

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

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Good Friday/Tenebrae



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Prelude: *To Dust* Chamber Choir

Invocation

P Though he was in the form of God, He did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.

C **Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

The assembly may kneel or stand.

P Merciful God,

C **forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**

Silence.

We were silent when we should have said something.

Silence.

We acted when we knew better.

Silence.

We were still when we know we should have moved.

Silence.

For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P People of God, look to Christ, through whom our freedom comes. By His sacrifice, may Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

First Word

“Father, Forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Hymn: *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed* LBW #98
(Verses 1 & 2)

Word of Prophecy
Isaiah 53:3

Passion History
Luke 23:32-38

Collect

O God of compassion and love, you have taught us through your Son that we should love one another, even our enemies. Help us to be forgiving, as we know that we are forgiven. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray:

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 ever.

C Amen.

Second Word
“Today you will be with me in paradise.”

Hymn: *Jesus Remember Me*. All sing three times

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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Word of Prophecy
Isaiah 53:12

Passion History
Luke 23:39-43

Collect

O Jesus, you accepted the penitence of the thief on the Cross. Hear our own sorrow in this hour, and graciously forgive us. For we ask it in your holy Name. Amen.

Third Word

“Woman, here is your son... son, here is your mother.”

Hymn: *Were You There* **LBW #92**
(Verses 1-3)

Word of Prophecy Isaiah 53:10-11

Passion History John 19:23-27

Collect

Jesus, in your precious Name we bring before you our loved ones. Bless us in the duties of our home life, and lead us ever to rejoice that we are a part of your family. Amen.

Fourth Word

“My God, my God why have you forsaken me?”

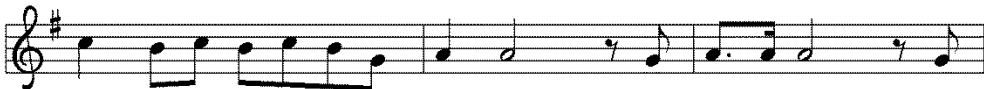
Anthem: *Into Paradise* Church Choir Sings 1 time
All sing on repeat



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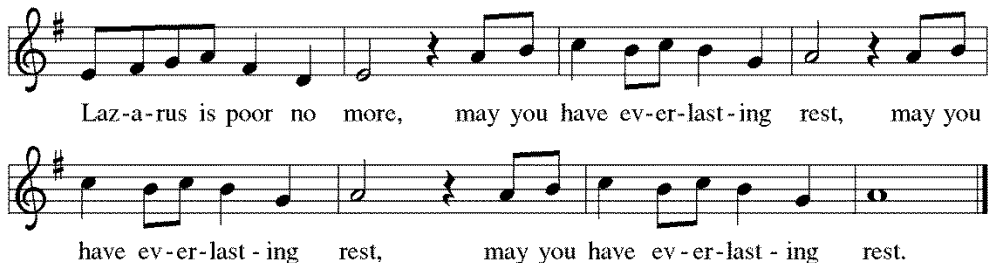
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Word of Prophecy **Isaiah 53:6**

Passion History **Matthew 27:45-49**

Collect

Almighty God, our Father, when we are discouraged and alone, may we know your loving kindness and your tender care, and may we never forget that because of your Son we are never separated from you or from your love. For we pray in His name. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Silent prayer.

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

C hear our prayer

P Your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer

P You give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer

P Long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer

P You created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer

P You are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer

P You are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer

P You give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer

P Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Fifth Word
“I am thirsty.”

Hymn: *Ah, Holy Jesus* **LBW #123**

Word of Prophecy
Isaiah 53:7

Passion History
John 19:28-29

Collect

Help us, our Father, to hear the cries of all who are in need, and give us the grace to serve them in your Son’s name. Lead us also to thirst after your Kingdom and your righteousness. Amen.

Sixth Word
“It is finished.”

Hymn: *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* **LBW #482**

Word of Prophecy
Isaiah 53:4-5

Passion History
John 19:30-37

Collect

May we so live, O God, as to accept all of life’s duties with courage as we seek to follow in the footsteps of our blessed Lord. In all our tasks, may we be sustained and strengthened by you. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Seventh Word
“Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit.”

Hymn: *Oh Sacred Head Now Wounded.* **LBW #117**
(Verses 1 & 4)

Word of Prophecy

Isaiah 53:8

Passion History

Luke 23:44-49

Collect

Our Loving Heavenly Father, our days are in your hands. Help us through Jesus Christ our Lord to love and serve you always, and to trust you in all things. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. Grant us your peace. Amen.

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.

The Prophecy Fulfilled
“... they laid Jesus there.”

Word of Prophecy

Isaiah 53:9

Passion History

John 19:38-42

Final Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who willed that your Son should bear for us the pains of the Cross, that you might remove from us the power of evil: Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may continue to receive the forgiveness of our sins, and be saved from everlasting death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Light of Hope

John 1:5-9; 3:16-17

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Slamming of the Book

As the service concludes, you may depart in silence in your own time.