



# *Good Friday*

*YOU ARE INVITED TO RETURN AND  
WORSHIP THE RISEN LORD  
AT ST. PAUL'S*

## *EASTER VIGIL*

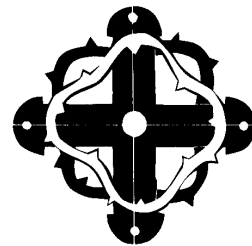
*Saturday, 5:00 pm: Amherst Lutheran Campus*

## *EASTER SERVICES*

*6:00 am: Sunrise Worship at Eggertsville Campus*

*10:00 am: In-Person Easter Worship at Eggertsville Campus*

*10:00 am: Church Unleashed on MeTV, Facebook, and YouTube*



*April 7, 2023*

*7:00 pm*

## THE FRIDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH

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"TENEBRAE" is a Latin word which means shadows. It is the name given to the ancient night and early morning services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

The most conspicuous feature of these services is the symbolism of fifteen candles placed on a large ceremonial candleholder called the "Tenebrae Hearse". Originally, the candles were a necessity for reading, but through the years great importance became attached to them. St. Paul's Tenebrae Hearse reminds us of God's mysterious presence in the burning bush. Also, the bare altar, stripped of all its liturgical appointments, recalls how Christ was stripped of His garments during His passion.

*At the time of the confession the congregation is invited to come forward to nail a small piece of paper containing their name to the bare cross in the front of the church. This simple but powerful action reminds us that our lives are bound to the cross and resurrection of Christ.*

During the Service, the candles are gradually extinguished, reminding us how the people of this world, including Jesus' own disciples, denied, betrayed, and deserted our Lord, until only one candle remains - the Christ-Candle - a symbol of our rejected Lord all by himself crying out: "Where are you, O my people - and my God?"

The Christ-candle, still lit, is carried away and the Church is plunged into complete darkness, symbolizing Jesus' death and burial. A loud sound reminds us of the Earth shaking at the moment of Jesus' death. This is called the "strepitous" (which means "harsh sound") and stands for humankind's violent rejection of Jesus by executing Him.

After the noise, there is silence. During the silence the Christ-candle emerges, held up before the altar, and then is returned to its upper most position on the hearse. Thus the burning Christ-Candle is a symbol of the ray of hope which anticipates the glorious Easter Morning when the women went out to the grave.

After the return of the Christ-candle, please continue in silent personal prayer and meditation as long as you wish. When you "depart in peace," please do so in SILENCE without vocal greeting or words to anyone in order to maintain the mood of Tenebrae for others and yourself. There is no prelude or postlude.

This Tenebrae Service is a modern adaptation of several rites. It includes congregational participation, hymn singing, anthems, and organ accompaniment. Our use of ancient symbolism in modern form serves as a medium to re-live the journey of the people of God with their Lord through His Passion and Death to His ultimate triumph and victory over the powers of darkness.

*Lesson 8: John 19:25-30*

*Jesus gives up his spirit and dies*

*Anthem: "Take My Mother Home"*

*Lesson 9: Isaiah 52: 13-15*

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him — so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals — so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

*The reading concluded, the Christ-candle is removed from the top of the Tenebrae Hearse and carried out of the sight of the congregation.*

***THEN THE CHURCH IS PLUNGED  
INTO TOTAL DARKNESS AND SILENCE.***

*The Strepitous: Sounds the call to prayer beginning with silence*

*Prayer: A series of collects are offered each concluding with:*

**P** We ask this through Christ our Lord

**C** Amen

*The Tolling of the Steeple Bell: Thirty-three times in remembrance and honor of Jesus' 33 years of life and ministry on this earth.*

*(A time of Silent Meditation and Prayer)*

*The Light of the Christ-candle silently returns to the top of the Tenebrae Hearse, the first faint ray of the unthinkable miracle to come. The lights come up in the church when the Christ Candle is set in place.*

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

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

*The ministers depart in silence.*

*Worshippers may remain in silence for meditation or leave in silence.*

Hymn: LBW 117, Verses 3-4

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
 2 How art thou pale with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 how does that vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!  
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
 for he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly in thy love.

Isaiah 53:2-5

For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

Hymn: LBW 123, Verses 1-3

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

*Act of Confession*

**P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen

**C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen

*When the prayer of confession concludes, all are invited to come forward, nailing to the cross a piece of paper with their name written on it. When all who desire have come forward the confession concludes with the acclamation and prayer.*

**P** Behold the life-giving Cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world. The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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

**P** O God our Father, by the cross of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself, enabling us to live in love and harmony. We thank and praise you for the forgiveness of sins and the precious gift of peace. Help us to forgive each other and to establish justice and concord throughout the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Psalm 4 (read responsively)*

**A** Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

**C** you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**A** "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;

