

Good Friday

Faith Lutheran Church
Madison, MN



Tonight, is a Tenebrae service. Tenebrae means darkening or shadows. During the service candles will be extinguished as each of the last words of Christ is read. We will ponder the awesome love of Christ on the cross and what this means for our daily living. May this time of reflection and renewal be a good preparation for your Easter celebration.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, 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. Amen.

The First Word from the Cross

Luke 23:33-34

³³When 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. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Duet - "How Beautiful" Julie Hill & Loretta Nichols

The Second Word from the Cross

Luke 23:39-43

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Hymn - "Just as I Am Without One Plea" #592

The Third Word from the Cross

John 19:26-27

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

"Thy Will Be Done, Lord" Senior Choir

The Fourth Word from the Cross

Matthew 27:46

⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Hymn – "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #338

The Fifth Word from the Cross

John 19:28-29

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A 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.

Solo – "Today, When They Told Me" – Cooper Smith

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

The Sixth Word from the Cross

Luke 23:44-46

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your

hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Offering & Hymn – "Go to Dark Gethsemane" #347

The Seventh Word from the Cross

John 19:30

³⁰*When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."
Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

Trio - "Ah, Holy Jesus" Lorrie Ehrenberg, Loretta Nichols &
Arlette Johnson

Closing Prayer

Merciful God, your son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grand 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. Amen.

Strepitus (*Latin for "great noise," symbolizes the earthquake that followed Christ's death.*)

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(There will be no postlude. All leave in silence.)