christ, have mercy.

**C Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord, have mercy.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**C 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.**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*The final candle is extinguished.*

*The congregation leaves in silence and minimal light.*

*Please Join us for Easter Vigil tomorrow at 5:00 pm*

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