

† GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE †

March 29, 2024

NOTES ON THE TENEBRAE

The name Tenebrae comes from the Latin word for "darkness." The seven candles on the altar are extinguished one by one as the seven last words of Jesus from the cross are spoken. The church lights are also gradually dimmed so that by the end of the service there are no lights at all and the church sits in darkness. The Christ Candle is carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the moment of Jesus' human death, and we depart the church in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted

Kenneth Kosche

CROSS PROCESSIONAL

The congregation is invited to stand and face the cross. After each responsory we sing a verse of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (LSB Hymn 425).

P Christ humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

C Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place.

♪When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

P He was pierced for our transgressions, and crushed for our iniquities.

C By His wounds we are healed.

♪See, from His head, His hands, His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

P Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C O come, let us worship Him.

♪Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

GREETING and OPENING PRAYER

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty God, look with loving mercy on this 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, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN

(LSB Hymn 440, v. 1 & 6)

Jesus, I will ponder now on Your holy Passion;
with Your Spirit me endow for such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish
of Your suff'ring, pain and death, that I may not perish.

Graciously my faith renew; help me bear my crosses,
learning humbleness from You, peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
that I may in heav'n above sing Your praise forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:1-6, 11

¹Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He 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. ⁴Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵But 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. ⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all...
¹¹After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:16-25

[The Holy Spirit testifies:] ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," ¹⁷he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(12:00) **YOUTH/H.S. CHOIR** Into the Woods Lutkin/Baker

*Into the woods my Master went, clean forspent, forspent.
Into the woods my Master came, forspent with love and shame.
But the olives, they were not blind to Him;
the little gray leaves were kind to Him.
The thorn tree had a mind to Him when into the woods He came.
Out of the woods my Master went; He was well content.
Out of the woods my Master came, content with death and shame.
When death and shame would woo Him last,
from under the trees they drew Him last.
'Twas on a tree they slew Him last when out of the woods He came.*

(7:30) **CHANCEL CHOIR** Gethsemane Gordon Young

*And they came to a place named Gethsemane and Jesus saith unto His disciples:
"Sit ye here while I shall pray."
"Could ye not watch with me one hour? Could ye not tarry for my sake?
Could ye not feel the tempter's pow'r, could ye not tarry for my sake?"
"Could ye not watch?"
Blessed Jesus, come to me; let my heart adoring be.
Take my life and let it be, safe through all eternity. Amen.*

GOSPEL (Congregation rising) John 19:1-7, 14-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God..." ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. Pilate said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

O Dearest Jesus

(LSB Hymn 439, v. 1, 3, 12)

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
that such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, what dark transgression?

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, this I do merit.

I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
that earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
to do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor henceforth forever.

CATECHISM REVIEW

P The Ten Commandments, as the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to the household. The Ninth and Tenth Commandments state:

C You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or spouse, or worker, or any living thing that belongs to your neighbor.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or property, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to our neighbor in keeping it; and that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, or turn them against our neighbor, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

SERMON

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

PRAYER (*Congregation rising*)

P Holy God, holy and most gracious Father:

C Have mercy and hear us.

P From all sin, from all error, from all evil:

C Good Lord, deliver us.

P By Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit:

C Help us, good Lord.

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P For all those things which You would have us ask, we pray as our Lord has taught us:

C 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.

(Please be seated)

PASSION HYMN

(LSB Hymn 449, v. 1 & 3)

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 The mine.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, out-live my love for Thee.

† THE TENEBRAE †

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

(A Scripture reading precedes each of the Seven Last Words. After each word is spoken, we extinguish one candle and observe a moment of quiet meditation.)

You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. (*Matt. 5:43-45*)

I. Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

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He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. (*Revelation 2:7*)

II. Today, you will be with me in paradise.

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For this is what the Lord says: I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream...As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you. (*Isaiah 66:12-13*)

III. Woman, behold your son...son, behold your mother.

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Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. (*Psalms 22:16-18*)

IV. Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani?...My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

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You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed; all my enemies are before You. Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none. They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst. (*Psalms 69:18-21*)

V. I thirst.

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Father, the time has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You. For You granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those You have given Him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave me to do. (*John 17:1-4*)

VI. It is finished.

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In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in Your righteousness. Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.... Into Your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth. (*Psalms 31:1-2, 5*)

VII. Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit.

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VOLUNTARY

Passion Hymn

John Barr

CLOSING PRAYER

P Lord Jesus, You carried our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we, and all who remember this day, find new life in You, now and in the world to come, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**CLOSING OF THE BOOK OF LIFE
REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

SOLO

Were You There

Traditional Spiritual

TOLLING OF THE BELL

(*The bell tolls 33 times to commemorate the death of Jesus*)

We depart in silence. Offerings and attendance cards may be left in the offering plate by the Jesus Fountain.

