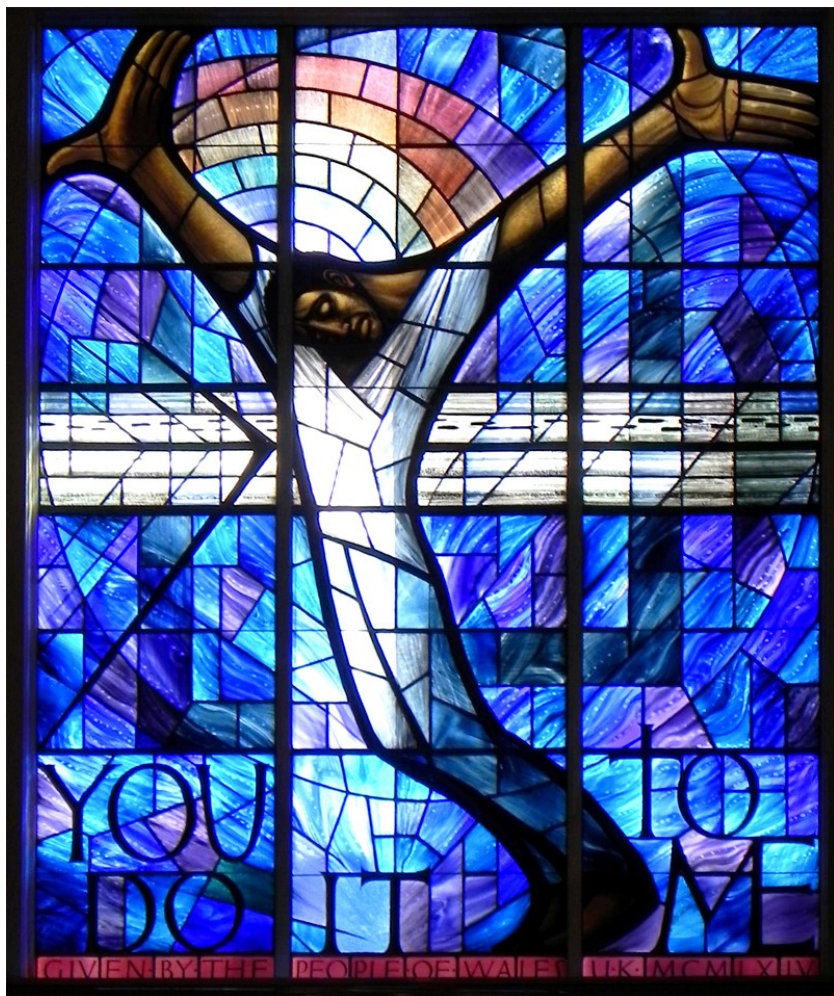


Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
"Gathered by Grace - Sent to Serve"



Good Friday Service of Tenebrae
April 10, 2020

Today we gather, as do Christians throughout the world, to hear the proclamation of the passion, to pray for the life of the world, and to meditate on the life-giving cross. The service of Tenebrae, which is Latin for “shadows” or “darkness,” provides an extended meditation on the cross of Christ. Good Friday marks the death of Jesus Christ. The day is called “good” because of what Jesus’ death means for the redemption of the world. Christians can never recall Jesus’ death without remembering his resurrection, so while Good Friday recalls the sorrow of the crucifixion, it also celebrates the victory gained over death and sin which brings us new life.

ENTRANCE OF THE CANDLE AND THE CROSS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, as we gather this night, the day of sorrows is upon us, and our cries have changed from ‘hosanna’ to ‘crucify.’ We stand in the crowd fearful and anxious. We wait and watch in the shadows. Accept our worship we pray. **Amen.**

GATHERING AROUND THE CROSS

This night is a night for quiet. A time to pause. A time to reflect. A time to mourn the passing of humanity’s goodness. Yet a time to give thanks for selfless love. And so, we gather before a Cross, that stands as an eternal symbol of God’s devotion to us. We remember God’s pain: for the way in which humanity failed, and continues to fail him; for the need of his Son’s death. We recall God’s Love for us: everlasting and liberating, full of mercy and grace. In the name of Jesus who loves us and died for us. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

M: Come let us worship the Lord,

C: Who was obedient to death, even death on a cross.

M: God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

C: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

M: We live by faith in the Son of God,

C: Who loved us and gave himself for us.

M: Christ loved us and gave himself up for us

C: As a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Silence

HYMN*“Lamb of God, Your Only Son”***#336**

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.**

Refrain

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (*Refrain*)**

**I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod
and to be called a lamb of God. (*Refrain*)**

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READING***Psalm 31:5-13*****PRAYER****MEDITATION**

HYMN

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

#345
(vs. 1-2)

**Jesus, I will ponder now
on your holy passion;
let your Spirit now endow
me for meditation.**

**Grant that I in love and faith
may the image cherish
of your suff'ring, pain, and death,
that I may not perish.**

**Make me see your great distress,
anguish, and affliction,
bonds and blows and wretchedness
and your crucifixion;
make me see how scourge and rod,
spear and nails, did wound you,
how you died for those, O God,
who with thorns had crowned you.**

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

FIRST READING

Luke 23:26-34

*“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”
The first candle is extinguished.*

HYMN

“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

#605

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
how trifling others' debts to us;
how great our debt to you!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace.**

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905-1987, alt. Text © Oxford University Press 1969

SECOND READING

Luke 23:35-43

*“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”
The second candle is extinguished.*

HYMN

“Jesus, Remember Me”

#616

(sung three times)

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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THIRD READING

John 19:25b-27

*“Dear woman, here is your son.”
The third candle is extinguished.*

PRAYER

FOURTH READING

Matthew 27:45-49

*“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
The fourth candle is extinguished.*

Silence

FIFTH READING

John 19:28-29

*“I am thirsty.”
The fifth candle is extinguished.*

HYMN*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*#351
(vs. 1-2)

O sacred head, now wounded,
 with grief and shame weighed down,
 now scornfully surrounded
 with thorns, thine only crown;
 O sacred head, what glory,
 what bliss till now was thine!
 Yet, though despised and gory,
 I joy to call thee mine.

How pale thou art with anguish,
 with sore abuse and scorn;
 how does thy face now languish,
 which once was bright as morn!
 Thy grief and bitter passion
 were all for sinners' gain;
 mine, mine was the transgression,
 but thine the deadly pain.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite.

SIXTH READING*Luke 23:44-49*

*“Into your hands I commend my spirit.”
 The sixth candle is extinguished.*

HYMN*“Were You There”*#353
(vs. 1-4)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

Text: African American spiritual.

SEVENTH READING

Luke 23:50-56

*Waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God.
The seventh candle is extinguished.*

*Each person is encouraged to pray and meditate
as long as he or she desires.*

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