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Good Friday

1:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.



*****On this, the most solemn day of the church year, please enter in silence*****

*The **Office of the Tenebrae** is a Good Friday devotion which dates back to the 7th century. **Tenebrae** is a Latin word meaning darkness or shadows. The remembrance of Christ's passion and death in scripture and song grows darker with the extinguishing of candles throughout the service. There is no benediction, as the story remains unfinished.*

If you have prayer concerns, you may write them on a slip of paper (in the narthex) and place them in the basket to be included in the Bidding Prayers.

Prayer

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13--53:12

Extinguish 1st Candle

Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

ELW #666

Psalm 22

(to be read responsively)

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

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.

They cried out to you and were delivered;

they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

**But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;

let God rescue him if God so delights in him."

Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,

and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;

you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

**Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.**

I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

I will declare your name to my people;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither is the LORD's face hid-den from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, let those who seek the LORD give praise!

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the
dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD

Their descendants shall serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

"Surely the LORD has acted!"

Extinguish 2nd Candle

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Extinguish 3rd Candle

The Passion of our Lord, according to John (part 1)

John 18:1--19:16

Extinguish 4th Candle

Hymn

"Were You There"

ELW #353

The Passion of our Lord, according to John (part 2)

John 19:17– 42

Extinguish 5th Candle

Bidding Prayer *including petitions from the congregation*

Each prayer petition (bid) will end with the words:

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Please respond: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *sung responsively*

Extinguish 6th Candle

Procession and Adoration of the Cross

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

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We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy name.

For by your cross, salvation has come into the world.

May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

Let your way be known upon earth, your saving love among all nations.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God bless us and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy name.

For by your cross, salvation has come into the world.

Stripping of the Altar

Hymn

"Jesus, Remember Me"

ELW #616

Extinguish 7th Candle

***You may remain in your seat for silent prayer.
Depart in silence. There will be no greeting at the door.***

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