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Our mission is to

**Glorify God**

as we

**Gather**

around the Gospel

to help people

**Grow**

in the **Gospel**

and

**Go**

with the **Gospel**

**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.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We 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.

March 29, 2024

## Good Friday: Tenebrae - Evidence

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**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.

**Tenebrae** 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. 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 silence you may place your offering in the basket in the back of the church.

**Evidence** “Prove it!” was the refrain of the onlookers, Jewish leaders, soldiers, and criminals. People today demand evidence too. And isn’t there a part of us that wonders as well—especially when facing this sinful world? If Jesus is the Son of God, why does he \_\_, or why doesn’t he \_\_? Maybe they’re right. But Jesus’ gracious words and actions turn our doubts to trust, as they did with one of the criminals (and later the centurion). Jesus asked “Why?” so that we could be sure. God even provided a little resurrection proof that Friday—a preview.

**Rite of Nails and Cross** This year we will use a visual to help us contemplate the love of Jesus on the cross. All who wish to do so will be invited to come forward and place a nail in the cross on the main floor of church. The nail has a red ribbon attached to remind us that it was our sins that caused Jesus to shed his blood. This truth pains us. This truth causes us joy because Jesus’ life and death is the sacrifice that paid for the guilt of our sins and the sins of the whole world.

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*Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) and warns there are dangers in taking the Lord’s Supper in an improper way (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), we practice close communion. WELS, ELS, and members of other churches around the world who are in fellowship with WELS are welcome to commune with us. If you would like to learn more about becoming a member and communing with us in the future, please speak to pastor or an usher.*

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

**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: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**Distribution** Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith and warns us against the dangers of not understanding what communion is, we practice close communion. WELS, ELS, and members of other churches around the world who are in fellowship with WELS are welcome to commune with us. If you would like to learn more about becoming a member and communing with us in the future, please speak to pastor or an usher.

## Distribution Hymn

*Oh, Darkest Woe* CW 137

1	Oh,	dark - est	woe!	O	tears,	forth	flow!	Has
2	Oh,	sor - row	dread!	God's	Son	is	dead!	But
3	Lo,	stained	with	The	Lamb	of	God,	The
4	How	blest	shall	E -	ter -	nal -	ly	Who
5	O	Je -	sus	My	Help	and	Rest,	With



earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's  
 by his ex - pi - a - tion Of our guilt up -  
 Bride-groom, lies be - fore you, Pour - ing out his  
 oft in faith will pon - der Why the glo - rious  
 tears I now en - treat you: Make me love you



on - ly Son Now is bur - ied yon - der.  
 on the cross Gained for us sal - va - tion.  
 life that he May to life re - store you.  
 Prince of life Should be bur - ied yon - der.  
 to the last Till in heav'n I greet you.

Text: Friedrich von Spee, 1591–1635, st. 1; Johann Rist, 1607–67, st. 2-5, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 3-5, alt.; composite, st. 2.

Tune: O TRAURIGKEIT, O HERZELEID (44 776) *Himmlische Harmony*, Mainz, 1628, alt.

## Distribution Hymn

*Oh, Perfect Life of Love* CW 138:1-5



1 Oh, per - fect life of love! All, all is  
 2 No work is left un - done Of all the  
 3 No pain that we can share But he has  
 4 And on his thorn-crowned head And on his  
 5 In per - fect love he dies; For me he



fin - ished now, All that he left his  
 Fa - ther willed; His toil, his sor - rows,  
 felt its smart; All forms of hu - man  
 sin - less soul Our sins in all their  
 dies, for me! O all - a - ton - ing



throne a - bove To do for us be - low.  
 one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.  
 grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.  
 guilt were laid That he might make us whole.  
 Sac - ri - fice, You died to make me free!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, abr., alt.

Tune: SOUTHWELL (SM) William Daman, c. 1540–91.

## Rite of Nails and Cross

**M:** The cross is a confusion for us.

**C:** **There is mystery in the cross.**

**M:** The cross is a paradox which we do not understand.

**C:** **There is mystery in the cross.**

**M:** We see the weakness of a dying man on the cross:

**C:** **Yet we acknowledge the power of the living Lord upon the cross.**

**M:** We see the life of Jesus draining out of him on the cross:

**C:** **Yet we acknowledge the reconciliation of the world through it.**

**M:** We see a servant on the cross:

**C:** **Yet we acknowledge him as Lord.**

**M:** There is mystery in the cross:

**C:** **And great joy.**

**M:** The cross is a confusion for us.

**C:** **And life and peace and hope.**

**M:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless your saving name:

**C:** **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world. Amen.**

If you wish to place a nail in the cross please come up the middle aisle and return to your seat down the outside aisle. There are holes in the cross in which you may place your nail. As you take a nail from the tray the minister will speak the words, "Pierced for you."