Participants in the Service:

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| | 12:00 | 7:30 |
| Lector | George Pietarinen | Jennifer Schell Podoll |
| Soloist | Audrey Heath | Hannah Geiling |
| Crucifer | Claire Story | Chloe Runge |
| Ushers | Georgine Read | Warren Wong
Joe Wilkinson |

News and Notes:

The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on **Saturday, March 30**, at 11:00 a.m. sharp! Children up through Grade 2 are invited to participate. Older youth will meet at 9:45 a.m. to help hide the eggs. If you have any questions, please email Erika Schultz at tyandbash@aol.com

FREE EDUCATIONAL ZOOM SEMINAR! The Halter Legacy Circle "Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials with William O'Doherty" on Wed., **April 3**, at 6:00 p.m. (rescheduled from Feb. 7). *What is estate planning? Is a will the only document needed to complete my estate plan? How can I make charitable gifts in my estate plans? Is there a way I can enjoy tax savings and other benefits from charitable gifts now?* Register to receive the Zoom link 914-337-0207 x 1040 or online <http://tinyurl.com/Thrivent2024>

SOUP KITCHEN – Prepare food in aluminum trays (available at the Reception desk) and drop-off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. Please go to our church web site in advance to sign up and indicate what food you will prepare. The next date is **Wednesday, April 17**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at etakwhit@aol.com.

Spring Voters Meeting is Sunday, **April 21** at 12 noon. We will be discussing our 2024-2025 Year Budget and the Capital Campaign preplanning process that is being conducted. Pizza lunch will be provided.

The Merlin & Lois Rehm Pastoral Residency is pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Joshua Hollmann as guest speaker on **Wednesday, April 24**, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Dr. Hollmann is familiar to many of us from his time as professor of religion at Concordia-NY. He is currently Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia-St. Paul and senior pastor of True Light Lutheran Church in Manhattan. He will speak on a life-long topic of interest and study, "Building Trust in Christian-Muslim Relations."

SAVE THE DATE: Blood Drive May 18 - We are excited to again partner with the New York Blood Center on Saturday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. to host a blood drive at our facility. To secure an appointment online please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/518blood>

Wanted: Runners for the 2024 New York City Marathon - Team Chapel is recruiting runners to run the NYC Marathon on November 3, 2024. Runners should be willing and able to run 26.2 miles, and commit to and guarantee a \$3,000 personal fundraising goal. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Kim Z. in the Development Office at KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org or 914-337-3202 (1040).

MUSIC MINISTRY – Rehearsals this week are as follows:

- **High School Choir** rehearse Easter Sunday, March 31, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Village Bells** rehearse Easter Sunday, March 31, at 10:15 a.m.
- **Youth Choir** rehearse Easter Sunday, March 31, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearse Easter Sunday, March 31, at 8:40 a.m.

Youth News: Voyagers (Grades 3-6) preparation for Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, at 9:45 a.m.; next meeting Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Dinner Talk on Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m., next Confirmation class Sunday, April 14; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) next Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, April 14

- ❖ **Crusader Pre-Gathering Retreat** – Youth currently in Grades 8-12 are invited to a weekend retreat at Koinonia on **April 5-7**. This is in anticipation of the national youth gathering in New Orleans in 2025. For more information, contact Amy Heath at amyheath1023@gmail.com

Wednesday Bible Study – On April 3 we will look at the account of Jesus being anointed by a “sinful woman” and the parable of Two Debtors (Luke 7:36-50)

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Linda & Dennis Bottos, Maxine Britt, Carole Burke, Bennett Chevalier, Alexandra Armillas Cuipak, Joshua Davenport, Rowena del Castillo, Nicholas DePierro, Theresa DePierro, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Eleanor Escherich, Francisca Febus, Faith Forliano, Sharon & John Hargrove, Edna Harris, Mackenzie Hayes, Nancy & Elijah Hylton, Joshlynne Laguerra, Merline Leon, Joseph Leonard, Isaiah Nieves, Sunny Pettinati, Louise Podszus, Agnes Rendo, Joun Robinson, John Scaramuzzo, Irmgard Schoene, Odila Stern, Ben Tashoff, Grant & Paxton Thomas, Jeff Wacaster, Liz Wagner

Bereavement Prayer Line: We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

- † **Halina Stellmaszyk**, dear friend of the Podszus family, passed away on March 23, 2024
- † **Lorraine Taylor**, former VLC member, passed away on March 17, 2024
- † **Greta Krull**, member of Christ Lutheran in Yonkers until it closed and then a VLC member, passed away on March 16, 2024

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Make Easter offerings online during the Easter season! It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions. But greater seasonal participation is always welcome. We encourage you to consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account and credit card or debit cards. It takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan. To learn more, visit the church website at <https://www.vlc-ny.org/give>.

You can also text to give at 833-685-4130. Thank you for supporting our mission “to know, live and share the love of Christ.”

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