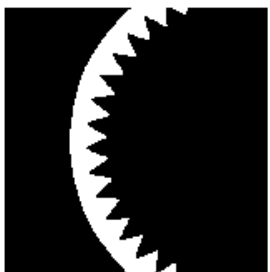


The Three Holy Days of Christendom

Holy Week 2007



The Triduum (TRID-oo-um, “three days”) refers to the time from worship on Maundy Thursday until the final worship of Easter Day. The “Three Holy Days” of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire church year. It is over these days – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter – that we celebrate God’s redeeming love in the dying and rising of his Son, Jesus, and still see that love today. The Triduum is a single celebration. Once we have begun the Triduum on Maundy Thursday, we do not “leave” it until Easter Sunday. It is one continuous celebration of dying and rising, with Christ. Thus this booklet. It contains as one liturgy our corporate worship life during the Three Holy Days of 2007.

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Maundy Thursday Worship

April 5, 2007

Maundy Thursday ushers the believer into the “Three Holy Days” of Christendom. It is more than history that is celebrated today. The Holy Sacrament extends to the believer the very body and blood of our Savior and gives the forgiveness of sins.



STAND

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

To underscore the end of the Lenten time of preparation, the sermon is placed at the beginning of the service. When placed here, the proclamation of the “new command” in the sermon provides (both by its placement and content) a powerful preamble to the Instruction for the End of Lent and the confession that follows.

SERMON

Matthew 26:26-30

BE SEATED

It is Hidden in the Savior’s Feast

A feast which is so simple that we may miss its glory

A feast that is itself the price of our salvation

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

M: In this Lenten season, we have heard our Lord’s call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at baptism; God’s forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

With the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the Absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God’s love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ’s body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord’s last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord’s gift of himself and participate in that new covenant that makes us one in him. The Lord’s Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

STAND

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. In what I have done and left undone, I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

C: Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake he forgives us our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Our Lord, who has forgiven us and reconciled us to God through Christ our Lord, has also promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Brothers and sisters, I forgive you just as in Christ, God has forgiven me. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD (sung)

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sins; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire--head, legs and inner parts. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.

"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD --a lasting ordinance.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 116 (page 107 of CW)

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:15-25

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

"This is the covenant I will make with them
after that time, says the Lord.
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds."

Then he adds:

"Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more."

And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

VERSE OF THE DAY

As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 22:7-20

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there."

They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

C: (sung) **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" CW 313

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING 11:00 a.m.

"Wondrous Love" Kathy Macco

STAND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the president of our synod, for the president of our district, for all pastors and teachers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For those who do not yet believe and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For a blessing on human labor and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart and show forth your glory in all we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our lives to Christ our God.

C: Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (sung) **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power

and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus, Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (spoken) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

(11:00 a.m.)

**C: (sung) O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.**

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

HYMNS *“Jesus Took the Cup”*

Grades 3-5 (11:00 a.m.)

“How Beautiful”

Choir (7:30 p.m.)

“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”

Hymn 135

THANKSGIVING

STAND

O LORD, WE PRAISE YOU (sung)

Hymn 317:1

**C: O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
In thanksgiving bow before you.
Here with your body and your blood you nourish**

**Our weak souls that they may flourish. O Lord, have mercy!
May your body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And your blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!**

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The post-Communion moves liturgically from the upper room in Jerusalem to Gethsemane's Garden in preparation for Good Friday. The altar, which represents the presence of Christ, becomes the focus. After the Communion table has been cleared to the sacristy, the altar is solemnly stripped of its vestments and appointments in token of the abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane. The liturgy ends in silence; the congregation hears no benediction . . . yet. Rather, the Three Holy Days' services flow into one another as the congregation disperses in silence to reassemble on Good Friday.

Hymn: "What Wondrous Love is This" Hymn 120
During the anthem the Communion vessels and linens are removed to sacristy

PSALM 22 (page 71 of CW)
During the psalm the altar is solemnly stripped.

The Psalm ends, the pastor exits the chancel, and the congregation disperses quietly into the night. The service concludes with no blessing or postlude because Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are one continuous service of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

Serving God and His People Musically Today

Organist: Joan Wegner

Choir Director: **Brenda Kuchenbecker**

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Good Friday Worship: Service of the Cross of Christ

April 5, 2007

The Three Holy Days of Christendom continue on Good Friday with a service that focuses our attention on the words Christ spoke while on the cross. In these words we see the depth of our Savior's suffering as well as the depth of his love for us.



