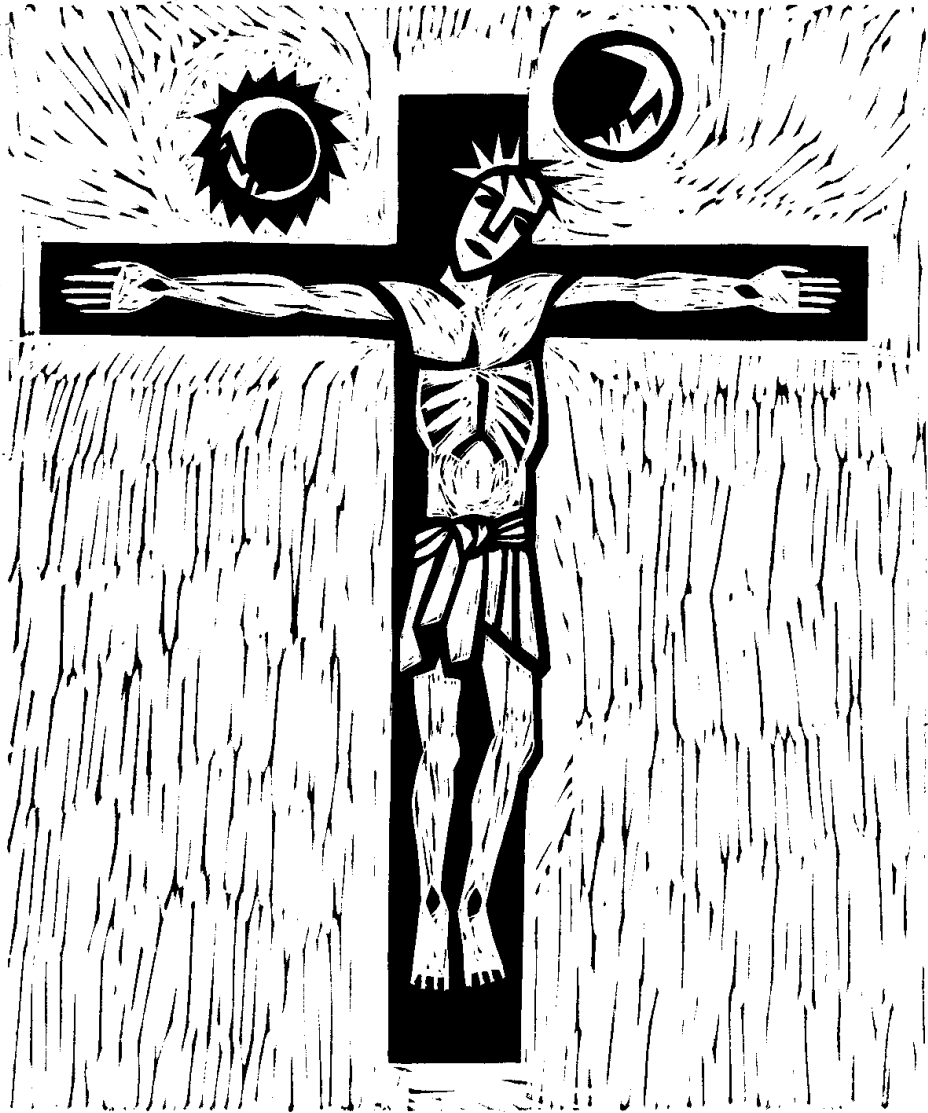
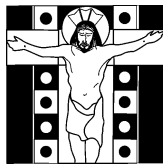


# BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Service of Tenebrae  
Good Friday  
April 7, 2023

## ABOUT THIS EVENING'S SERVICE



*Tonight we continue our service of the Three Holy Days.*

The word Tenebrae means “darkness” and refers to the darkness which covered the earth at the time of Christ’s crucifixion. The extinguishing of candles, gradually casting the church into complete darkness, has been placed within the reading of the Passion according to John, the ancient gospel narrative for the day and signifies the hatred, resentment, and falling away of the world against its Savior and his love, mercy, and faithfulness.

The central candle, which is not extinguished, symbolizes the presence of the Savior in our midst. This central candle is removed to symbolize the death of Jesus and will return on Easter morning as the paschal candle.

The Adoration of the Cross is an ancient devotion of the Christian Church, used during Holy Week to impress upon the minds and hearts of believers the awful consequence of sin and the magnitude of the Savior’s sacrifice on the cross.

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS



*The ministers enter in silence.*

*We stand.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed  
and given over to the hands of sinners to suffer death on the cross.  
We most definitely need your mercy this night.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*



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,  
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,  
 4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.  
 bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
 but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.  
 nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



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,  
 For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;  
 May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.  
 how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.  
 this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
 that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
 Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

- <sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.
- <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—
- <sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.
- <sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.
- <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.
- <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.
- <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.
- <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.
- <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 22:1 -15

Aaron D. Miller

ANTIPHON: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

A My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me\*  
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of | my distress?

C **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you | do not answer;\*  
by night as well, but I | find no rest.**

A Yet you are the | Holy One,\*  
enthroned upon the prais- | es of Israel.

C **Our ancestors put their | trust in you;\*  
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.**

A They cried out to you and | were delivered;\*  
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

C **But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,\*  
scorned by all and despised | by the people.**

ANTIPHON

- A All who see me laugh | me to scorn;\*  
 they curl their lips and wag | their heads, saying,
- C **"He trusted in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;\*  
 let him rescue him, if he de- | lights in him."**
- A Yet you are he who took me out | of the womb,\*  
 and kept me safe upon my | mother's breast.
- C **I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;\*  
 you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.**

ANTIPHON

- A Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,\*  
 and there is | none to help.
- C **Many young bulls en- | circle me;\*  
 strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.**
- A They open wide their | jaws at me,\*  
 like a ravening and a | roaring lion.
- C **I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;\*  
 my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**
- A My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
 my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;\*  
 and you have laid me in the dust | of the grave.
- C **Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers cir- | cle around me;\*  
 they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count | all my bones.**
- A They stare and gloat | over me;\*  
 they divide my garments among them; they cast lots | for my clothing.
- C **Be not far a- | way, O LORD;\*  
 you are my strength; hast- | en to help me.**

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 10:16–25

Leonard Wray

[After the Holy Spirit says,] <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
 after those days, says the Lord:  
 I will put my laws in their hearts,  
 and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,  
<sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),  
<sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full

assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## + THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN +

*We stand.*

**Hymn:** Ah, Holy Jesus

**ELW #349**



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
treason, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
sorrow, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.  
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

*We sit as the Passion is read; silence for reflection follows the reading.  
Candles are extinguished following each reading to symbolize the approaching darkness of Christ's death.*

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

**I. John 18:1-14**

Pastor Jeff Mikyska

*(silence for reflection)*

**II. John 18:15-27**

Andrea Gustafson

*(silence for reflection)*

**Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane**

**ELW #347**



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

**III. John 18:28-40**

Nan Phillips

*(silence for reflection)*



**IV. John 19:1-16**

Steve Mickelson

*(silence for reflection)*



Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW #803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

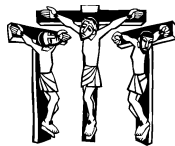
Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

V. John 19:17-25a

Sue Walz

*(silence for reflection)*



VI. John 19:25b-30

Dennis Schuett

*(silence for reflection)*



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 lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
 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!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

## VII. John 19:31-42

Pastor Jeff Mikyska

*(silence for reflection)*

Have mercy, O Lord;  
 By your steadfast love  
 Blot out all my sins.  
 In your mercy, hear me.

Against you, you alone,  
 Against you have I sinned, O Lord.  
 May truth be in my heart;  
 May wisdom guide my being.

Restore the joy; your salvation now send;  
 Then will I sing your glory.  
 O hear my prayer;  
 Lord, in your mercy, hear me. Amen.

