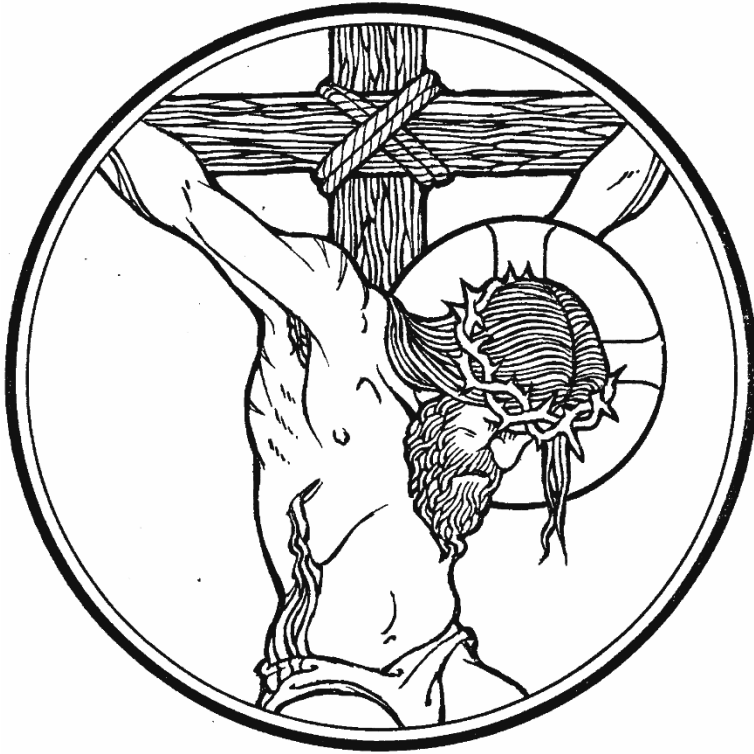


Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

# Good Friday

## Tre Ore



“Surely He was pierced for our iniquities”

-Isaiah 53

*In the depths of my heart  
your name and cross alone  
shine at every moment  
making me able to rejoice.  
Let me see the image  
to console me in my distress  
of how you, Lord Christ, so patiently  
shed your blood in death!*

*-Bach's St. John's Passion*

*The Tre Ore service is a continuation of the Triduum (Latin for “the three days”), an ancient and holy service. The service began last night with Maundy Thursday, and continues today with the Tre Ore and the Tenebrae (Service of Darkening), and then concludes with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.*

*Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ. It is a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. The altar remains bare, having been stripped on Maundy Thursday. The pastor wears only an alb (white robe) with black stoles.*

*The words “Tre Ore” are Latin for three hours. This doesn’t mean the service itself is three hours, but it is in reference to the last three hours of crucifixion (out of six) when darkness covered the earth.*

*The processional cross is veiled in black cloth which symbolizes our sin that Jesus carried onto the cross.*

*As this service is a continuation of the Triduum, there is no Invocation or Benediction.*

*The congregation and pastor enter in silence.*

*Please stand*

### Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

*Sit*

## The Last Seven Words of Christ

*As Christ hung on the cross, He spoke seven times. This service commemorates those words. Each time we hear a word of Jesus, the pastor will give a short homily, or 2 to 3 minute sermon, based on those words.*

### First Word

Luke 23:32-34

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447:1-3

Homily

*Silence for meditation*

### Second Word

Luke 23:39-43

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447:4-6

Homily

*Silence for meditation*

### Third Word

John 19:25-27

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447:7-9

Homily

*Silence for meditation*

### Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45-46

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes  
Homily

LSB 447:10-12

*Silence for meditation*

**Fifth Word**

John 19:28

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes  
Homily

LSB 447:13-15

*Silence for meditation*

**Sixth Word**

John 19:29-30

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes  
Homily

LSB 447:16-18

*Silence for meditation*

*Please stand for the last reading.*

**Seventh Word**

Luke 23:46

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes  
Homily

LSB 447:19-21

*Silence for meditation*

## Bidding Prayer

*The bidding prayer is a traditional Good Friday prayer. At the end of every petition, the congregation speaks amen, as shown below.*

**P** ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord

**C** Amen.

**P** Finally let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

**C** **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.**

## Sentence and Response

*At this time, the processional will be uncovered: first the top, then the side, then completely. Three times during the process, the pastor says the following words as the black cloth is removed. The removal of the black cloth reminds us that our sin was removed by Christ on the cross.*

**P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

**C** **O come, let us worship him.**

## The Reproaches

*The following reproaches are the words of the Lord against His people, the Church, to which the congregation replies with a plea for mercy. These are a reminder of why Christ went to the cross, because of our sin.*

**P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

**C** **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.**

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434:1

**P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

**C** **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434:2

**P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

**C** Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434:3

### Concluding Collect

**P** Let us pray. We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Upon the Cross Extended

LSB 453:1,4,7

*Following the hymn, the congregation is welcome to remain in silent prayer as long as they wish. We ask that you please exit in silence. The Triduum service will continue tonight with the "Tenebrae" service.*

The rest of our Triduum Services will be broadcast at these times:

Tenebrae Vespers – Tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil – Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Feast of the Resurrection with Communion - Sunday at 6:00, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

