

GOOD FRIDAY



It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Luke 23 : v 44-46

The Crucifixion of Jesus

*The Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday
April 2, 2021
Seven O'clock in the Evening*

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to the Gospel of St. Luke**

About Good Friday. . .

About the Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday . . . Since the third century the Christian Church has marked the period between Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday as the *Triduum*. This period of three specific services are designed not as a game of let's pretend---as though we could somehow make the final events of Jesus' life happen all over again. When we commemorate the institution of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, it is the risen Jesus who stoops to wash our feet and feed us---not a Jesus who is about to suffer. When we hear the Passion according to St. Luke and offer the Solemn Intercessions on Good Friday, it is the risen Jesus who steps forward and takes charge, just as it is the risen Jesus who always lives to make intercession for us [Hebrews 7:25], not a Jesus who is about to die. When we announce on Resurrection morning that Jesus is risen, it not to proclaim that he is risen again, but that Jesus risen once and for all whom we proclaim.

The Service this evening is called a Service of Tenebrae which means "darkness and shadows" and refers specifically to a service of worship that represents the snuffing out of the life of Christ. The service begins and ends in silence so that we may reflect upon the utter desolation that our Savior suffered for us upon the cross.

As we come to the end of the service in darkness as the light of Christ leaves the room we will feel the desolation of the world without a Savior. However, the darkness cannot overcome the light. The Light shines in the darkness. As the Christ Candle re-enters the sanctuary please turn on your electronic candle.

Come and walk with our Lord through the life of His ministry from the call of John the Baptist to prepare the way through his burial.

The Solemn Reproaches which begin the service is a comparison of the journey of the Children of Israel out of bondage from Egypt and the events of Jesus' last day on the earth based on Psalm 78.

We welcome our friends from Zion Lutheran, Meyersdale to the service tonight here at Trinity.

THE BODY OF CHRIST GATHERS

*The * invites those who are able to stand.*

WE GATHER IN SILENCE

The service begins in silence this evening.

As you enter the sanctuary may you be in an attitude of reverent prayer and meditation.

WE STAND BEFORE THE CROSS

TOLLING OF THE BELL

The Handbell tolls 33 times in memory of the Life of Jesus Christ.

***PASSION HYMN: No. 178**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

One: Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

All: Come, let us worship.

One: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you?

Testify against me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

All: O God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna: I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

All: O God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: What more could I have done for you that I have not done?

I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty,

you gave me vinegar to drink and
pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

All: O God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.

I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

All: O God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

All: O God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

All: O God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing.

All: O God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

All: O God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

TUCC Bells

Breath

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER [using *debts* and *debtors*]

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS AND DARKNESS

PASSION HYMN: No. 180

Worthy Is the Lamb

ST LUKE 22:39-46

Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives

PASSION HYMN: Bulletin Page 9

'Tis Midnight, and On Olive's Brow

ST. LUKE 22:47-53

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

PASSION HYMN: No. 197

Lamb of Glory

ST. LUKE 22:54-62

Peter Disowns Jesus

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

TUCC Bells

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me!

ST. LUKE 22:63-23:12

Jesus before Pilate and Herod

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Organ Meditation

ST. LUKE 23:13-25

Jesus Is Sentenced

PASSION HYMN:

Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

ST. LUKE 23:26-43

Jesus Is Crucified

PASSION HYMN

Were You There?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

ST. LUKE 23:44-46

Jesus Dies

PASSION HYMN

Were You There?

**Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
O! Sometimes it causes me too tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

ST. LUKE 23:47-56

Jesus Is Buried

Jesus Is Buried

Silence and Darkness

The Closing of the Tomb

The Light of Christ Returns

[The Light of Christ will spread throughout the room, please turn on your electronic candle as Pastor returns with the Christ Candle.]

SONG OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT – Isaiah 53

Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

- 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
- 3 He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- 4 Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

- 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.
- 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
- 9 And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
- 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors. ¹

DISMISSAL

*GOING FORTH

*Please leave the sanctuary in silence as we remember the darkness
which surrounds us as we prepare for the resurrection of
Jesus Christ.*

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¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2001). (Is 53). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Fae Hetrick, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Lindsey Stotler Cioci, Terry Coslic, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Bryan Emerick, Tony Fertitta, Jane Fisher, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Brenda Leister, Tom Logston, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Bob Murphy, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Robin & Lynn Walker, Harry Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman.

Easter Sunday Services:

Trinity United Church of Christ: 8:00 and 9:30 am
Zion Lutheran Meyersdale: 10:45 am

Where You May Find . . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

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These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Russ Hillegas, Terry Luteri

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'Tis Midnight; and on Olive's Brow

1. 'Tis mid - night; and on Ol - ive's brow the star is
 2. 'Tis mid - night; and, from all re - moved, Em - man - uel
 3. 'Tis mid - night; and, for oth - ers' guilt, the Man of
 4. 'Tis mid - night; from the heav'n - ly plains is borne the

dimmed that late - ly shone: 'tis mid - night; in the
 wres - tles lone with fears: e'en the dis - ci - ple
 Sor - rows weeps in blood: yet he that hath in
 song that an - gels know: un - heard by mor - tals

gar - den now the suf - f'ring Sav - ior prays a - lone.
 that he loved heeds not his Mas - ter's grief and tears.
 an - guish knelt is not for - sak - en by his God.
 are the strains that sweet - ly soothe the Sav - ior's woe.