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✠ Good Friday “Tenebrae” Service ✠
Calvary Lutheran Church
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THE READING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY: Isaiah 52:13-53:6

OPENING VERSES

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

THE GOOD FRIDAY PSALM: Psalm 22

Pastor: O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

People: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

Pastor: In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

People: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

Pastor: Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

People: From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Pastor: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

People: O Lord, be not far off; O my strength, come quickly to help me.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray:

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. Help us to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive the forgiveness of our sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE SERMON:

“It's All About Death” (text: Acts 2:22-24, 37-38)

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THE DARKNESS OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:20-29

Hymn: #436 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (verses 1-2)

- 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.

THE DARKNESS OF TEMPTATION

Matthew 26:30-45

Hymn: #663 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray” (verses 1-2)

- 1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o’ertaken;
For the foe,
Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping
While the saints are sleeping.
- 2 Watch against the devil’s snares
Lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares
To deceive and blind you.
Satan’s prey
Oft are they
Who secure are sleeping
And no watch are keeping.

THE DARKNESS OF INJUSTICE

Mark 14:53-64

Hymn: #440 “Jesus I Will Ponder Now” (verses 1 & 6)

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| 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suffering, pain, and death
That I may not perish. | 6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav’n above
Sing Your praise forever. |
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THE DARKNESS OF DENIAL

Mark 14:66-72

Hymn: #450 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (verses 5-7)

- 5 What language shall I borrow
 To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
 Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
 And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
 Outlive my love for Thee.
- 6 My Savior, be Thou near me
 When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
 Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
 O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
 By virtue of Thine own!
- 7 Be Thou my consolation,
 My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
 When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
 Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
 Who dieth thus dies well.

THE DARKNESS OF REJECTION

Luke 23:13-24

Hymn: #439 “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” (verses 1-2)

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
 That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
 What dark transgression?
- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
 With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
 They crucify Thee.

THE DARKNESS OF CRUCIFIXION

Mark 15:21-32

Hymn: #428 “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow” (verses 1-2)

- 1 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!
- 2 Here the King of all the ages,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying,
Crucified by sin for me.

THE DARKNESS OF DEATH

Luke 23:44-46

Hymn: #456 “Were You There” (verses 1-3)

- 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?

THE DARKNESS OF BURIAL

Mark 15:42-46

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken by Pastor)

