

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE
9:30am & 7:00pm

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
Frankenmuth MI

The Nails of Lent: A Service of Darkness

SERVICE EXPLANATION

The word *Tenebrae* means *darkness*. Today's service is a Holy Week devotion that dates back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. and is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses.

The service is divided into seven parts, each contemplating a specific aspect of our sins, the true nails that held Jesus to the cross - the words of the service coming from Isaiah, the Psalms, the Gospel passion accounts, and the book of Lamentations.

Near the conclusion of the service, the congregation will speak The Lord's Prayer softly. Then, after the Good Friday prayer, the Christ candle will be removed, symbolizing our Lord's death and burial. The *strepitus* is heard, a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb. The Christ candle is then returned to its place in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection.

The atmosphere during the worship is especially reverent and devotional. Offerings are received at the doors and may be placed in the offering plates located there.

Upon completion of the service, worshipers are asked to please leave silently, to maintain the spirit of the worship service just completed.

Good Friday

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April 15th, 2022

9:30am/7:00 pm

PRESERVICE (9:30)

“Herzliebster Jesu”

arr. D. Rees Robrbacher

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN #440 - Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Extinguish the first Candle

✠ **THE NAIL OF BETRAYAL** ✠

READING

John 18:1-11

When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it. Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons. Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?”

“Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied.

“I am he,” Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, “Who is it you want?”

“Jesus of Nazareth,” they said.

Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go.” This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: “I have not lost one of those you gave me.” Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) Jesus commanded Peter, “Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?” (NIV)

RESPONSE

P: This is God's Word for us.

C: Lord Jesus, I, too, have betrayed You. Lord, have mercy.

SELECTED VERSES FROM PSALM 55

P: Oh, that I had the wings of a dove!

C: I would fly away and be at rest.

P: I would hurry to my place of shelter,

C: Far from the tempest and the storm.

P: If a foe were raising himself against me, I could endure it, but it is you,

C: My companion, by close friend, with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship.

P: But I call to God,

C: And the Lord saves me.

P: Evening, morning, and noon I cry out in my distress,

C: And He hears my voice.

P: Cast your cares on the Lord, and He will sustain you.

C: But as for me, I trust in You.

HYMN #436 - Go to Dark Gethsemane

Extinguish the second Candle

✠ THE NAIL OF DENIAL ✠

READINGS

Isaiah 53:3 and Luke 22:54-62

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces; he was despised, and we held him in low esteem

Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them.

A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said. A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!"

Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly. (NIV)

RESPONSE

P: This is God’s Word for us.

C: **Lord Jesus, I, too, have denied You. Lord, have mercy.**

SELECTED VERSES FROM PSALM 25

P: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in You I trust, O my God, do not let me be put to shame, not let my enemies triumph over me.

C: **No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.**

P: For the sake of Your name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

C: **Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame.**

HYMN #425 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Extinguish the third Candle

✠ THE NAIL OF CONDEMNATION ✠

READINGS

Isaiah 53:8 and Luke 23:13-25

By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.”

But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will. (NIV)

RESPONSE

P: This is God's Word for us.

C: Lord Jesus, I, too, have condemned You. Lord, have mercy.

SELECTED VERSES FROM PSALM 17

P: You who save by Your right hand those who take refuge in You,

C: Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings, from the wicked who assail me, from my mortal enemies who surround me.

P: They close up their callous hearts, and their mouth speak arrogance.

C: They have tracked me down, they now surround me; they are like a lion hungry for prey.

HYMN #439 - O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken (*v. 1-4*)

Extinguish the fourth Candle

✠ THE NAIL OF MOCKERY ✠

READINGS

Psalm 22:6-8 and Matthew 27:27-31

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. "He trusts in the Lord," they say, "let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. (NIV)

RESPONSE

P: This is God's Word for us.

C: **Lord Jesus, I, too, have mocked You. Lord, have mercy.**

SELECTED VERSES FROM PSALM 4

P: How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame?

C: **How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?**

P: Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for Himself; the Lord will hear when I call to Him.

C: **In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.**

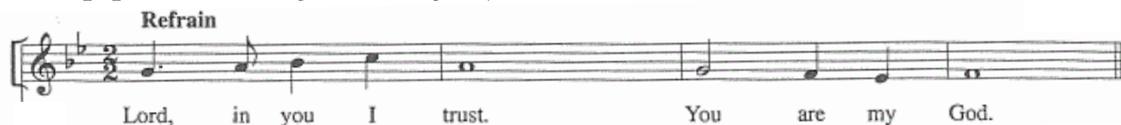
CHOIR

“Psalm 22”

H. H. Hopson

(The congregation is asked to join in the refrain)

Refrain



Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.