### BIDDING PRAYER

*The congregation responds to each of the prayers:*

P We ask this through Christ our Lord...

C **Amen**

### LORD'S PRAYER

A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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;**

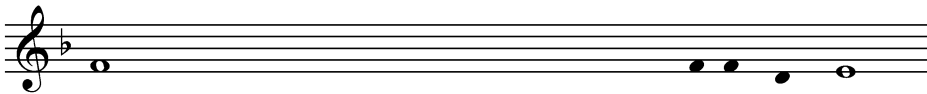
**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**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.**

*We sing this versicle three times.*

### ADORATION OF THE CROSS



☐ Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.



☑ Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.

*After a time of silence:*

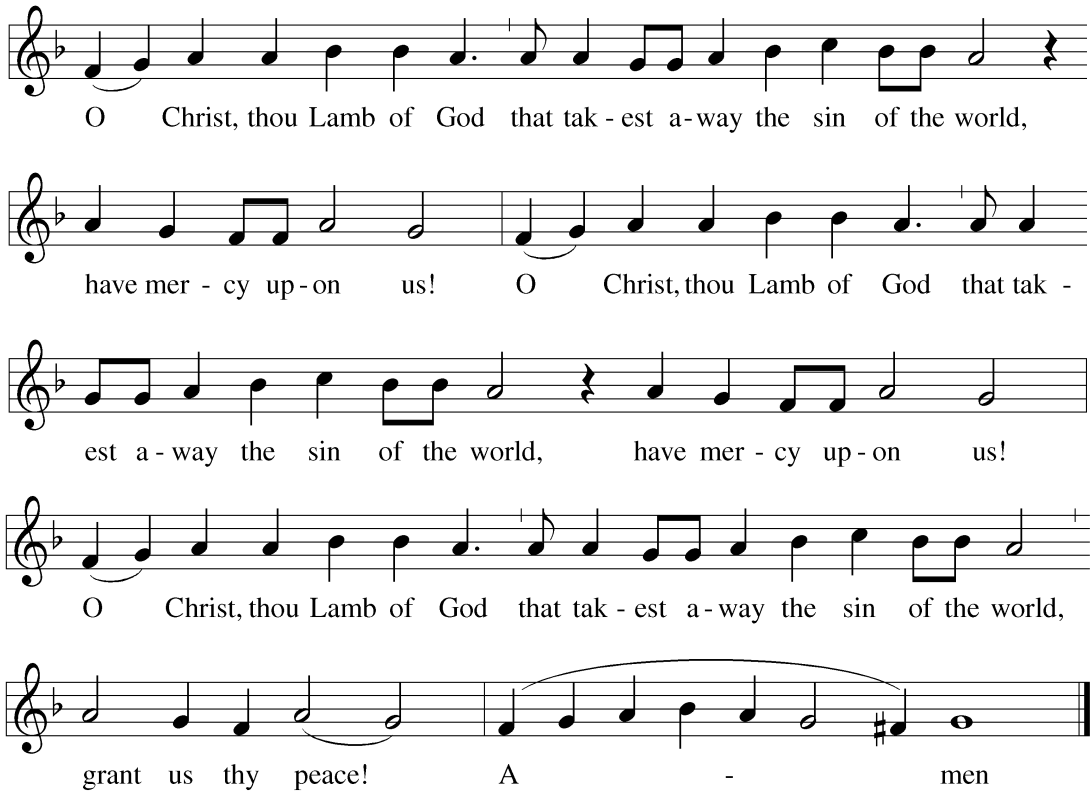
P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*The final candle is removed to symbolize Christ hidden in the tomb.  
Following this the Strepitus is heard, a harsh, loud noise  
indicating the closing of the tomb and the earthquake*

**HYMN:** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

**ELW #196**



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,  
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -  
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!  
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,  
grant us thy peace! A - men

*We depart in silence.*

*Those who wish to remain in the sanctuary for a time of meditation and prayer are welcome to do so.*