The minister enters in silence.

Stand

LESSON

Isaiah 53

M: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

C: He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

M: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

C: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

M: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

C: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

M: 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.

C: 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.

M: 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.

C: 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.

M: 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.

C: Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Be seated

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

M: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CHOIR

Within the Shadow of the Cross

First Word

Luke 23:26-34

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:1

Prayer (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
touch us with your hands
which the sins of the world pierced with the nails,
and forgive our ignorance,
for Lord, we knew not, indeed we know not what we did in sinning against you.
Touch us to forgive
and to bless, O Lord,
for your endless mercies' sake.**

Second Word

Luke 23:38-43

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:2

Prayer (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
look on us with your eyes
as you looked upon the thief on the cross,
that with him we may confess our sins and ask, humbly,
'Lord remember us when you come into your kingdom,'
and by your same voice be comforted,
for your endless mercies' sake.**

Third Word

John 19:25-27

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:3

Prayer (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
fill us with your love
as in your pain you did comfort your mother, and provide for her need,
and gave her both home and son.**

**To such love, without compare, without limit,
lead us, O Lord,
now and forever.**

Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45-49

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:4

PRAYER (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
fill us with your faith
since in your last agony you cried to your Father,
'My God, my God.'**

**That no suffering, no shadow of doubt may darken our trust in God,
nor separate us from your Father and ours,
now or ever.**

Fifth Word

John 19:28,29

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:5

PRAYER (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
lead us to see your thirst
as you suffered in your humanity,
that we might drink from you and never thirst again,
but live in your Father's house forever,
for your tender mercies' sake.**

Sixth Word

John 19:30

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:6

PRAYER (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
give us your strength
as you resolved to do your Father's work
and finish it.**

**That morning and evening we live in hope,
knowing that your great work for us is completed,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Seventh Word

Luke 23:33-46

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:7

PRAYER (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
give us your trust,
unquestioning, complete
as on the cross,
you committed your spirit to your Father.
That whatever may happen, we may rest
in the same everlasting arms,
for your endless mercies' sake. Amen.**

OFFERING

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Lord God, Heavenly Father, we acknowledge the immensity of our guilt. We can offer you nothing to remove these sins. We are unworthy of all your grace. Yet in your grace we have confidence. Through the life and death of Jesus Christ we cry out to you in the full assurance of faith,

C: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God has had mercy on you, on me, and on the entire world. Jesus' holiness is ours by faith. His death was the punishment for all sin. In Christ, you are a forgiven child of God.

C: Amen.

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M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

Hymn 138, Hymn 140

BIDDING PRAYER

The invitations to prayer may be said by an assisting minister or layperson, and the petitions may be said by the presiding minister. If there is no assisting minister, the presiding minister says both the invitations to prayer and the petitions.

A moment of silence follows each invitation to prayer.

M: Let us pray for the whole church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that, in every adversity, we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live a new and holy life, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one, true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and life so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our grief and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation so that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us:

**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.**

The minister exits the chancel.

The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.

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The Three Holy Days continues on Sunday. Easter Sunrise worship will be at 6:00 a.m. Easter Festival worship will be at 9:00 a.m. Communion will be a part of worship at both services.

Good Friday Worship: Tenebrae

April 6, 2007

The word tenebrae means “darkness” and refers to a worship service in which the progressive extinguishing of candles represent the approaching death of Christ. The Tenebrae service is one of prolonged meditation of the suffering of Christ. The service is divided into seven chief parts. The division is modeled after the seven-recorded statements of Christ from the cross. At the end of each part the sanctuary will become darker. At the end of the service, the church will be very dark. No offering will be taken during the service. As you leave in complete silence you may place your offering in the plate at the back of the church.



The candles are lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn 361:1

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ, our God, to earth descending,
Comes our homage to command.

STAND

CONFESSION OF SINS

Silence for self-examination

M: Lord God, Heavenly Father, we acknowledge the immensity of our guilt. We can offer you nothing to remove these sins. We are unworthy of all your grace. Yet in your grace we have confidence. Through the life and death of Jesus Christ we cry out to you in the full assurance of faith,

C: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God has had mercy on you, on me, and on the entire world. Jesus' holiness is ours by faith. His death was the punishment for all sin. In Christ, you are a forgiven child of God.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Hymn 100, Hymn 137

STAND

GOSPEL

M: A reading from the Gospel of St. John.

