

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Good Friday – *Tenebrae Service*

March 29, 2024

THE TENEBRAE SERVICE: Originally a service that was observed during each of the last three days of Holy Week, Tenebrae has become a service widely used on the evening of Good Friday. Named from the Latin word for darkness, Tenebrae is a very solemn service that is conducted in subdued lighting and ends in darkness. Despite its somberness, Tenebrae is in no way a ‘funeral’ service for Christ. Instead it is a service that reflects the horrible price that Jesus paid to win the victory that freed us from sin, death and the devil.

The service ends in darkness and silence. After silent prayer, the congregation leaves the sanctuary in silence to prepare for our gathering together for the Easter celebration. At the beginning of the Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday night) the Christ candle is brought back into the sanctuary in the darkness remaining from Tenebrae. The Great Vigil of Easter then reverses the light-to-darkness of Tenebrae by moving from darkness to light as we celebrate Christ’s resurrection.

AS WE GATHER

Tonight we gather and ponder the enormity of God’s love through His Son’s death on the cross. Our focus tonight is upon the 7 times that Jesus spoke from the cross recorded in the Scriptures. We hear Jesus as he spoke from the cross from 9-3, and as darkness came over the land from 12-3 as Jesus hung dying on the cross, we see Jesus the “Light of the World,” shining in the darkness. This worship is a variation of a service called Tenebrae, in which darkness comes upon the church as it did when Jesus was on the cross. There is a short sermon after each word from the Cross.

WELCOME

HYMN: The Wonderful Cross

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 2

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus 1

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

FIRST READING Luke 23:33-34

³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Hymn: #450 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *Verses 1-2*

THE EXTINGUISHING OF A CANDLE

SECOND READING John 19:26-27

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

HYMN: "Ah, Holy Jesus" *Hand Bells*

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THIRD READING Luke 23:39-43

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

HYMN: #451 "Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted" *Verses 1 & 2*

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FOURTH READING Matthew 27:45-46

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

HYMN "Old Rugged Cross"

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suf- fring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.

Verse 2

O that old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share. *Refrain*

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FIFTH READING John 19:28-29

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

HYMN: #744 "Amazing Grace" *Verses 1-3*

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SIXTH READING John 19:30

³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."
With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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HYMN: "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

Verse

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

Bridge

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

Chorus

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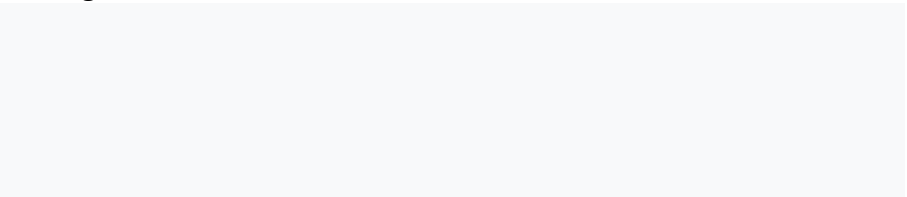
SEVENTH READING Luke 23:46

⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

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SONG "Were You There" *Ethan & Molly Wilcox*

Closing Video



PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY -

IT IS FINISHED!!

Dear God, We remember today, the pain and suffering of the cross, and all that Jesus was willing to endure, so we could be set free. He paid the price, such a great sacrifice, to offer us the gift of eternal life.

Help us never to take for granted this huge gift of love on our behalf. Help us to be reminded of the cost of it all. Forgive us for being too busy, or distracted by other things, for not fully recognizing what you freely given, what you have done for us.

Thank you, Lord, that by your wounds we are healed. Thank you that because of your huge sacrifice we can live free. Thank you that sin and death have been conquered and that your Power is everlasting.

Thank you that we can say with great hope, "It is finished.." For we know what's still to come. And death has lost its sting. We praise you for you are making all things new. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

EASTER

The Resurrection of Our Lord - March 31st

8am – Bilingual Communion Service

10:15am – Bilingual Communion Service

Continental Breakfast served between services

11:30am Children's Easter Egg Hunt Activities –
Soccer Field

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
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Pastors

Rev. Phil Ressler, Lead Pastor
Rev. Miguel Sanabria, Jr., Associate Pastor
Katherine Sanabria, Deaconess Intern
Kathy Hogue – Organist / Music Director

Sunday Worship

8am Communion Service
9:15am - Sunday School and Bible Study
10:15am Family Worship Communion Service
10:30am Estudio Biblico
10:30am Escuela Dominical
11:30am Santo Servicio

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