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**Good Friday**

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**March 29, 2024**  
**7:30 p.m.**

*A Tenebrae Service “The Seven Last Words of Jesus From the Cross.”  
“TENEBRAE” is the Latin word for “darkness,” or “shadows.” After each of  
the Seven Words from the Cross, a candle is extinguished. At the close of the  
Service, the church is in darkness.*

## **PRELUDE**

### **↑ INVOCATION**

**P** We gather on this solemn and holy night in the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

*ELW #338*

## ↓ THE FIRST WORD

*“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”*

## PSALM 103

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,**  
**and forget not | all his benefits.**

<sup>3</sup>He forgives | all your sins  
and heals all | your infirmities;

<sup>4</sup>**he redeems your life | from the grave**  
**and crowns you with mercy and | lovingkindness;**

<sup>5</sup>he satisfies you | with good things,  
and your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD executes righteousness**  
**and judgment for all who | are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made his ways | known to Moses  
and his works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,**  
**slow to anger and | of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse us,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**He has not dealt with us according | to our sins,**  
**nor rewarded us according | to our wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high | above the earth,  
so is his mercy great upon | those who fear him.

**LUKE 23:32-38**

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, **"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."** And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

*The First Candle is Extinguished*  
*Silent Meditation*

**THE SECOND WORD**

***"Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."***

**PSALM 139**

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me | out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts |  
from afar.

<sup>2</sup>**You trace my journeys and my | resting-places**  
**and are acquainted with | all my ways.**

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.

<sup>4</sup>**You press upon me behind | and before**  
**and lay your | hand upon me.**

<sup>5</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

<sup>6</sup>**Where can I go then | from your Spirit?**  
**Where can I flee | from your presence?**

<sup>7</sup>If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.

**LUKE 23:39-45**

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, **"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."**

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Candle is Extinguished  
Silent Meditation*

**THE THIRD WORD**

*“Woman, behold thy Son. Here is your mother.”*

**PSALM 22**

<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh | me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag | their heads, saying,  
<sup>8</sup>**"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**  
<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me out | of the womb,  
and kept me safe upon my | mother's breast.  
<sup>10</sup>**I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.**  
<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is | none to help.  
<sup>12</sup>**Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**  
<sup>13</sup>They open wide their | jaws at me,  
like a ravening and a | roaring lion.

**<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**

**<sup>15</sup>My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;**

and you have laid me in the dust | of the grave.

**<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count | all my bones.**

**<sup>17</sup>They stare and gloat | over me;**

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

**<sup>18</sup>Be not far away, O LORD;  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

↑ HYMN

*“Were You There”*

*ELW #353*

↓ JOHN 19:23-27

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots."

<sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "**Woman, here is your son.**" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "**Here is your mother.**" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Candle is Extinguished  
Silent Meditation*

**THE FOURTH WORD**

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

## PSALM 22

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me  
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?  
<sup>2</sup>**O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you <sup>|</sup> do not answer;  
by night as well, but I <sup>|</sup> find no rest.**  
<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the <sup>|</sup> Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.  
<sup>4</sup>**Our forefathers put their <sup>|</sup> trust in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**  
<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and <sup>|</sup> were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not <sup>|</sup> put to shame.  
<sup>6</sup>**But as for me, I am a worm <sup>|</sup> and no man,  
scorned by all and despised <sup>|</sup> by the people.**  
<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh <sup>|</sup> me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag <sup>|</sup> their heads, saying,  
<sup>8</sup>**"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Mary By the Cross"*  
(Calvary Choir)

Tom Lawler  
Arr. J. Purifoy

## MARK 15:23-39

And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>28 29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema



sabachthani?" which means, **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

<sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

*The 4<sup>th</sup> Candle is Extinguished*  
*Silent Meditation*

**THE FIFTH WORD**                      ***"I thirst."***

**PSALM 69**

<sup>18</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;  
in your great compassion, | turn to me."

<sup>19</sup>**Hide not your face | from your servant;**  
**be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.**

<sup>20</sup>Draw near to me | and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.

<sup>21</sup>**You know my reproach, my shame, and | my dishonor;**  
**my adversaries are all | in your sight."**

<sup>22</sup>Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed;  
I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.

<sup>23</sup>**They gave me | gall to eat,**  
**and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.**

↑ **HYMN**

***"Ah, Holy Jesus"***

*ELW #349*

↓ **JOHN 19:28-29**

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), **"I am thirsty."** <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

*The 5<sup>th</sup> Candle is Extinguished*  
*Silent Meditation*

## THE SIXTH WORD

*"It is finished."*

### PSALM 130

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, <sup>|</sup> hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my <sup>|</sup> supplication.

<sup>2</sup>**If you, LORD, were to note what is <sup>|</sup> done amiss,**  
**O Lord, <sup>|</sup> who could stand?**

<sup>3</sup>For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you <sup>|</sup> shall be feared.

<sup>4</sup>**I wait for the LORD; my soul <sup>|</sup> waits for him;**  
**in his word <sup>|</sup> is my hope.**

<sup>5</sup>My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen <sup>|</sup> for the morning,  
more than watchmen <sup>|</sup> for the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**O Israel, wait <sup>|</sup> for the LORD,**  
**for with the LORD <sup>|</sup> there is mercy;**

<sup>7</sup>with him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from <sup>|</sup> all their sins.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

***"My Savior and My God"***  
*(Calvary Choir)*

*Jay Althouse*

### JOHN 19:30-37

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "**It is finished.**" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.

<sup>35</sup>(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup>These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." <sup>37</sup>And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

*The 6<sup>th</sup> Candle is Extinguished*  
*Silent Meditation*

**THE SEVENTH WORD**    *“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”*

**PSALM 31**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;  
deliver me | in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your | ear to me;**  
**make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,**  
**for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O | God of truth.

↑ **HYMN**

*“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”*

*ELW #337*

↓ **LUKE 23:44-56**

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "**Father, into your hands I**

**commend my spirit.**" Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." <sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

<sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. <sup>50</sup>Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, <sup>51</sup>had not

agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup>This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup>Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. <sup>54</sup>It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup>The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup>Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

*The 7<sup>th</sup> Candle, the Christ Candle, is Extinguished*

### **Sound of Strepitus (*Closing of the Tomb*)**

*Pastor quietly prays:*

**P** Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Congregation whispers:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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**

**P** We adore you, O Christ, we bless you, by your holy cross you have redeemed the whole world.

↑ **HYMN**

***“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”***

*ELW #351*

***There is no benediction.  
All leave the church in silence.***