Carrying his own cross, Jesus went out to The Place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled which said, “They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” So this is what the soldiers did.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit (John 19:17-30).

BE SEATED

PSALM 2

Antiphon

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

M: Why do the nations conspire

C: **And the peoples plot in vain?**

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together

C: **Against the LORD and against his Anointed One.**

M: “Let us break their chains,” they say,

C: **“And throw off their fetters.”**

M: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

C: The Lord scoffs at them.

M: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

C: “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

M: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

C: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

M: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,

C: The ends of the earth your possession.

M: You will rule them with an iron scepter;

C: You will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

M: Therefore, you kings, be wise;

C: Be warned, you rulers of the earth.

M: Serve the LORD with fear.

C: And rejoice with trembling.

M: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

C: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

The first candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

Psalm 22:1-21

Antiphon

M: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

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

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

M: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

C: By night, and am not silent.

M: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;

C: You are the praise of Israel.

M: In you our fathers put their trust;
C: **They trusted and you delivered them.**
M: They cried to you and were saved;
C: **In you they trusted and were not disappointed.**
M: But I am a worm and not a man,
C: **Scorned by men and despised by the people.**
M: All who see me mock me;
C: **They hurl insults, shaking their heads:**
M: “He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.
C: **Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”**
M: Yet you brought me out of the womb;
C: **You made me trust in you even at my mother’s breast.**
M: From birth I was cast upon you;
C: **From my mother’s womb you have been my God.**
M: Do not be far from me,
C: **For trouble is near and there is no one to help.**
M: Many bulls surround me;
C: **Strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.**
M: Roaring lions tearing their prey
C: **Open their mouths wide against me.**
M: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.
C: **My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.**
M: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
C: **You lay me in the dust of death.**
M: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me,
C: **They have pierced my hands and my feet.**
M: I can count all my bones;
C: **People stare and gloat over me.**
M: They divide my garments among them

C: And cast lots for my clothing.

M: But you, O LORD, be not far off;

C: O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

M: Deliver my life from the sword,

C: My precious life from the power of the dogs.

M: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;

C: You have heard me from the horns of the wild oxen.

M: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

The second candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

PSALM 27

Antiphon

M: False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

M: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

M: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh,

C: When my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

M: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;

C: Though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

M: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:

C: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

M: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

C: He will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

M: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

C: At his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

M: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord.

C: Be merciful to me and answer

M: My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”

C: **Your face, LORD, I will seek.**

M: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

C: **Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.**

M: Though my father and mother forsake me,

C: **The LORD will receive me.**

M: Teach me your way, O LORD;

C: **Lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.**

M: Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,

C: **For false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.**

M: I am still confident of this:

C: **I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

M: Wait for the LORD;

C: **Be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

M: False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

The third candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

SEEK THE LORD Isaiah 55:6-11

M: Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way
and the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.

“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return to it without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,

so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty;
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

STAND

HYMN: “*Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*”

CW 122

BE SEATED

LESSONS

M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet.

Lamentations 1:1-5

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people!
How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations!
She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave.

Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are upon her cheeks.
Among all her lovers there is none to comfort her.
All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies.

After affliction and harsh labor, Judah has gone into exile.
She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place.
All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed feasts.
All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan,
her maidens grieve, and she is in bitter anguish.

Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are at ease.
The Lord has brought her grief because of her many sins.
Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe.

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

C: (sung) **Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! (CW 268:1)**

M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet.

Lamentations 1:6-9

All the splendor has departed from the Daughter of Zion.
Her princes are like deer that find no pasture;
in weakness they have fled before the pursuer.

In the days of her affliction and wandering, Jerusalem remembers all the treasures that were hers in days of old.

When her people fell into enemy hands there was no one to help her.
Her enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction.

Jerusalem has sinned greatly and so has become unclean.
All who honored her despise her nakedness;
she herself groans and turns away.

Her filthiness clung to her skirts; she did not consider her future.
Her fall was astounding; there was none to comfort her.
‘Look, O Lord, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed.’

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

C: (sung) **Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! (CW 268:2)**

M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet.

Lamentations 1:10-14

The enemy laid hands on all her treasures;
she saw pagan nations enter her sanctuary—
those you had forbidden to enter your assembly.

All her people groan as they search for bread;
they barter their treasures for food to keep themselves alive.
‘Look, O Lord, and consider, for I am despised.

