

The Three Holy Days of Christendom

Holy Week 2014



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 2014.

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

Good Friday Worship: Tenebrae

April 18, 2014

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.



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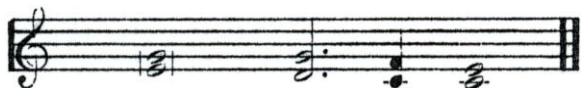
M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord



Who made heaven and earth.

M: I said, “I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.”



And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment, both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. I pray that out of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, you be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of

my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of ✠ the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

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: A - men.

AGNUS DEI

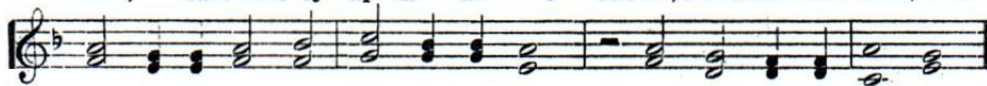
O Christ, Lamb of God



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



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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. . . A - - - - - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

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.

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” (CW 139)

“Upon the Cross Extended” (CW 113)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you are a just God who accepts nothing less than perfection. All too often we fail to realize how much our sins offend you. We forget that the wages of sin truly is death. We forget that there actually is a hell. Lead us to recognize the seriousness of our sinfulness. Lead us also to admit our inability to make things right with you.

C: Teach us to look to you as the only one who can make us just and right.

M: Today we are reminded not only of your justice but also of your love. You did not spare your own Son but gave him as a ransom for each one of us. Comfort us with the knowledge of this great love. Give us the peace that the forgiveness of sins brings.

C: When we feel our guilt, point us to the cross, where our guilt was washed away in Jesus’ blood.

M: Lord Jesus, we thank you for paying the debt that we could not pay. We thank you for coming to earth so that we could be with you forever in heaven.

C: For being our perfect substitute, we thank you, Lord Jesus.

M: Son of God, you offered up your body as an unblemished sacrifice for sin and commended your spirit into the hands of your Father. Teach us to cast the cares of this brief life on our heavenly Father and commit our bodies and souls to his love.

C: Give us the courage to face death, knowing that it is the gate to our home in heaven.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we offer our personal thanks for the forgiveness that you have given us and for the home that you have won for us.

Silent prayer.

M: The cross was once an instrument of death. It is now a sign of life.

**C: Dear Savior, we humbly kneel at the cross in awe of your power and of your love.
Amen.**

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE WORD

God Foretold Good Friday Long Ago

God foretold Good Friday in detail through his prophets

HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (CW 98)

God foretold that the Savior would be scorned and despised

Psalm 22:6

I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

John 19:4-6,15-16

Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."...But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.

The first candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

HYMN

O Dearest Jesus (CW 117:1-4)

God foretold that the Savior would be mocked and insulted

Psalm 22:7-8

All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

Matthew 27:27-31,41-44

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him... In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come

down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

The second candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

HYMN

O Dearest Jesus (CW 117:5-7)

God foretold that the Savior would be surrounded and pierced

Psalm 22:16-18

Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

Matthew 27:35-40

When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

The third candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

HYMN

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (CW 129)

God foretold that the Savior would be poured out like water

Psalm 22:14-15

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

John 19:28-29

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.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

God foretold that the Savior would be forsaken**Psalm 22:1**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

Matthew 27:45-46

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"-- which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

God foretold that the Savior would die confident of life.**Psalm 22:19-24**

But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me. Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen. I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

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 opening of Christ's tomb is heard and the seventh candle is returned to burn in the chancel. These two actions lead our focus from Good Friday towards the promise of Easter.

The minister exits the chancel.

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

No Offering is collected during the service. Offering plates will be near the doors at the back of church if you wish to make an offering before leaving.

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

If it is possible and convenient to you, please return the service folder to the stands by the doors in the rear of church as you leave. They will be used Saturday and Sunday and may be taken home Sunday.

The Three Holy Days continues on Saturday. Easter Vigil worship will be at 8:00 p.m. Communion will be a part of worship.

Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 30

April 21-26

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| Monday | 1 Chronicles 1-4 |
| Tuesday | 1 Chronicles 5-8 |
| Wednesday | 1 Chronicles 9-12 |
| Thursday | 1 Chronicles 13-14 |
| Friday | 1 Chronicles 15-16 |
| Saturday | 1 Chronicles 17 |

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Announcements

Thank You to everyone who helped in worship during Holy Week. Thank you also to everyone who helped behind the scenes to prepare for our worship and decorate our church. Your service to the Lord is greatly appreciated!

Adult Christ Light will not meet today

Come Follow Me This study is based on the movie, *Come Follow Me*. The movie shares the story of Peter's call to follow Jesus, his denial of Jesus, and his subsequent restoration. Just like Peter, we struggle with feelings of inadequacy. The solution is Jesus, who assures us that we are forgiven, can be his witnesses, and that he will give us the gifts needed for ministry. This study is 8 lessons long. We will watch the movie, discuss its biblical basis, apply it to our lives, and learn ways we can share this DVD with others as we Go with the Gospel. We meet today at 9:15 a.m. in the commons.

Assembly Committee will meet Monday at 6:00 p.m. to assemble the May newsletter.

Confirmation Class for public school students will not meet the next two Wednesdays. We will meet again on May 7.

No Thursday Worship on April 24. Thursday worship will begin again on May 1.

Communion will not be a part of worship next Sunday.

