

Service Outline
Christ the King Lutheran Church
Commerce, Georgia
Good Friday Tenebrae
8:00 PM
April 10, 2020

Notes:

The Service will be lived streamed at 8:00 PM and a recording will later be posted.

The Good Friday worship is patterned after the Service of Tenebrae, an ancient Holy Week Devotion designed to emphasize the Passion of our Lord in simple, dramatic fashion. The use of this Service in the Lutheran Church dates back to the sixteenth century. The word "Tenebrae" means darkness. The Service takes its name from the ceremony of extinguishing the worship candles in such a way that the Church is gradually cast into complete darkness, except for the light of a single candle. The focus of the Tenebrae is the consequence of sin and the magnitude of Jesus' sacrifice. The worship ends in darkness and silence, symbolizing our Savior's death upon the Cross. The single candle symbolizes the hope of our Savior's resurrection. Please join us as we celebrate that victorious resurrection on our Sermon Audio page on Sunday April 12 at 10:30 AM.



Pre Service Music

The Old Rugged Cross (piano recording)

The Lord into His Father's Hands (choir recording)

The Good Friday Call to Worship

(Please stand.)

(From the Gospels, in these responses we emphasize that it was each of us that sent Jesus to the Cross.)

(Start softly, continue with ascending loudness)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Pastor: When Pilate asked the people what he should do with Jesus, they shouted:

All: "Crucify Him!"

Pastor: Crucify Him?

All: Yes! Crucify Him.

Pastor: "Why? What wrong has He done?"

(Louder)

All: "Crucify Him!"

Pastor: "I find no reason to condemn Him!"

(Louder still)

All: "Crucify Him!"

Pastor: "Choose! Who will it be? Barabbas or Jesus called the Christ. Whom shall I set free for you?"

(More loudly)

All: "Give us Barabbas!"

Pastor: "Barabbas is a murderer. Jesus has done no wrong!"

(More loudly still)

All: “Barabbas!” “Barabbas!” “Give us Barabbas!”

Pastor: “All right! Take Barabbas! But I will also set free for you Jesus, the king of the Jews!”

(Very loud)

All: “No! Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”

The Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Collect for Good Friday

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

All: Amen

Please be seated.

Lessons of the Day

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 52:12-53:12 (NKJV)

Elder:

52:12 For you shall not go out with haste, Nor go by flight; For the Lord will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your rear guard. 13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. 14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; 15 So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.

53:1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. 9 And they made His grave with the wicked—But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.

By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 (KJV)

Elder:

4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Musical Interlude

There Is a Green Hill Far Away (choir recording)

The Good Friday Gospel

St. John 18:1-19:37 (ESV)

(This lengthy reading chronicles the events from the betrayal of Jesus until His lifeless body is pierced by a spear upon the cross. During this reading of God's Word, listen intently and reflect on the great sacrifice of our Lord for us in atoning for our sins. In between the reading of Chapter 18 and 19 we will sing hymn **456, *Where You There*** as the music for the hymn was sent out. The music will play through a verse one time, then you may sing in your home or follow along with the words provided.)

Our Savior's Seven Words From the Cross

(The Sanctuary will darken as the darkness covered Calvary for the last three hours that Jesus was on the cross. You may even want to darken your home during this time as well. It is recorded that Jesus spoke seven times while He was nailed to the cross. A candle will be extinguished at the conclusion of each word from the cross. After the Pastor reads each "word", Melissa Morris will sing a verse from hymn 450, *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*.)

The Burial of Jesus

(At this point the Sanctuary will be completely dark except for one candle. The single candle representing the abiding presence of God will for a brief time be taken from the altar. After the reading of St. John 19:38-42, a loud sound will be heard, dramatizing the rolling of the stone against the tomb of Jesus. The single candle will return to the chancel, as a reminder to the worshippers that, even as Jesus lay in the tomb, our Heavenly Father's eternal and abiding presence was within Him.)

Lord's Prayer

(Together we pray the prayer that our Lord has taught us.)

**All: 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.**

Postlude

Tolling of the Bell

As we now have reflected upon Jesus' death for us, we enter a period of preparation which will culminate with the joyous proclamation of His resurrection on Sunday. Please join this Service of victory on Sunday April 12 at 10:30 AM (access the recording at that time) through the Christ the King Sermon Audio page.