‘Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see.
Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me,
that the Lord brought on me in the day of his fierce anger?

‘From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones.
He spread a net for my feet and turned me back.
He made me desolate, faint all the day long.

‘My sins have been bound into a yoke;

by his hands they were woven together.
They have come upon my neck and the Lord has sapped my strength.
He has handed me over to those I cannot withstand.'

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

C: (sung) **Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins You carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Your peace be with us, O Jesus! (CW 268:1)**

Sermon **It is Hidden in the Savior's Promises** John 19:31-37

STAND

SONG OF MARY: "My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord" Hymn 274

BE SEATED

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

The SENTENCE is said or sung.

M: Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place and given him the name that is above every name.

LORD'S PRAYER

PSALM 51

M: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.
Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.
Then will I teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

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

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

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

In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.

Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

The seventh candle is carried from the chancel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Silence for meditation.

A loud noise representing the rending of Christ's tomb is heard and the seventh candle is returned to burn in the chancel.

The minister exits the chancel.

The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.

The service concludes with no blessing or postlude because Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are one continuous service of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection

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The Three Holy Days continues on Sunday. Easter Sunrise worship will be at 6:00 a.m. Easter Festival worship will be at 9:00 a.m. Communion will be a part of worship at both services.

Easter Sunrise Worship

April 8, 2007

This early dawn we wait and watch for our Lord to rescue us from our bondage to death by his resurrection from the grave. The Paschal candle burns as a symbol of the resurrected Christ and as a reminder from Friday's Tenebrae: Hell cannot overcome Jesus the Light of the world.



CHOIR

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN

"He's Risen, He's Risen" (CW 143)

STAND

M: The Lord is risen, as he said!

C: Come and see the place where he lay.

M: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: Go and tell quickly the news of his triumph.

M: The Lord's mighty power has done it! His power has brought us victory, his mighty power in battle.

C: Come and see the place where he lay.

M: I will not die but live, and proclaim what the Lord has done.

C: Go and tell quickly the news of his triumph.

M: For Christ the Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(the congregation then sings CW 145: 1-2)

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!

Death no longer can appall me.

Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!

From the grave Christ will recall me.

Brighter scenes will then commence;

This shall be my confidence

Jesus lives! To him the throne

High o'er heaven and earth is given.

I shall go where he is gone,

Live and reign with him in heaven.

God is faithful; doubtings hence!

This shall be my confidence

PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

(the congregation then sings CW 145:3)

Jesus lives! For me he died;

Hence will I to Jesus living.

Pure in heart and act abide,

Praise to him and glory giving.

All I need God will dispense;

This shall be my confidence.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

VESRE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. Alleluia.

C: (sung) **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

STAND

GOSEPEL

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the

other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

"Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

(the congregation then sings CW 145:4-5)

**Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from him shall sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate to life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
"Jesus is my confidence!"**

BE SEATED

SERMON

Death Has Been Swallowed Up In Victory! 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Sin is defeated
We are changed

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you

C: (sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: (sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sung)

C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

“Alleluia! Jesus Lives” (CW 153)
“Welcome, Happy Morning” (CW 163)

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD (sung)

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev’ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He renews his promises and leads the people forth in joy with shouts
of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (CW 152:1,2,8)

Serving God and His People Musically Today

Organist and Choir Director: Brenda Kuchenbecker

Trumpets: Sandy Pantzlaff, Vernon Pantzlaff

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If it is possible and convenient to you, please return the service folder to the ushers as you leave. They will be used for the Festival Service at 9:00 a.m. and may be taken home afterwards.

Everyone is invited to join us in the basement for finger food served by the Ladies Aid.

Easter Festival Worship

April 16, 2006

The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord is the high point of the Christian Church Year. We celebrate Christ's victory over death that is ours by faith. The Paschal Candle, as a symbolic reminder of the risen Christ, helps us to celebrate the fact that the darkness of sin and death has been overcome by the resurrection. The Paschal candle will burn throughout the Easter season until Ascension.



This morning we will use the Festival Setting of the Service of Word and Sacrament as it is printed in the service folder as our order of worship.

PRESERVICE:

Church Band

Ode to Joy; The Old Rugged Cross; Allegro; I Sing the Mighty Power of God; Trumpet Tune

OPENING RESPONSES

STAND

M: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: (sung) Alleluia!

M: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

C: (sung) Alleluia!

M: Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins

C: (sung) Alleluia!