Pastor Ott will leave for South Dakota this afternoon. After their daughter Liz's wedding, Pastor and Paula will fly to San Antonio for the *Finishing Well In Grace Conference* for pastors who have been in the ministry 25 years. Pastor will return on May 4. If you need pastoral care from April 20-May 4 please contact Pastor Dan Cole of Maribel. His contact information is: (920) 863-2851 or pastor_sjm@charter.net

Open Forum to prepare for the Quarterly Voters Meeting will be after 10:30 a.m. worship on May 4. Items that will be discussed at the Voters Meeting on May 18 include: allowing alcohol in the pavilion, organist fund guidelines, reports from the council restructuring committee and appeal committee.

The Bay Area Life Center will offer roses after each service on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 11. A free will donation is appreciated.

Today's Light Bible Discussion will not meet again until May 11. We will discuss three weeks of readings on May 11: Weeks 34-36 1 Chronicles 1-2 Chronicles 12. Discussion guides form April and May are available in the rack at the back of church and in the church basement. The discussion guides now include suggested answers!

Sunday School Teacher Needed This Fall we will need a new Sunday School teacher. Sunday School is for students ages 3-5. It meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15. If you have any questions about it or would like to see what it is like, talk to Char Van Rossum or stop in for a class on Sunday!

FVL's National Honor Society will have a Brat Fry and Car Wash on Friday, April 25. 3-7 p.m. at the school. Follow the signs to the east parking lot by the Football Canteen building. Car washes are only \$5; Brats: \$2.50; Hot dogs: \$1.50 and hamburgers: \$3.00; chips and soda will also be available. All proceeds will be go to FVL Tuition Assistance. Our rain date is Friday, May 2, 3-7 p.m.

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Easter

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday 9:15 a.m. Come, Follow Me Bible Study, commons
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Bible History, grades 1-5
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Come, Follow Me Bible Study, commons
 9:15 a.m. Adult Christ Light, church
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship

Today's Light Bible Reading

Week 34—April 21-26

Monday 1 Chronicles 1-4
 Tuesday 1 Chronicles 5-8
 Wednesday 1 Chronicles 9-12
 Thursday 1 Chronicles 13-14
 Friday 1 Chronicles 15-16
 Saturday 1 Chronicles 17

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship 473 (179, 294)
 Communion 262 (113, 149)
 Bible Study 53 (X, 44, 9.)
 Youth Group : 22

Missions Hold Opening Services

Three mission congregations - Peace, South Gilbert, Ariz.; Illumine, Rock Hill, S.C.; and Abiding Word, Dothan, Ala. - held their grand opening services April 13. These are 3 of the 12 new home missions authorized for fiscal year 2013-14 and are all served by 2013 graduates of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis.

"Lots of work goes into planning for and then starting a mission," says Rev. Keith Free, Board for Home Missions administrator. "To get to the point of having a grand opening service is a testimony to the Lord blessing the labors of so many."

One hundred two people attended the grand opening service in South Gilbert. "We received contact information from 12 new households," says Rev. Greg Hein, pastor at Peace. "It was a great day worshipping our Savior with so many people!"

Hein says when he arrived in South Gilbert, he had a core group of a dozen adults and eight children from the area. Gilbert, Ariz., has a population of over 200,000, and the area where Peace is located is growing—with 50,000 more people moving in over the next 10 years. He says there are large community churches in the area as well as a strong Mormon population.

Peace is worshipping at a local elementary school. The mission has had three preview services to build momentum for its grand opening. It is also concentrating on small group Bible

studies and continued outreach in the community through canvassing and inviting friends and acquaintances.

Illumine, Rock Hill, S.C., is the second WELS congregation in the Charlotte, N.C., metro area. Located in the Bible Belt, Illumine shares the area with 65 Baptist and 55 Methodist congregations. "Lutheran teaching is much more scarce in this area, and it is a special privilege to get to represent the solas of the Reformation and the proper distinction between law and gospel here," says Rev. Kent Reeder, pastor at Illumine.

Members from Grace, Charlotte, N.C., located 45 minutes away, make up most of Illumine's core group of 18. The group meets each Sunday for Bible classes and planning. Group canvasses take place every Saturday. Kingdom Worker volunteers assisted with canvassing and the launch.

The mission, which meets at a local movie theater, has had four preview services before the grand opening, averaging 40 people each time. Fifty people attended the opening service, nine of whom were visitors. "We're also working toward a launch for our family education initiatives and our community service arm as the year goes on," says Reeder. "We hope that this mentality will keep us pressing on instead of tempting us to rest and become stagnant after launching just one aspect of this church's ministry."

In Dothan, a core group of seven

adults and nine children already had been meeting for worship before Rev. Caleb Free arrived in August 2013.

Every other week they worshiped in Dothan, served by Rev. Dan Burgess from Amazing Grace, Panama City, Fla. Otherwise they traveled 90 miles to Panama City for worship. Now they worship weekly with Free in an elementary school gymnasium.

Free and his wife have been working hard to get into the community through canvassing, volunteering at the school where they worship, and joining the area Young Professional Group and Chamber of Commerce. The mission is hosting a Bible basketball camp in June.

Abiding Word held a festival the day before its launch service. More than 150 attended the festival, with about 75 percent of them asking for more information about the church. Sixty-four people attended worship the next day, with 30 first-time guests—10 of whom had attended the festival. Kingdom Worker volunteers as well as members from three WELS congregations in Florida and Alabama helped with the events.

Glorify Gather Grow Go

