



Living Word Lutheran Church
Good Friday Worship
April 10, 2020

The Office of Tenebrae A Service of Darkness

Invocation

P. Wherever we may be, we are still together on this special night In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen**

Sentences and Collects

P. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, **C. and by His stripes we are healed.**

P. 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. **C Amen.**

P. We all, like sheep, have gone astray; **C and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

P. Almighty and most merciful God, give us grace so to contemplate the Passion of our Lord that we may find in it the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C Amen.**

Hymn: O Sacred Head Now Wounded

The Seven Dying Words of Jesus

THE FIRST WORD: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Luke 23:34

THE SECOND WORD: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43

THE THIRD WORD: "Jesus said to his mother: "Woman, this is your son." Then he said to the disciple: "This is your mother." John 19:26-27

THE FOURTH WORD: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34

THE FIFTH WORD: "I thirst." John 19:28

THE SIXTH WORD: When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished;" and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit. John 19:30

THE SEVENTH WORD: Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46

The Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

The Stripping of the Altar as Psalm 22 is Read Responsively (signifying the preparation of Jesus for burial)

P. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? ***C. O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.***

P. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ***C. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.***

P. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. ***C. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.***

P. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; ***C. "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"***

P. Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. ***C. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.***

P. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. ***C. Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;***

P. they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. ***C. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;***

P. my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. ***C. For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—***

P. I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; ***C. they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.***

P. But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! ***C. Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!***

P. Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! ***C. I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:***

P. You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ***C. For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.***

P. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. ***C. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!***

P. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. ***C. For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.***

P. All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. ***C. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;***

P. they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it!

The Strepitus (The strepitus, or closing of the book, signifies and reminds us of the earthquake that struck as Jesus died. The Christ candle leaves the church to signify His burial)

Tonight it is indeed dark in our land. But the SON will rise.....