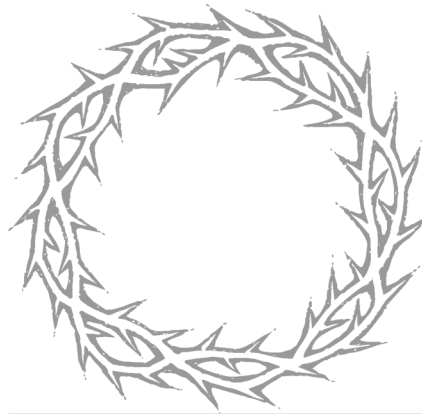


Welcome to Prince of Peace!

***Good Friday
A Service of Tenebrae***



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

**March 29, 2024
7:30 pm**

Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness”) was the name given to the medieval predawn prayer celebrated by monks during the last three days in Holy Week. The order for this evening incorporates the essential elements of contrast between light and darkness integral to the tenebrae tradition within the meditation of the Seven Last Words of Christ and the singing of Lenten hymns. During this liturgy, we offer honor and reverence to the One, who having been lifted up and glorified on a cross, drew all people to himself.

Good Friday worship is incorporated into one liturgy beginning with Maundy Thursday and concluding with the Easter Vigil. This is why there is no invocation tonight, no creed, no communion, and no benediction.

As you depart from the worship room, you may place your offerings in the plates placed next to the baptismal font.

Gathering (the liturgy begins with silent reflection.)

Gathering Hymn Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 356 (vs. 1, 2, 6)
 Sing, My Tongue (Latin chant introduction)

The Opening

P The peace of Christ be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray.

P Into our darkness, doubt, and despair,
C **come, Christ Jesus, be our light.**
P Into our sorrow, sickness, and grief,
C **come Christ Jesus, be our comfort.**
, P Into each conflict, division and war,
C **come, Christ Jesus, be our peace.**
P Into this wounded world,
C **come, Christ Jesus, be our hope.**

P When we call to you, hear our cry.
 Do not abandon us, but draw us near.
 Come, Christ Jesus, be our life.
C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Jesus, prepare us
for what we shall witness tonight.
Prepare us to follow you:
from the garden where your friend
said good-bye with a betrayer's kiss;
to the palaces where the powerful
wasted your last few hours;
to the cross, where your death
was the shame of all humanity
and where God created hope
that could never die.
Prepare us, and we will walk with you
to know for ourselves
why this day is good.

C **Amen.**

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Father Forgive Them Luke 23:33-34

Pastor Peter Froehlke

Silence

Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

First Candle is extinguished.

Today you will be with me in paradise Luke 23:39-42

Pastor Peter Froehlke

Silence

Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 351 (vs. 1,2)

Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Second Candle is extinguished.

Woman, behold your son John 19: 25-27

Rev Dr Paul Rorem

Silence

Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 351 (vs. 3,4)

Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Third Candle is extinguished.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me Mark 15:33-34

Pastoral Candidate Claudia Thompson

Silence

Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 349 (vs. 1,2)

Ah, Holy Jesus

Fourth Candle is extinguished.

I Thirst John 19:28

Seminarian Sara Manning

Silence

Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 349 (vs. 3,4,5)

Ah, Holy Jesus

Fifth Candle

It is finished John 19:29-30

Pastor Dale Selover

Silence

Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 353 (vs. 1,2,3)

Were You There

Sixth Candle is extinguished.

Into your hands I commend my spirit Luke 23:46

Pastoral Candidate Claudia Thompson

Silence

Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 353 (vs. 4,5)

Were You There

Seventh Candle is extinguished.

The large "Christ" candle is removed.

Anthem 'But Seek Thy Sheep'
 R. Douglas Helvering

Good Friday Bidding Prayer

P Jesus, when we pity ourselves and think we make great sacrifices for others:
C **Remind us of your life-giving sacrifice on the Cross.**
P Jesus, when our patience wears thin and we are ready to give up:
C **Speak to us through the example of your endurance on the Cross.**
P Jesus, when we get angry and wish to retaliate against our enemies:
C **Bring to our remembrance your words to your enemies from the Cross.**
P Jesus, when we feel rejected or persecuted for doing what is right and good:
C **Sustain us by the knowledge of how you were reviled and
 rejected on the Cross.**
P Jesus, when we suffer pain of body or anguish of mind in this life:
C **Keep us near the Cross.**
P Jesus, when we are afraid to stand for that which is true and honorable:
C **Strengthen us with the courage with which you went to the Cross.**
P Jesus, when we feel alone in the world, forsaken and forgotten:
C **Comfort us with your love made know on the Cross.**
P Jesus, when we come to the time of our own death:
C **Uphold us with the assurance that life did not end for you on the Cross.**
P Jesus, when we are tempted by despair or fear of what lies ahead:
C **Fill us with the hope of resurrection and new life which are the fruits of
 your Cross. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Closing Versicles and Responses

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

C **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

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Pause

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

There is no Benediction because the worship service continues at the Easter Vigil.

The congregation and worship leaders depart in silence at will.

Easter at Prince of Peace

*Easter Vigil,
March 30, 7:30 pm*

*Easter Sunday, March 31st
Outdoor Festival of the Resurrection 8:30 am
Festival Worship 9:30 am
Easter Brunch 10:45 am*



That he can still speak.

That in the depths of his pain and his dying, he does not cease to say what he needs to say.

That as he lets go, he leaves them with words of comfort and release, of lamentation and love.

Forgive. You will be with me. Behold. Forsaken. Thirst. Finished. Into your hands.

Knowing that these are his last words, but not his final ones.

That after this, there will be a span of silence. And that soon the silence will come to an end.

For now, we watch, we weep, we bear witness, we wait.

Jan Richardson *The Painted Prayerbook*



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