**C** how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

**A** Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;

**C** when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

*Lesson 6: John 19:16-22*

*Jesus is Crucified*

*Anthem: "Come See My Savior"*

*Hymn: LBW 117, Verses 1-2*

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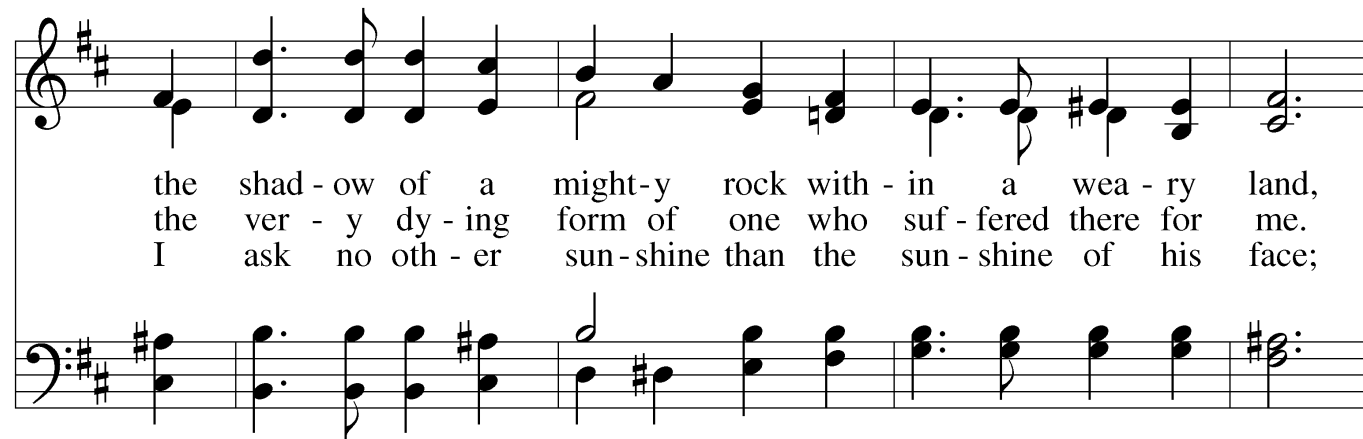
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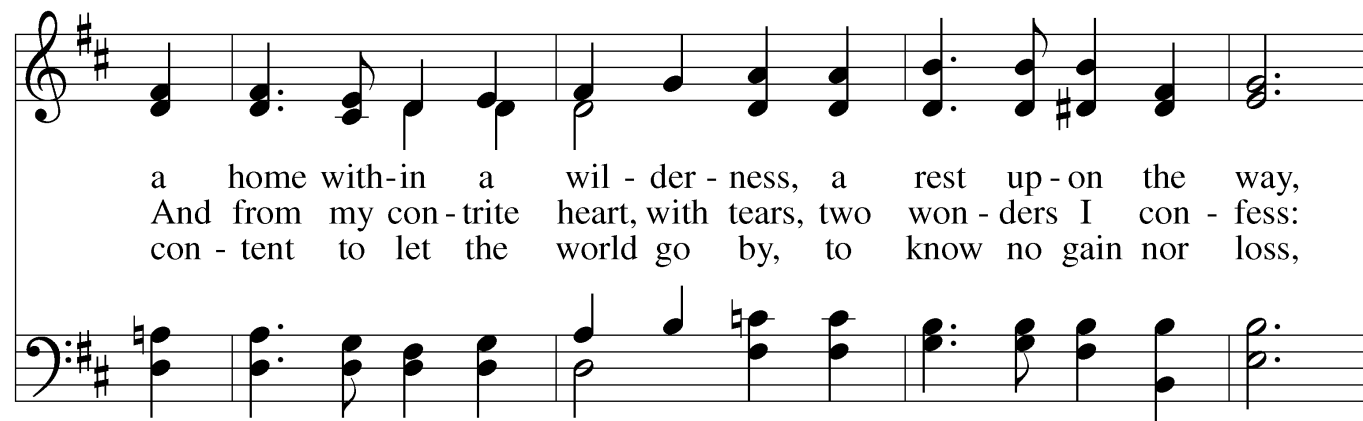
## Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

- C** and put your trust in the **LORD**.  
**A** Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"  
**C** Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, **O LORD**.  
**A** You have put gladness in my heart,  
**C** more than when grain and wine and oil increase.  
**A** I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;  
**C** for only you, **LORD**, make me dwell in safety.

### *Lesson 1: John 18:1-11*

*Jesus' betrayal and arrest*

*Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane, LBW 109, Verses 1-2 (On the following page)*

### *Lesson 2: John 18:12-27*

*Peter's Denial*

*Anthem: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"*



*Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane, LBW 109, Verses 3-4 (On the following page)*

### *Lesson 3: John 18:28-40*

*Jesus Before Pilate*

## Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;  
 2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;  
 3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;

your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf-f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

## Hymn: LBW 114, Verses 1-2

## There Is a Green Hill Far Away

1 There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a cit - y wall,  
 2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,  
 3 He died that we might be for - giv'n; he died to make us good,

where the dear Lord was cru - ci - fied, who died to save us all.  
 but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.  
 that we might go at last to heav'n, saved by his pre - cious blood.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1823–1895

Music: WINDSOR, Daman, *Booke of Musicke*, 1591

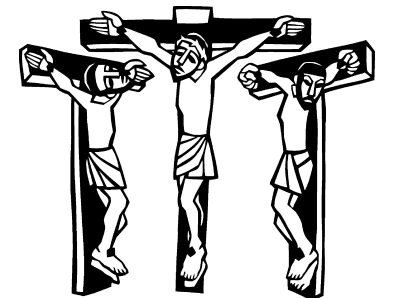
### Lesson 4: John 19: 1-7

*Pilate condemns him*

### Anthem: "See the Lord of Life and Light"

### Lesson 5: John 19: 8-16

*Jesus is sentenced to Death*



### Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*, LBW 107 (On the following page)