

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Good Friday Tenebrae
April 2, 2021

The Gospel readings are not printed here. You are invited to use your own Bible or simply to listen to the story of the Passion.

PRELUDE

During the prelude the cross is brought in and placed in front of the altar.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on 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.

FIRST CANDLE-BETRAYAL

HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#338

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

GOSPEL

John 18:1-11

PRAYER

The first candle is extinguished.

SECOND CANDLE-ARREST

***HYMN**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

#351

1. 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.

2. 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.
3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end!
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my live to thee.
4. Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.

GOSPEL

John 18:12-18

PRAYER

The second candle is extinguished.

THIRD CANDLE – DENIAL

ANTHEM

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

arr. Craig Courtney

GOSPEL

John 18:19-27

PRAYER

The third candle is extinguished.

FOURTH CANDLE – TRIAL

HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus”(vs. 1-3)

#349

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.
3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

GOSPEL

John 18:28-38a

PRAYER

The fourth candle is extinguished.

FIFTH CANDLE - TORTURE

ANTHEM
GOSPEL
PRAYER

“Holiness is Faithfulness”

Danielle Rose
John 18:38b – 19:6a

The fifth candle is extinguished.

SIXTH CANDLE - CONDEMNATION

HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs. 4-5)

#349

4. For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

GOSPEL
PRAYER

John 19:6b-16a

The sixth candle is extinguished.

SEVENTH CANDLE – CRUCIFIXION

ANTHEM
GOSPEL
HYMN

“The Power of the Cross”

arr. Mark Hayes
John 19:16b-42

“Jesus, Remember Me”

#616

*A soloist will sing the verse through the first time.
Please join in singing the verse 2 more times.*

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

The seventh candle is extinguished.

SENDING

All lights are extinguished.

*The Christ Candle is removed, symbolizing Jesus’ death.
The **strepitus** (“loud noise”) signifies the closing of the tomb.*

*The Christ Candle is returned,
reminding us of the Light of Christ that overcomes all darkness.*

POSTLUDE