M: And he was raised to life for our justification!

C: (sung) Alleluia!

Trumpet interlude

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Hymn 157

- 1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sin, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

3. **But the pains which he endures, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**
4. **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

THE RITE OF BAPTISM

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Receive the sign of the cross from the head to the heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The minister applies water to those presented for baptism as he says:

Emily Elizabeth Plagenz, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptisms, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

STAND

EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Emily may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Emily and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

O LORD, OUR LORD (sung)

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sins; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

Christ Is Risen Today!

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove the disgrace of his people
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

In that day they will say,

"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118 (verses: choir, congregation: refrain)

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:24)

C: (sung) **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

STAND

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) **Praise be to you O Christ!**

BE SEATED

HYMN: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Hymn 152

verse 1: all

verse 5: choir

verse 2: women

verse 6: all

verse 3: men

verse 7: all

verse 4: all

(stand) verse 8: all

SERMON

It Is Hidden In The Savior's Triumph

Matthew 28:1-10

Where is the glory to be found on Easter Sunday?
Look for glory where he has promised you will find it

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Christ the Lord is Risen Today Church Band

STAND

PRAYER

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

M: With the church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: You are risen indeed!

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: Alleluia!

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: He is risen!

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: (sung) **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.**

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	<i>"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"</i>	Hymn 141
	<i>"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"</i>	Hymn 148

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD (sung)

C: **Thank the Lord and sing his praise.**

Tell ev'ryone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

**He renews his promises and leads the people forth in joy with shouts
of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness

may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: *He is Arisen! Glorious Word*

Hymn 162

POSTLUDE: Church Band

Trumpet Voluntary

Serving God and His People Musically Today

Organists: Brenda Kuchenbecker and Jackie Zeamer

Pianist: Beverly Leiterman

Choir Director: Brenda Kuchenbecker

Tympani: Don Pantzlaff

Trumpet: Sandy Pantzlaff

Liturgy Brass: Shannon Otto, Sandy Pantzlaff, Alec Otto, Paul Falck

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 429 **Bible Study:** 78 (5, 53, 5, 5, 10, no Tuesday class) **Youth Study:** 15

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Finger Food in basement after worship

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

7:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Catechism Class

5:30 p.m. Bible History Class

8:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship

8:30 p.m. Adult Christ Light Bible Study, church basement

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Remodel Gym Locker Rooms

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ Light Bible Study, church basement

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Open Forum

5:30 p.m. New Life In Christ Class

6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church basement

Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

Baptism This morning Emily Elizabeth Plagenz, the daughter of Tom and Amy Plagenz, will be baptized into the Christian faith. Please remember this new child of God and her family in prayer!

Thank You to everyone who served their Lord and his people this past week during our Holy Week worship. Your service to the Lord is a blessing to all!

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call the soul of Mrs. Lynn Pischke to her eternal home. Lynn went to heaven on Sunday, April 1. Her Christian Funeral was this past Tuesday. Please remember all who mourn in your prayer life.

Ladies Aid will serve finger food after Sunrise and Festival worship on Easter. Please join us in the basement!

Lilies Thank you to everyone who provided a lily for worship on Easter. Please feel free to take your lily with you after the Festival service.

There will be no Bible Study on Sunday Evening, Monday Morning, or Tuesday this week. Youth Group Bible study will also not meet this Monday.

Adult Christ Light Bible Study Please join us next week as we study *Jesus Before Pilate*. We will meet Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Bring the family!

We will remodel the locker room area next Saturday, April 14 at 8:00 a.m. We need 8-10 people willing to demo, build walls, and paint. Anyone interested in helping should speak to Mr. Humann. Please consider using your time and talents to serve the Lord.

Open Forum There will be an Open Forum after worship on April 15. Items for the voters meeting will be discussed at this open forum. Everyone in the congregation is invited to join us and offer their input.

Voters Meeting The quarterly voters meeting will be after worship on April 22. All voting members are encouraged to make plans to attend.

Addition Update The building committee finalized most of the details for the new addition to school. The final price for the addition is \$545,855.00, not including paint, landscaping, and remodeling the locker rooms. Included in the project is air conditioning for the addition, update existing electrical, repair school parking lot, site and parking lot lighting, and a fire lane on the east side of the gymnasium. Two items to be discussed at the congregational meeting will be to repair the church parking lot and replace the gym lights. If you have any questions about the building project please speak to Randy Loppnow.

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