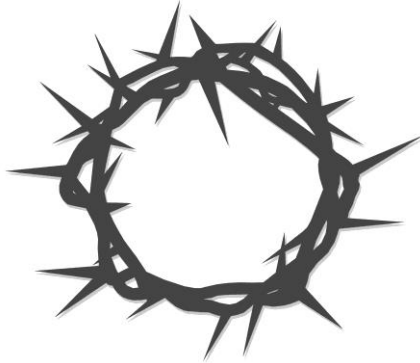


Good Friday



April 18, 2014 7:00 PM

**Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter
Belmont, NC**

THE TENEBRAE SERVICE tonight is sometimes called the “Service of Shadows,” because the Latin word “*tenebrae*” means “*shadows*.” Our service tonight symbolizes the darkness of Calvary and the awful consequences of sin. It is arranged to show that life without our Lord is like life without light. The light returns at Easter with the life of our risen Savior!

Our Service Tonight is not intended to be gloomy or morbid. It is an emphasis on the cross of Jesus and His gift of His own life for us all! Please use the silence for reflective meditation.

At the close of the service, please remain as long as you would like to meditate and pray. Please do not stay for the usual after-service conversation, but rather take the quiet reflective mood home with you. Return Easter Sunday with joy in your heart!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Anthem: *Into Paradise* Church Choir
Congregation Sings on Repeat



The image shows a musical score for the anthem 'Into Paradise'. It is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'In-to par-a-dise may the an-gels lead you. At your com-ing may the mar - tyrs re - ceive you and lead you in - to the ho - ly cit - y, Je - ru - sa-lem, Je - ru - sa-lem. May a choir of an-gels wel - come you, and where Laz-a-rus is poor no more, may you have ev-er-last-ing rest, may you have ev-er-last - ing rest, may you have ev-er-last - ing rest.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Music: Rawn Harbor
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Words of Greeting and Introduction to the Service

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and forever. **Amen.**

Anthem: *Deep Were His Wounds* Chamber Choir

The Passion of our Lord According to Matthew & John

Please use the Lutheran Book of Worship (green hymnbook)

- 1) Matthew 26:36-46 (Jesus in the Garden)
Hymn #117 (vss. 1-2) *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*
Silence for personal prayer
- 2) Matthew 26:47-56 (The Arrest)
Hymn # 117 (vss. 3-4)
THE LORD'S PRAYER (prayed together)
Silence
- 3) Matthew 26:57-64a (Jesus before the Sanhedrin)
Hymn # 123 (vss. 1-2) *Ah, Holy Jesus*
Silence for personal prayer
- 4) Matthew 26:69-75 (Peter denies Jesus)
Hymn # 123 (vss. 3-5)
THE LORD'S PRAYER (whispered)
Silence
- 5) John 18:28-19:16a (Jesus before Pilate)
Hymn # 482 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Silence for personal prayer
- 6) John 19:16b-30 (The Crucifixion & Death of Jesus)
Hymn # 92 (vss. 1-2) *Were You There*
LORD'S PRAYER (silently)
- 7) John 19:31-42 (The Burial of Jesus)
Hymn # 92 (vs. 3) *Were You There*
Silence

Crucifixion Mime

REMAIN for meditation as long as you wish.
As you leave the Church, please remain quiet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday Morning: Rock-n-Roll Easter Event

10:00 am -12:00 Noon (No Lunch)

Toddlers – Grade 5

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday Worship:

7:30 am - SONrise Service (in the courtyard, weather permitting)
Breakfast after SONrise Service






10:30 am - Festival Easter Service with communion
(No Children's Sunday School on Easter Sunday)

READERS FOR TONIGHT: Steve Bingham & Julia Gunter

ACOLYTES: Becca Gatlin, Matthew Carr, Alec Via

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Articles from the mime:

- Bowl/towel - washing the disciple's feet (John 13:4-11)
- Bread & wine (Matthew 26:26-29) 
- Bag of coins – betrayal (Matthew 26:14-16) 
- Whip (Matthew 27:24-26)
- Crown of thorns (Matthew 27:27-31) 
- Robe & dice (Matthew 27:35) 
- Nails (Matthew 27:32-37) 

What does it mean to know that Jesus died *just for you*? Jesus did, you know – He gave His life - **just for you**.



“Surely He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows.”

(Isaiah 53:4 from NKJV)