

Beautiful Savior



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Good Friday Tenebrae

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

TENEBRAE

Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness”) is a devotional service based on various phases of our Lord’s pilgrimage from the Upper Room to the Cross. It is intended to bring to mind and heart the closing hours of Jesus’ Passion by recreating the unforgettable in word and symbol. As the service progresses, darkness is gradually produced by lights and candles being extinguished, symbolizing the darkness which surrounded the cross at Calvary.

CANDLES

Candles are placed in the front of the church. Each of the smaller candles represent one particular event of Christ’s passion (from the Latin word for “suffering”). The tallest candle, the Christ Candle, is not to be put out, but just as Christ’s body was hidden in the grave until the third day, so this candle is removed and hidden for a short time.

At the end of the service, the Christ Candle is returned, giving testimony that we believe that Jesus Christ has conquered death, hell, sin and Satan for us and assures us of being reconciled with God and that by faith in him, we have eternal life.

SILENCE

The service begins in silence and ends in silence. Worshipers are invited to remain after the service for as long as they wish for prayer and meditation, but are asked to leave the sanctuary, courtyard, and parking lot in silence, leaving it in stillness and darkness until the dawn of a glorious Easter Day.

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INVOCATION

M: We join in solemn worship on this Good Friday in the name of God the Father, who offered up his Son; in the name of our self-sacrificing Savior Jesus; and in the name of the Holy Spirit, who led us to and keeps us in faith. Amen

INTRODUCTION

PRAYER IN UNISON: Eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Help us to always be aware of the events that caused Jesus to be taken to the cross. As we become mindful of those who confronted Him with betrayal, denial, torture, rejections, mockery and hatred, we realize that these same traits might be found in our own lives. Help us to re-examine our inner selves in this hour, as we reflect on the lives of those who failed our Savior. As we recognize our sins that caused his crucifixion, grant us forgiveness and cleanse our lives of sin. Uplift us that we might see beyond the shadows of the cross, and find that our hope of life and salvation is in Him who came as the Light of the world—Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 369

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MEDITATION

READING: Isaiah 52:14-53:4

FIRST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

HYMN 98 stanzas 1-4

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

MEDITATION

READING: Matthew 26:36-46

SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

HYMN

Betrayed



1. Ju - das be - trayed our Lord A kiss gave Him a - way
2. Pe - ter be - trayed our Lord De - ny - ing his best friend
3. The crowds be - trayed our Lord "Ho - san - nas" fade a - way
4. We have be - trayed our Lord The sin that is our own



Guards forced Him from the Gar - den where He knelt to pray
As cur - ses flow, the roost - er crows and hor - ror sets in
In - to the dark - ness "Cru - ci - fy" is what they say
Drove Him to take our place be - fore our Fa - ther's throne.



An act so vile Hard to be - lieve
A look, then tears He runs a - way
And at a loss The hands are washed
The just de - cree Guilt be - comes His



Our Je - sus ta - ken on to trial
And Je - sus' sen - tence soon draws near
Our Lord is tak - en to the cross.
And you and I are now set free!

MEDITATION

READING: Matthew 27:32-40

THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

Voices of Grace will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains.

Refrain



Tone



Refrain

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?
 Why are you so far from | saving me?
 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 de- | lights in him.” *Refrain*

My mouth is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;
 you lay me in the | dust of death.
 A pack of villains en- | circles me;
 they pierce my hands | and my feet.
 They divide my clothes a- | mong them
 and cast lots for my | garment. *Refrain*

But you, LORD, do not be | far from me.
 You are my strength; come quickly to | help me.
 I will declare your name to my | people;
 in the assembly I will | praise you.
 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn | to the LORD,
 and all the families of the nations will bow down be- | fore him,
 They will proclaim his | righteousness,
 declaring to a people yet unborn: He has | done it!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
 and to the Holy | Spirit,
 as it was in the be- | ginning,
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen. *Refrain***

MEDITATION

READING: Isaiah 53:4-11

FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

HYMN 127

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Congregation: stanzas 1 & 4, Choir: stanzas 2-3

MEDITATION

READING: Matthew 27:45-54

FIFTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

HYMN 138

Oh, Perfect Life of Love

MEDITATION

READING: Hebrew 7:23-27

SIXTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

PIANO & CLARINETS

The Lamb

During the song, the congregation may silently reflect on these words.

*The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.*

*The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.*

*The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, his will,
On our behalf the law to fill.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.*

MEDITATION

READING: Hebrews 9:26b-28

CHRIST CANDLE REMOVED

SOLO

Were You There

CHRIST CANDLE RETURNED

SILENT PRAYER

SILENT DISMISSAL

Please stay as long as you would like to for meditation after the service. However, when you leave PLEASE LEAVE THE SANCTUARY, COURTYARD, AND PARKING LOT IN SILENCE, leaving it in stillness and darkness.

OFFERINGS

Gifts of love for your Savior may be left in the plates at the doors before you leave.

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Easter Celebrations

Grace-Benson

451 W. Duane Street

8:00 AM Easter Festival Worship

9:00 AM Easter Breakfast

Grace-Tucson

830 N. 1st Avenue

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service

8:00 AM Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM Easter Concert

10:00 AM Easter Festival Worship



Grace-Sahuarita

17675 S. La Cañada Drive

9:00 AM Outdoor Festival Worship

10:00 AM Easter Breakfast

Grace-Vail

Worshipping at Esmond Station K-8

9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way

9:00 AM Easter Breakfast

10:00 AM Easter Festival Worship

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