

GOOD FRIDAY

The Office of Tenebrae (Service of Darkness)

April 2, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3rd
THE VIGIL OF EASTER
6:30 pm - 6:00 am

Easter Sunday, April 4th
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

6:30 am Sunrise
Sacrament of the Altar

Easter Breakfast
7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

9:00 & 10:30am
Easter Matins

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Trinity, Menasha is a fellowship of Lutheran Christians being empowered by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and His Sacraments to encourage, refresh, and strengthen both adults and children in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, while sharing His love with those who do not know their Savior.

To impress on the minds and hearts of believers the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude, the ancient church held a special service called TENEBRAE in the last days of Holy Week. "TENEBRAE" is the Latin word for "shadows" or "darkness."

TOLLING OF THE BELL AND PROCESSION

(please stand)

On this day the crucifix is carried by the Presiding Minister
Dressed in black representing Christ and the sin He bore for us.

PRAYER

- A** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, slain for the sins of the whole world, we come pleading for mercy.*

- C** **For we know we are sinners, and should have tasted the agony of the utter darkness that You did in Your passion so that we might not perish.**

ALL: Have mercy on us.

- A** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, embrace us with Your love and forgive us all our sins. Your death brings healing to our souls, peace to our minds and cleansing to our hearts.*

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C As we behold You: bleeding, despised, forsaken, dying, and pierced, we come to be cleansed and forgiven.

ALL: Have mercy on us.

A O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, grant that we may daily walk by faith, crucifying all sinful desires and giving ourselves—our all to You.

C Keep us faithful to the end of our days, until we stand before You, the Lamb once slain but now living and reigning forever in heaven. O Redeemer of our souls, hear us,

ALL: Grant us Your peace. Amen

(please be seated)

OFFICE HYMN “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?” LSB 456

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

INTRODUCTORY NARRATION

HYMN “Go To Dark Gethsemane” LSB 436

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempters pow'r Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with Him one bitter hour; Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross. |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet, Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die. | |

CANDLE RETURNS TO THE SANCTUARY

The offering will be received at the door as we leave the house of worship in thanksgiving for all that the Lord Jesus Christ has done for us.

The congregation is invited to remain in prayer, and when departing to observe silence

LEADING WORSHIP

Presiding Minister:

Rev. Steven S. Billings

Assisting Minister:

Michael R. Stapleton

Assisting:

Trinity's Youth

Organist:

Nancy Lephart

EXTINGUISH CANDLE 7

LORD'S PRAYER

P *Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...*

ALL: 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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *Together let us pray to the Lord. . .*

ALL: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into 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

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- 3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh, Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

CANDLE LEAVES THE SANCTUARY

Epilogue "The Death of the Lamb"

FINAL READING

John 19:38-42

SILENCE AND DARKNESS

LOUD NOISE - *representing the opening of the tomb*

Confession of Sins "Struck By the Sword"

CONFESSONAL READING

PROP - The Sword

HYMN

"Upon The Cross Extended"

LSB 453

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| <p>1. Upon the cross extended See, world, your Lord suspended. Your Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven Himself has freely given To shame and blows and bitter death.</p> | <p>2. Come, see these things and ponder, Your soul will fill with wonder As blood streams from each pore. Through grief beyond all knowing From His great heart came flowing Sighs welling from its deepest core.</p> |
| <p>3. Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so sore abused You And caused You all Your woe? We all must make confession Of sin and dire transgression While You no ways of evil know.</p> | |

CONFESSONAL NARRATION

(please stand)

CONFESSON OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

P *Let us then confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

ALL: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know - the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed - but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

P *By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.*

C Amen

I

"The Crowing Rooster - A Call to Remember"

READING 1 John 18:15-18, 25-27
 PROP - The Rooster
 NARRATION 1
 EXTINGUISH CANDLE 1
 HYMN "In The Hour Of Trial" LW 511

1. In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me
 Lest by base denial I depart from Thee.
 When Thou see'st me waver, With a look recall
 Nor for fear or favor Suffer me to fall.
2. With forbidden pleasures Should this vain world charm
 Or its tempting treasures Spread to work me harm,
 Bring to my remembrance Sad Gethsemane
 Or, in darker semblance Cross-crowned Calvary.

