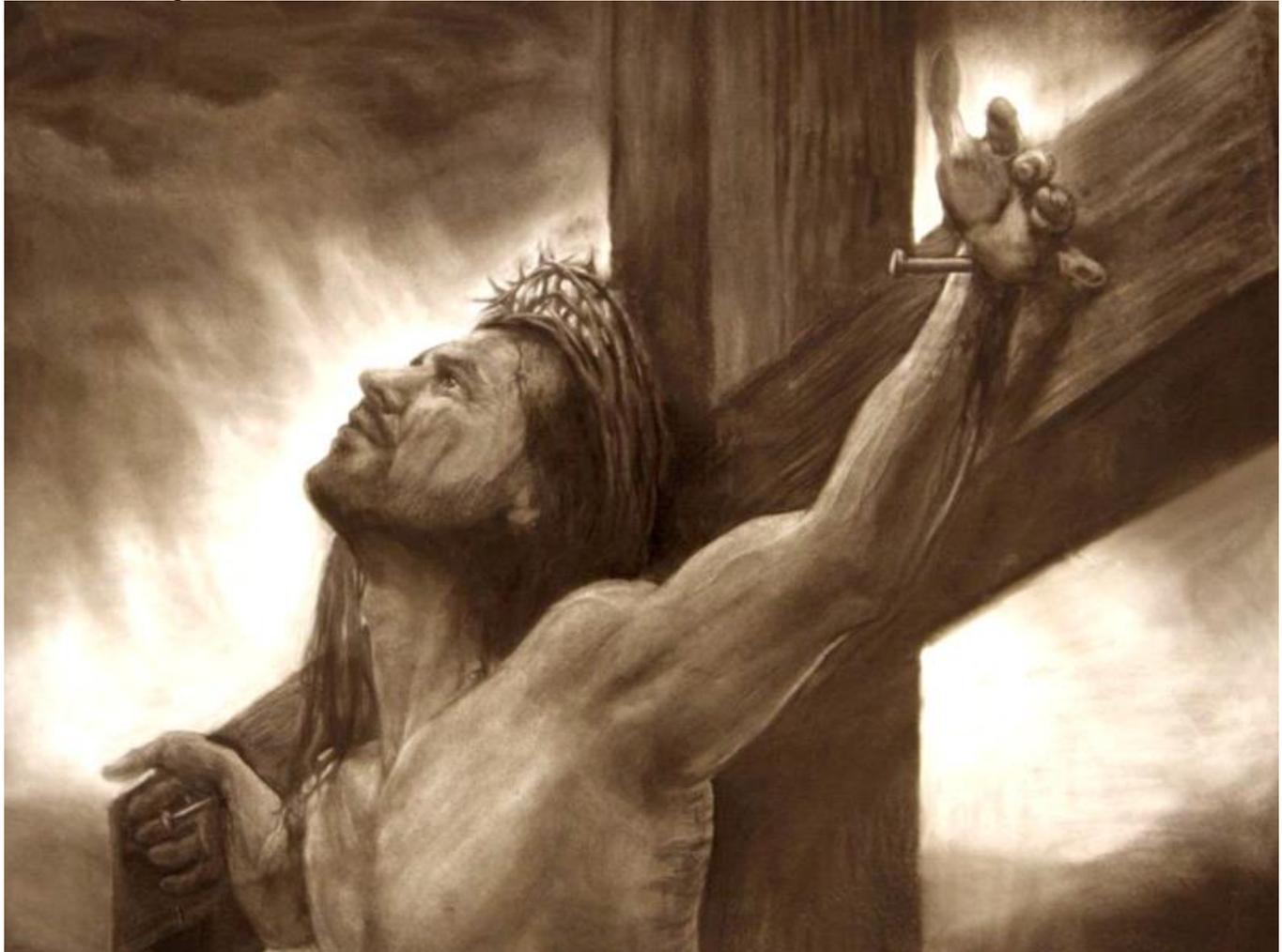


# Living Word Lutheran Church

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 30, 2018



“And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?’”

*(Matthew 27:46 RSV)*

**PASTOR:** The Rev. Eric Hullstrom

## Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9 am at the Meridian Habitat & Community Center

(Children’s Sunday School and Adult Bible Study available during the school year)

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**Mission Statement:** “We, God’s people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture, are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ.” **Motto:** “Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Word Alone.”

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## GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

(This evening's worship service is called a "Tenebrae Service" from the Latin word for "darkness". In it we experience the gradual darkening of the sanctuary by the progressive extinguishing of candles and corresponding dimming of lights as the passion narrative is read. This growing darkness symbolizes not only the encroaching darkness of Jesus' trial and crucifixion, thus reflecting what appears to be the victory of darkness over light, of evil over good, and even of the Devil over God as Jesus dies on the cross but of hopelessness in the world without God. For only when we acknowledge the darkness through which Christ traveled can the glory of Easter morning and the resurrection speak to us and bring real hope into our lives.)

### Congregation Gathers in Silence

### Prelude

### Hymn

#### "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

*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.*

*Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering shame or loss; Learn from Him to bring the cross.*

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### Scripture: Matthew 26:36-38

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup> He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with Him, and He began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then He said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me."



### Soloist (Skip Whelan)

#### "Stay Here"

### Scripture: Matthew 26:39-50

<sup>39</sup> Going a little farther, He fell with His face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup> Then He returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup> "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup> He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

<sup>43</sup> When He came back, He again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So He left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. <sup>45</sup> Then He returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise! Let us go! See my betrayer is at hand!"