HYMN #450 - O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (*v. 1-4*)

Extinguish the fifth Candle

✠ **THE NAIL OF CRUCIFIXION** ✠

READING

Lamentations 3:1-8

I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of the Lord's wrath. He has driven me away and made me walk in darkness rather than light; indeed, he has turned his hand against me again and again, all day long. He has made my skin and my flesh grow old and has broken my bones. He has besieged me and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship. He has made me dwell in darkness like those long dead. He has walled me in so I cannot escape; he has weighed me down with chains. Even when I call out or cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. (NIV)

CHOIR

(9:30)

(7:00)

“My Lord, What a Mornin’”

“Were You There”

arr. R. L. Gilliam

arr. M Rhoades

READING

John 19:16-17

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). (NIV)

RESPONSE

P: This is God’s Word for us.

C: Lord Jesus, I, too, have crucified You. Lord, have mercy.

SELECTED VERSES FROM PSALM 38

P: O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger.

C: for Your arrows have pierced me, and Your hand has come down upon me.

P: Because of Your wrath there is no health in my body.

C: My bones have no soundness because of my sin.

P: My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly.

C: I am feeble and utterly crushed; I groan in anguish of heart.

P: All my longings lie open before You, O Lord; my sighing is not hidden from You.

C: I wait for You, O Lord; you will answer, O Lord my God.

HYMN #451 - Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Extinguish the sixth Candle

✠ THE NAIL OF FORSAKENNESS ✠

READINGS

Isaiah 53:4-5 and John 19:28-37

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced." (NIV)

RESPONSE

P: This is God's Word for us.

C: Lord Jesus, I, too, have forsaken You. Lord, have mercy.

SELECTED VERSES FROM PSALM 31

P: In You, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

C: Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue.

P: Free me from the trap that is set for me.

C: Into Your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.

P: I will be glad and rejoice in Your love, for You saw my affliction, and knew the anguish of my soul.

C: You have not handed me over to the enemy, but have set my feet in a spacious place.

P: Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief.

C: My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

P: I am an object of dread to all my friends - those who see me on the street flee from me. I am forgotten by them as though I were dead.

C: But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

P: Let Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your unfailing love.

C: Love the Lord, all His saints! The Lord preserves the faithful.

Extinguish the seventh Candle

✠ THE NAIL OF BURIAL ✠

READINGS

Isaiah 53:9, Mark 15:42-46,
Psalm 22:1-3, and Psalm 69:3-4

He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. (NIV)

It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. (NIV)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. (NIV)

I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God. Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head; many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me. I am forced to restore what I did not steal. (NIV)

HYMN #434 - Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

P: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: Grant us peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken Softly)

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.

P: Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy upon 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; *(the following words are whispered)* who now lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED

THE STREPITUS IS HEARD

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS RETURNED

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN - *(On next page)*

CLOSING HYMN - Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee

1. Lord Je - sus, we give thanks to Thee
 2. By vir - tue of Thy wounds we pray, shame;
 3. De - fend us, Lord, from sin and gain;
 4. And thus the full as - sur - ance

That Thou hast died to set us free;
 True God and Man, be Thou our Stay,
 Help us by Thine al - might - y name
 That Thou to us wilt true re - main

Made right - eous thro' Thy pre - cious blood.
 Our com - fort when we yield our breath,
 To bear our cross - es pa - tient - ly,
 And not for - sake us in our strife

We now are rec - on - ciled to God.
 Our res - cue from e - ter - nal death.
 Con - soled by Thy great a - gon - y.
 Un - til we en - ter in - to life.

(Following a time of meditation, the congregation will depart in silence)

Those Who Served In Worship

Pastor Shawn Fenske

Organists

(9:30) James Gladstone

(5:00) Lisa Anderson

(7:00) Betty Auernhamer

Choirs

(9:30) Male Choir - Lisa Anderson, director

(7:00) Mixed Choir - Denise Compton, director

Instrumentalist

(9:30/7:00) Judy Hartwig - harp

Service Coordinators - George & Gaylene Gugel

Media - Gary Schiefer

Ushers

(9:30) Bill Bender, Pete, Evan, Owen & Lillian

Bender, David Bruns, John Compton,

Duane Faerber, Robert Frank, Mark Jarlock,

Bernie Keinath, Robert Krafft, Gerald Maurer,

Gary Pickelmann, John Seutter

(7:00) Tom Bierlein, Gary Zehnder, Mike Corby,

Dan Stone, Tim Gilmour, Al Keinath,

Marty Zehnder, Eric Hill