# GOOD FRIDAY

(TENEBRAE)



Peace Lutheran Church March 29, 2024, 7PM The Office of Tenebrae (the name means "darkness" or "shadows") is a Holy Week devotion which dates back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. and is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the Service progresses. Tenebrae readings are taken from the Scriptures.

The dramatic feature of Tenebrae is the gradual extinguishing of all the lights in the church. A loud noise is heard (strepitus) at the end of the service, suggesting the closing of the tomb and the earthquake of the Passion narrative.

At the completion of the service, please leave silently, maintaining the spirit of worship befitting this solemn evening.

An offering will not be received during the Service but may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the church after the Service.

This service will conclude with our Easter morning worship at 7 am and 10 am on Sunday March 31, 2024

#### GATHERING AND BIDDING PRAYER

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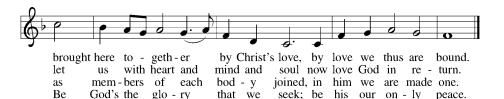
- P Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins
- C His mercy endures forever.
- P Lord Jesus you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever

#### C Amen.

# Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char i ty and love pre vail, there God is ev er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho ly fear, God's char i ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re-call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a mong us be un known; let all con ten tions cease.
- 5 Let us for-give each oth-er's faults as we our own con-fess,



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

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## Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal Father, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

P Let us pray for Elizabeth and Phyllis our bishops, all lay and ordained servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

## Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal Father, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors,

other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## C Amen.

P Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

## Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal Father, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

P Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

## Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal Father, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

P Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

## Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal Father, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

P Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

## Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal Father gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

P Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

## Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal Father, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

P Let us pray for God's creation.

# Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal Father, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## C Amen.

P Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

## Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal Father, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace,

freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## C Amen.

P Let us pray for those in need.

## Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal Father, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

P Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

## All pray the Lord's Prayer.

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.

## Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



# An account of the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ as RECORDED BY SAINTS MATTHEW, LUKE, AND JOHN.

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**LUKE 23:32-34** 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to

death with [Jesus]. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

The first candle is extinguished.

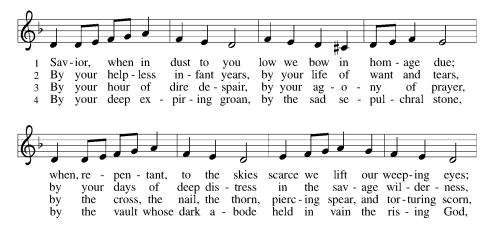
#### **LUKE 23:39-43**

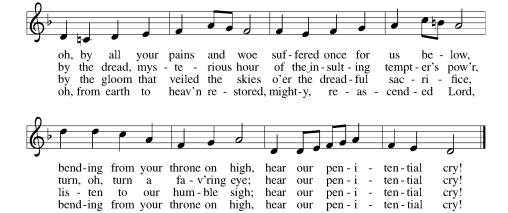
#### **BOB MCADAMS**

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>[Jesus] replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The second candle is extinguished.

# Savior, When in Dust to You





#### JOHN 19:25-27

#### **CHRISTIE RIDENHOUR**

Meanwhile, standing near 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 beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

The third candle is extinguished.

#### MATTHEW 27:45-46

### Рам Томко

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

The fourth candle is extinguished.

### There in God's Garden



JOHN 19:28 CLAUDIA STITES

The fifth candle is extinguished.

JOHN 19:30 DIANE STRAIT

<sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."

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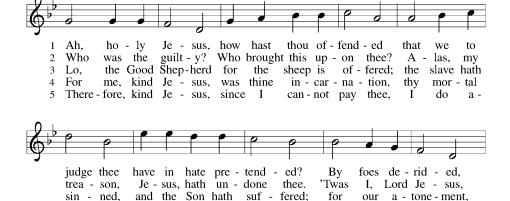
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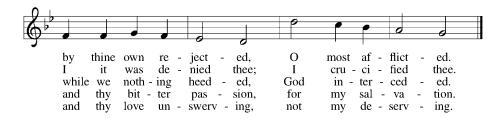
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## LUKE 23:44-46 PASTOR CHRIS

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

#### What Wondrous Love Is This



The seventh candle is extinguished; the strepitus is heard.

**Please note** - after pastor had left the sanctuary we leave in silence. This worship service resumes with Easter morning worship (7:00 am and 10:00 am)