<sup>47</sup> While He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." <sup>49</sup> Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

**Hymn****“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”**

*Stricken, smitten and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree  
 'Tis the Christ by man rejected; Yes my soul 'tis He 'tis He  
 'Tis the long expected Prophet David's Son, Yet David's Lord  
 By His Son God now has spoken, 'Tis the true and faithful Word*

*Tell me he who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?  
 Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;  
 Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would interpose to save;  
 But the deepest stroke that pierced Him, Was the stroke that justice gave.*

*Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great  
 Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.  
 Mark the sacrifice appointed; See who bears the awful load;  
 'Tis the Word the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.*

**Narrator: Isaiah 53:3-6**

He is despised and rejected by others; A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.  
 And as one from whom we hide our faces, He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.  
<sup>4</sup> Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;  
 Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.  
<sup>5</sup> But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;  
 Upon Him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with His stripes we are healed.  
<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way;  
 But the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

*Here we have a firm foundation; Here the refuge of the lost;  
 Christ, the rock of our salvation, His the name on which we boast.  
 Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
 None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.*

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**Narrator: Acts 4:12**

<sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Salvation is by God's amazing grace alone, through the free gift of faith alone, in the finished work of Christ alone.

**Scripture: John 3:14-19**

<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in Him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Hymn:

**“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”**

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence. And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing worldly minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God To earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand*

*King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood  
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven, Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of light descending From the realms of endless day  
That the pow'rs of hell to vanish As the darkness clears away*

*At His feet the six winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High*

**Scripture: John 19:1-17**

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup> The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They clothed Him in a purple robe and went up to Him again and again, <sup>3</sup> saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck him on the face. <sup>4</sup> Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, “Look, I am bringing Him out to you to let you know that I find no guilt in Him.” <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” <sup>6</sup> As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” But Pilate answered, “You take Him and crucify Him. As for me, I find no guilt in him.” <sup>7</sup> The Jews insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law He must die because he has made himself the Son of God.”

<sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, <sup>9</sup> and he went back inside the palace, and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> So Pilate said to Him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you, and authority to crucify you?” <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” <sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.” <sup>13</sup> When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat on the judge’s seat at a place known as The Stone Pavement, or which in Aramaic is Gabbatha.

<sup>14</sup> It was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!” <sup>15</sup> They shouted, “Take Him Away! Take Him Away! Crucify Him!” Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” <sup>16</sup> Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Carrying His own cross, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

**Soloist (Cheryl Hedlund)**

**“Via Dolorosa”**

**(as the Cross is carried in)**

**JESUS’ FIRST WORD**

**“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”**

**Luke 23:32-38**

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.**” And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save himself, if He is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over Him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

## The Centurion

(First candle is extinguished.)

### Hymn: “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

*Come to Calvary's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you to me to all,  
In a full perpetual tide, Opened when the Savior died.*

*Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Your true health it will restore; So that you need thirst no more.*

*Come with hurts and guilts and meanness, Come, however soiled with-in;  
From the most in-grained uncleanness, From pollution by your sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; You shall walk with God in light.*

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(Congregation comes forward to nail our sins on the Cross.)

### JESUS’ SECOND WORD “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

**Luke 23:39-43**

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him, saying, “Are you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other criminal rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>And Jesus said to him, “**Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.**”

(Second candle is extinguished.)

### Hymn “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land,  
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat And the burden of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus, My eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart with tears, Two wonders I confess;  
The wonders of his glorious love And my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, your shadow For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross.*

## Mary, mother of Jesus

### JESUS’ THIRD WORD “Woman behold, your son!” “Behold, your mother!”

**John 19:25-27**

<sup>25</sup>Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag'dalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “**Woman, behold, your son!**” <sup>27</sup>Then He said to the disciple, “**Behold, your mother!**” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## The Apostle John

(Third candle is extinguished.)

## Hymn

**“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

*O sacred head now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
 Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, your only crown.  
 O sacred head, what glory And bliss did once combine;  
 Though now despised and gory, I joy to call you mine!*

*How pale you are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!  
 Your face, your eyes now languish, Which once were bright as morn.  
 Now from your cheeks has vanished Their color once so fair;  
 From loving lips is banished The splendor that was there.*

Reprinted under Onelicense.net #A-717731**JESUS' FOURTH WORD****“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”****Matthew 27:45-46**

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness over all the land: <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, la'ma sabach-tha'ni?” that is, **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

(Fourth candle is extinguished.)

## Hymn

**“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

*All this for my transgression, My wayward soul to win;  
 This torment of your Passion, To set me free from sin.  
 I cast myself before you, Your wrath my rightful lot;  
 Have mercy, I implore you, O Lord, condemn me not!*

*Here will I stand beside you, Your death for me my plea;  
 Let all the world deride you, I clasp you close to me.  
 My awe cannot be spoken, To see you crucified;  
 But in your body broken, Redeemed, I safely hide!*

**JESUS' FIFTH WORD****“I thirst.”****John 19:28-29**

<sup>28</sup>After this, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, **“I thirst.”** <sup>29</sup>A jar of wine vinegar was there; so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a hyssop branch, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

(Fifth candle is extinguished.)

**JESUS' SIXTH WORD****“It is finished.”****John 19:30**

<sup>30</sup>When He had received the drink, Jesus said, **“It is finished”**. With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

(Sixth candle is extinguished.)