## Hymn (congregation)

*As The Nails* by Ben Ott

1. As the nails the soldiers struck  
Held my Lord upon the tree  
Satan surely ran amuck  
Thinking he had victory  
While the world in darkness fell  
Sorrow that words can not tell
2. It was me and my own sin  
That caused Christ my Lord to die  
It was all my thoughts within  
That were focused all on "I"  
All the times I broke His laws  
All my dark and hidden flaws
3. It was love not sin or nails  
That held Christ upon the tree  
Love that for us never fails  
Matchless love that set us free  
Love to us by Spirit given  
Bids our fears away be driven
4. When I look upon the cross  
Where the world sees pain and loss  
I see life and hope and love  
From our Father up above  
Who sent Christ His only Son  
To make right what I have done

*The candles are lit.*

**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.

*Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

**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.**

*Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

**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.

*Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

*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.

*Refrain*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

**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.**

*Refrain*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

**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.

*Refrain*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

*The second candle is extinguished.*

### Psalm Prayer

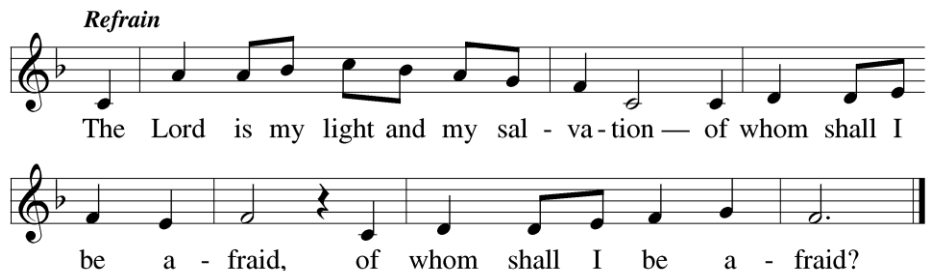
**M:** Lord Jesus, because your hands and feet were pierced for us, because you were surrounded by taunting enemies, and because you were abandoned even by your heavenly Father, we are rescued from the lion's mouth. Be with us when we must face our own crosses, and instill in us the confidence to say, "My Savior has won the victory for me." Amen.

*Silence for meditation.*

### Psalm 27

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

*Refrain*



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I  
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

**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.**

*Refrain*

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I  
be a - afraid, of whom shall I be a - afraid?

**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.

*Refrain*

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I  
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

*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**

*What Wondrous Love Is This* CW 120

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!  
 down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,  
 sing; To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
 on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won-drous love is this That caused the Lord of  
 When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous  
 To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I  
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: *A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs*, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.  
 Tune: WONDROUS LOVE (12 9 66 12 9) *Southern Harmony*, New Haven, 1835.

*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 268:3)**

### **Sermon**

### **Evidence**

Matthew 27:38-54

<sup>38</sup>Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>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!" <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. <sup>42</sup>"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. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup>In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

<sup>45</sup>From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup>About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").<sup>[Psalms 22:1]</sup>

<sup>47</sup>When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. 49 The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split 52 and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. 53 They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

54 When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

**Hymn Sung by Choir**

*Were You There* CW 119



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh,  
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh,  
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh,



some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem - ble.  
 some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem - ble.  
 some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem - ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African-American spiritual, 19th century, abr.

Tune: WERE YOU THERE (10 10 14 10) African-American spiritual, 19th century, alt.

***The fifth candle is extinguished.***

***Silence for meditation.***

**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**

**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.**

### **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.***

## Choir

1 O to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten,  
then nailed to a cross of wood.  
This the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

2 Now the daylight flees;  
Now the ground beneath quakes  
as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,  
“Finished!” the victory cry.

House by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

2005 Thankyou Music

## *The Power of the Cross*

This the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

3 O to see my name  
written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love!  
This the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

## *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.

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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**Offerings** may be placed in the baskets in the back of church as you leave.

**The Three Holy Days** continues Saturday with Easter Vigil worship with Communion at 8:00 p.m. Easter Festival worship with communion is Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**Communion Register** Please let us know you participated in the Lord's Supper by signing the communion register. Sheets are located in the back of church, by the elevator, by the balcony, and in the basement.