



*He Was Pierced for Our
Transgressions*

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GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

April 18, 2014
6:30 p.m.

This Service of Darkness commemorates the Suffering and Death of Christ and is based on the ancient Tenebrae service, dating from the 8th century. Tenebrae was originally celebrated on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Holy Week. It represents the darkness that fell over the earth as the Son of God was crucified. The candles symbolize Christ, who is our Light and the Light of the World. With each meditation, the candles are progressively extinguished, portraying the fading Light of the world as Christ is leaving it. Yet one last Vigil Candle remains to indicate that Death only seems triumphant over Christ, and points to His coming Resurrection.

May we see in this ancient symbolism our suffering Savior and in Him our victorious faith, given to each of us by the Grace of a loving God who loved us even unto death, the death on Calvary's Cross.

The "strepitus" (pronounced STREP-ee-toose) means "loud noise" and is signified by the slamming of a book or door toward the conclusion of the Good Friday Tenebrae Service ("Service of Darkness"). The "loud noise" symbolizes the earth shaking and rocks splitting (Matt. 27:51) at Jesus' death. It also foreshadows the "violent earthquake" (Matt. 28:2) at the opening of Jesus' tomb on Easter morning.

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHOIR

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

1st WORD

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

HYMN 331:1

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

2nd WORD

"I tell you the truth,
today you will be with me in paradise."

HYMN #330:1

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

3rd WORD

"Dear woman, here is your son.
Here is your mother."

HYMN 294:1

"Near the Cross Was Mary Weeping"

4th WORD

"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

HYMN 297:1,3

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

5th WORD

"I thirst!"

CHOIR

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
That mortal judgment has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you;
I crucified you.

For me, kind Jesus, was your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation,
Your death of anguish and your bitter passion,
For my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay you,
I do adore you, and will ever pray you,
Think on your pity and your love unswerving,
Not my deserving.

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6th WORD

“It is finished!”

HYMNS 334 & 335:1-3

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

SERMON “He Was Pierced for Our Transgressions”

Isaiah 53:5-6

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

THE OFFERING

The members of Peace Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

“He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

Romans 8:32

Please fill out the Friendship Register.

7th WORD

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

CHOIR –

“What Language Shall I Borrow”

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me think forever; and, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

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THE STREPITUS

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

RESURRECTION CANDLE

The pastor exits the chancel. The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.

Thank you to those who served in the service this evening:
Adult Choir; Accompanists: Katie Hartwig, Amanda Madson;
Trumpet: Ron Lorensberg; Organist: Katie Hartwig; the ushers.

To God be the glory!



ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

4/20 Easter Sunday

6:30 AM	Sunrise Service
7:30 AM	Easter Breakfast
9:00 AM	Festival Service
10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday - 4/27

8:30 AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:45 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:45 AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion