

Good Friday



("The Crucifixion" Matthias Grunewald 1470-1528)

"He said, 'It is finished.'"

John 19:30b

The Office of Tenebrae

Reproach

Pastor & Choir

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434 st. 1

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434 st. 2

- 2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
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Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
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434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434 st. 3

- 3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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Sentences and Collects

- P** He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him
- C** **And by His stripes we are healed.**
- P** 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** We all, like sheep, have gone astray;
- C** **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**
- P** Almighty and most merciful God, give us grace so to contemplate the Passion of our Lord that we may find in it the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 450



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!
 3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
 4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.
 5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
 6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;
 7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
 How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
 Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.
 For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
 Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!
 Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
 Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
 Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;
 O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
 When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,
 Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
 Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.
 Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
 Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.
 But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!
 My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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Sermon: "They shall look on Him Whom they pierced" ~ John 19:31-37

Offering: "On My Heart, Imprint Your Image".....arr. Valerie Floeter

Service of Darkness

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

John 18:1-11

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440 sts. 1-2, 5-6



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

5 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!

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

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Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter

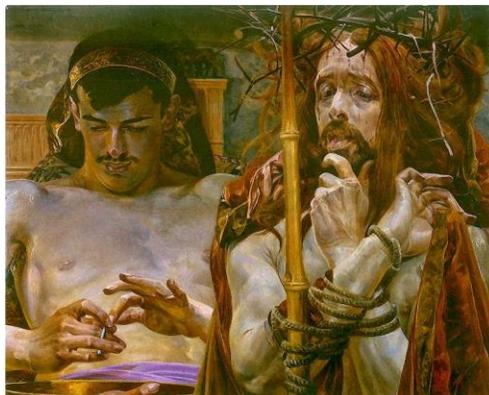
John 18:12-27

"Ah, Holy Jesus" (LSB 439) arr. Richard Shephard

Choir

Jesus Before Pilate

John 18:28-40



438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438 sts. 1-2



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."

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Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion

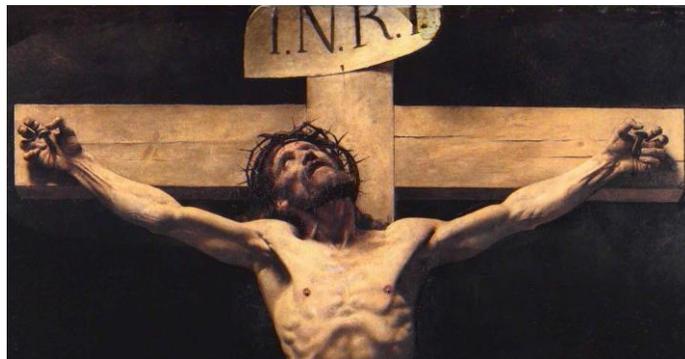
John 19:1-16

O Darkest Woe (LSB 448) arr. Timothy Frank

Choir

The Crucifixion of Jesus

John 19:16-24



453 Upon the Cross Extended

LSB 453 sts. 1, 4-6



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

5 Your soul in griefs unbounded,
Your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
You healed my wounds and set me free.

6 Your cords of love, my Savior,
Bind me to You forever,
I am no longer mine.
To You I gladly tender
All that my life can render
And all I have to You resign.

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Stand

Jesus' Mother and His Death

John 19:25-30

My Song Is Love Unknown (LSB 430) arr. James Kirkby

Choir

Jesus' Side is Pierced

John 19:31-42

Sit

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart (LSB 708, stanza 3)

Choir

Exit of the Pascal Candle

Bidding Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Return of the Pascal Candle

Silent Prayer

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The earliest name for this day is "Pascha" and refers to the Jewish Passover. Other names were, "Day of the Lord's Passion," "Day of the Absolution," and "Day of the Cross." The term "Good Friday" is more of an English expression and seeks to reflect the joy of completed redemption, rather than funeral gloom. Regardless of the name, this day has always been a day of the greatest solemnity and most devoted religious observance. The services on this day are stripped of festivity. The hymns of Lutheranism focus less on the gore and detailed sufferings of Christ and present more of a solemn rejoicing that "by His stripes we are healed." The Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Holy Week are the highest days for the Christian. This is our faith, this is our preaching, this is our confession. Jesus Christ crucified and risen for our salvation.

The Office of Tenebrae (which means darkness or shadows) is a Holy Week service which dates back to the seventh or eighth century. This service makes symbolic use of darkness and silence to impress upon the hearts and minds of the worshippers the awful consequence of sin and the magnitude of the Savior's sacrifice. While symbolism over the years has varied slightly from place to place, tonight we will consider the symbolism of the following:

1. The somber mood symbolizes our penitent grief and mourning for our sins which caused our Lord's great suffering.
2. The dim lighting symbolizes the three hours of darkness which overshadowed the crucifixion.
3. The gradual extinguishing of the candles symbolizes the denial, abandonment and forsaking of Christ. Denial and abandonment out of fear from of the twelve disciples. Forsakenness out of divine wrath from the Father.
4. The sudden closing of the book symbolizes the sealing of the tomb, the clear sign that the meaning of the cross was fulfilled, "It is finished."
5. The Christ candle's exit symbolizes our Lord's death and its return symbolizes our Lord's conquering of death through the resurrection.

In keeping with the solemnity of the office, there is no postlude music. Everyone enters and leaves the church in complete silence.