II

"The Pain of The Whip"

READING 2 Isaiah 53:4-5
 NARRATION 2
 EXTINGUISH CANDLE 2
 HYMN "Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted" LSB 451

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree! This is
 Christ, by man rejected; Here, my soul, your Savior see. He's the long
 expected prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord. Proofs I see
 sufficient of it: He's the true and faithful Word.

VI

"The Bread of Life"

READING 6 John 6:32-35
 PROP - The Loaf of Bread
 NARRATION 6 (*The Words of Institution*)
 EXTINGUISH CANDLE 6
 HYMN "Lamb Of God, Pure And Holy" LSB 434:1

1. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
 Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
 All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
 Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

VII

"The Thrust of the Spear"

READING 7 John 19:28-37
 PROP - The Spear
 HYMN "Lamb Of God, Pure And Holy" LSB 434:2

2. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
 Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
 All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
 Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus

NARRATION 7
 HYMN "Lamb Of God, Pure And Holy" LSB 434:3

3. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
 Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
 All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
 Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

- P** *Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.*
- C** **I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within Me.**
- P** *My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;*
- C** **Dogs have surrounded Me; a band of evil men has encircled Me, they have pierced My hands and My feet.**
- P** *I can count all My bones; people stare and gloat over Me.*
- C** **They divide My garments among them and cast lots for My clothing.**
- P** *But You, O LORD, be not far off; O My Strength, come quickly to help me.*
- C** **Deliver My life from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dogs.**
- P** *Rescue Me from the mouth of the lions; Save Me from the horns of the wild oxen.*
- C** **I will declare Your name to My brothers; in the congregation I will praise You.**

NARRATION 5

EXTINGUISH CANDLE 5

HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

LBW 123

1. Ah, holy Jesus,
How hast Thou offended
That man to judge Thee
Hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided,
By Thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

2. Lo, the Good Shepherd
For the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sin-ned,
And the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement,
While he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

2. Tell me, all who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like this?
Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His
distress; Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would
intervene to save; But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the
stroke that justice gave.

3. You who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great, Here
may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate. Mark the
sacrifice appointed; See who bears the awful load; it's the Word, the
Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

III

"The Royal Treatment - The Scepter"

READING 3

Psalm 2

- A** *Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together...*
- C** **Against the LORD and against His Anointed One.**
- A** *"Let us break their chains," they say, and throw off their fetters."*
- C** **The one enthroned in heaven laughs; the LORD scoffs at them.**
- A** *Then He rebuke them in His anger and terrifies them in His wrath, saying,
"I have installed my King on Zion, My holy hill."*
- C** **I will proclaim the decree of the LORD;**
- A** *He said to me, "You are My Son; today I have become Your Father.
Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your inheritance, The ends of the earth
Your possession.*
- C** **You will rule them with an iron scepter; You will dash them to pieces like pottery.**
- A** *Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.*
- C** **Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.**
- A** *Kiss the Son, lest He be angry with you and you be destroyed in your way,
For His wrath can flare up in a moment.*
- C** **Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.**

PROP - The Scepter

NARRATION 3

EXTINGUISH CANDLE 3

HYMN "My Song Is Love Unknown" LSB 430

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| <p>1. My Song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me, Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be. Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take frail flesh and die?</p> | <p>2. Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!</p> |
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IV

"Crowned For Me – The Crown of Thorns"

READING 4 John 19:1-5

PROP - Crown of Thorns

NARRATION 4

EXTINGUISH CANDLE 4

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450

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| <p>1. O Sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down, Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Your only crown; O Sacred Head, what glory What bliss till now was Thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call You mine!</p> | <p>2. 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 he who dies believing Dies safely in Thy love.</p> |
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V

"The Sign on the Cross - INRI"

READING 5 John 19:17-22

OFFICE HYMN "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" LSB 456

2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh, Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

PSALM 22:1-22

- P** *My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from saving Me, so far from the Words of My groaning?*
- C** **O My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, by night, and I am not silent.**
- P** *Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the praise of Israel.*
- C** **In You our fathers put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.**
- P** *They cried to You and were saved; in You they trusted and were not disappointed.*
- C** **But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.**
- P** *All who see Me mock Me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:*
- C** **He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue Him. Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him.**
- P** *Yet You brought Me out of the womb; You made me trust in You even at my mothers breast.*
- C** **From birth I was cast upon You; from My mother's womb You have been My God.**
- P** *Do not be far from Me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.*
- C** **Many bulls surround Me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle Me.**