



**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GOOD FRIDAY  
Tenebrae Service**

***Made in God's Image***

April 15, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

*\*Please stand as you are able  
The Service begins in silence.*

*[The offering plate is located in the back of the Sanctuary.]*

**\*INTRODUCTION**

*(Read slowly, inviting people into the silence)*

'Tenebrae' means darkness or shadows.

As we come to the end of Lent,

We begin a journey into darkness to a place of deep shadows

Today we accompany Jesus in his last hours.

We witness the cruelties and the suffering he endures.

We listen to the words of condemnation and ridicule.

In all this he is innocent.

He is the faithful servant of God,

doing his Father's work;

bringing the gospel of love, peace, and hope.

And so, in this liturgy, we are invited to walk solemnly and attentively with Jesus.

Be still and know that God is here.

**SOLO**

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

*Katherine Grant*

**FIRST READING: Matthew 26:17-29 – The Last Supper**

*First candle extinguished (in silence)*

**HYMN**

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ELW #359 (vv. 1, 3)

**Prayer: God of love, your Son invites us to your table of mercy, and gives us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, give us the will to serve others as Jesus was the servant of all. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.**

**SECOND READING: Matthew 26:36-56 – Jesus is betrayed and arrested**

*Second candle extinguished (in silence)*

**HYMN**

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

ELW #347 (vv. 1, 2)

**Prayer:** Help us, Mighty God, to prepare for the suffering and trials of our lives, to prepare for the challenges to our faith, as Jesus did, by the practice of prayer and the discipline of watchfulness. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**THIRD READING: Mark 15:1-5 – Jesus before Pilate**

*Third candle extinguished (in silence)*

**HYMN**

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

ELW #349 (vv. 1, 5)

**Prayer:** Sovereign God, we struggle when we think of all the bad things that happen to good people, the injustice in our society, and the difficulty of speaking truth to power. Help us, O God, so to confess Jesus as the Lord of all life that we, too, may combat injustice wherever it appears. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**FOURTH READING: Isaiah 52:13—53:5**

*Fourth candle extinguished (in silence)*

**HYMN**

“Kyrie” (Latin)

ELW #155

**Prayer:** Suffering God, despised and rejected by those who were your own, you who are without sin, became sin, and bore the iniquity of us all. In silence you carried our brokenness. In silence you poured out your life. In silence you lovingly saved the whole creation, granting forgiveness, life, and salvation for all. Lord, save us! In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**FIFTH READING: Mark 15:16-32 – Jesus is crucified**

*Fifth candle extinguished (in silence)*

**HYMN**

“Were You There”

ELW #353 (vv 1, 2)

**Prayer:** God of our Lord Jesus Christ, gather us into the great company of those to whom salvation has come through the cross of our Savior. Let the redeeming power of his love flow through us and transform us, that we may live, speak and pray as those whose lives have been given back to them. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**SIXTH READING: Matthew 27:45-54 – Jesus dies on the cross**

*Sixth candle extinguished (in silence)*

**SOLO**

“The Old Rugged Cross”

*Katherine Grant*

**Prayer: Merciful God, by whom we are loved and loved again, help us to know your presence all about us, to forgive us, to heal us, to restore us to you. Help us to see in the One crucified for us, and raised by you to glory, the Lord and Savior of the world. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

**PREACHING TEXT: Hebrews 10:16-25**

**MEDITATION**

*Pastor Elizabeth*

**We Adore you O Christ and We Bless you: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**SEVENTH READING: Matthew 27:62-66 – Jesus is laid in the tomb**

*Seventh candle is hidden (in silence or with the ‘strepitus’)*

**Depart in silence**

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**Thank you to all who assisted with our Tenebrae Service this evening:** Katherine Grant, Vicky Harris, Barb Jenneke, Vicar Susan, Scott Kuehn, Head Usher, Ushers, Acolyte, Worship and Music Team, Altar Guild, and all who assisted with our Tenebrae Service.



**Easter Sunday Worship Services, April 17<sup>th</sup>**, with Holy Communion at 6:30 (student led) and 9:00 a.m.

**Easter Breakfast**, served between Easter Worship Services.