

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
Flanagan, IL
April 10, 2020



TENEBRAE GOOD FRIDAY: SERVICE OF LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

Participate at home: Close all the blinds and curtains to block out as much light as possible (Mark 15:33). Light 7 candles and place them all together. If you have a cross available arrange it in the center of the candles. After each reading extinguish one candle at a time. After the seventh reading leave the last candle lit to symbolize the hope of the resurrection that shines in the darkness of death. You are encouraged to have your Bible out and open to Mark 14:26 to follow along at home with Pastor Matt.

MEDITATION BEFORE THE WORSHIP

In Latin, tonight's service is referred to as a Tenebrae service. The word Tenebrae means "darkness." In this service, as each Scripture is read, one candle is extinguished. The increasing darkness symbolizes the flight and denial of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The moment of darkness recalls the death of Christ. In this darkness there is but one light—the eternal light of Christ. Even though darkness settles upon the earth, the light of God reminds us of the never failing presence of God's forgiveness and grace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. 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, forever and ever.

AMEN

READING OF THE PASSION STORY

Mark 14:26-31

HYMN (printed) *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"* Verses 1-2

Mark 14:32-50

HYMN (printed) *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"* Verses 3-4

Mark 14:53-65

HYMN (printed) *"Ah, Holy Jesus"* Verses 1-2

Mark 14:66-72

HYMN (printed) *"Ah, Holy Jesus"* Verses 3-5

Mark 15:1-15

HYMN (printed) *"Were You There"* Verses 1-3

Mark 15:16-32

SOLO *"Ten Thousand Angels"* Jerry Keck

Mark 15:33-47

SERMON Pastor Matt Shields

HYMN (printed) *"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"* All Verses

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING IN SILENCE

HYMNS

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

- 1) Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s 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.
- 2) Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of Life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from him to bear the cross.
- 3) Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet,
Mark the miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4) Early hasten to the tomb, Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris’n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

AH, HOLY JESUS

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. 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 man’s atonement, while he nothing heedeth. God intercedeth.
4. For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
The 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.

WERE YOU THERE

- 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?**

- 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?**

- 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?**

O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

- 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 art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage 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 love 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 he who dies believing dies safely in thy love.**