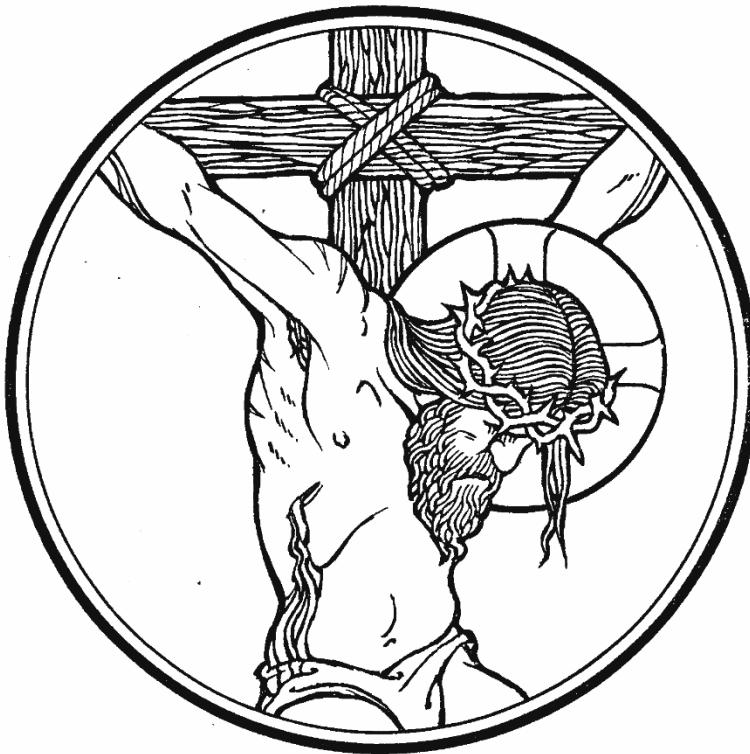


Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Collect

P Let us pray. Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Collect

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive the forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ our Lord..

C Amen

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

Hymn

LSB 447:1-3

Homily

Silence for meditation

Second Word

Luke 23:39-43

Hymn

LSB 447:4-6

Homily

Silence for meditation

Third Word John 19:25-27
Hymn LSB 447:7-9
Homily

Silence for meditation

Fourth Word Matthew 27:45-46
Hymn LSB 447:10-12
Homily

Silence for meditation

Fifth Word John 19:28
Hymn LSB 447:13-15
Homily

Silence for meditation

Sixth Word John 19:29-30
Hymn LSB 447:16-18
Homily

Silence for meditation
Please stand for the last reading.

Hymn LSB 447:19-21

Homily

Silence for meditation

Hymn 451

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 sings 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.

**Children's Choir - Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful
Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.**

C Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

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.

**Children's Choir - 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.**

C Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

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.

**Children's Choir - 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.**

C Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

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.

You are invited to the rest of our Triduum Services:

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

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 6:00 pm

Easter Morning – Sunday 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

