Good Friday Tenebrae

(Service of Darkness)

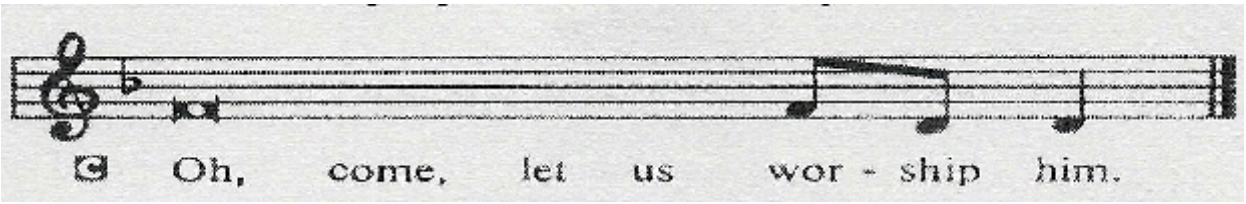


Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church
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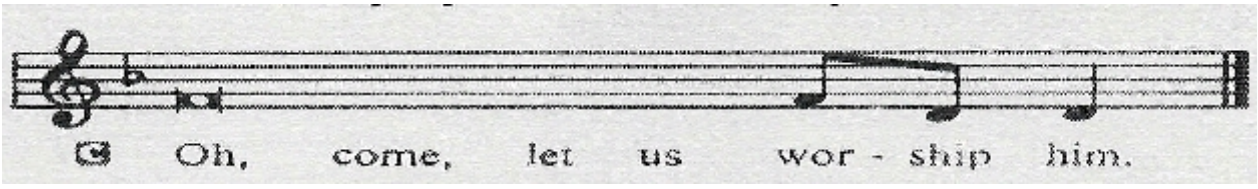


PROCESSION:

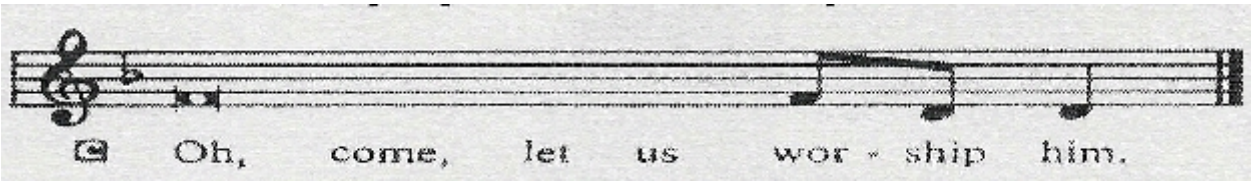
Opening Sentences from the back of the church (1st set of curtains are drawn as response is sung)
Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.



From the middle of the church (2nd set of curtains are drawn as response is sung)
Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.



From the ***front of the church*** (3rd set of curtains are drawn as response is sung)
Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.



THE SENTENCES:

P: He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.
C: And with His stripes we are healed.
P: All we like sheep have gone astray,
C: And the Lord Has Laid Upon Him the iniquity of us all.

THE CONFESSION:

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
C: Who made heaven and earth. ***(Sung)***
P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. ***(Sung)***
O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

THE ABSOLUTION:

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. ***(Sung)***

INTROIT: (Spoken responsively. The congregation speaks the sentences in bold print.)

P: O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.
C: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

P: Why are You so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
C: In You our Father they put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.
P: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.
C: You brought me out of the womb; You made me trust in You even at my mother's breast.
P: From birth I was cast upon You; from my mother's womb You have been my God.
C: Do not be far from me, For trouble is near and there is no one to help.
P: O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

KYRIE: (Sung together)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT: (Prayed by the Pastor)

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your congregation, 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; Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen *(Sung)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

GRADUAL:

P: Christ entered the Most Holy Place once for all.
C: By His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.
P: He is the mediator of [the] new covenant,
C: That those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
P: He provided redemption for His people;
C: He ordained His covenant forever.

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

THE REPROACHES: (Spoken responsively.)

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised 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. O Lord, have mercy.

HYMN: TLH #146, stanza 1 - "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O 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, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.

HYMN: TLH #146, stanza 2 - "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O 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, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.

HYMN: TLH #146, stanza 3 - "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

The Passion Narrative According To The Gospels Of St. And Our Responses

John 18:1-11 (Betrayal and Arrest)

P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Christ, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**

Hymn: ***"O Sacred Head Now Wounded,"*** TLH #172 (stanza 1)
(The first candle is extinguished)

John 18:12-27 (Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter)

P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Christ, **C: Have mercy upon us.**

P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**

Hymn: **"*O Sacred Head Now Wounded,"*** TLH #172 (stanza 2)
(The second candle is extinguished)

John 18:28-40 (Jesus before Pilate)

P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Christ, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**

Hymn: **"*O Sacred Head Now Wounded,"*** TLH #172 (stanza 3)
(The third candle is extinguished)

John 19:1-16 (Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion)

P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Christ, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**

Hymn: **"*O Sacred Head Now Wounded,"*** TLH #172 (stanza 4)
(The fourth candle is extinguished)

John 19:17-24 (The Crucifixion of Jesus)

Stand

P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Christ, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**

Hymn: **"*O Sacred Head Now Wounded,"*** TLH #172 (stanza 5)
(The five candle is extinguished)

John 19:25-30 (Jesus' Mother and His Death)

Stand

P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Christ, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**

Hymn: **"*O Sacred Head Now Wounded,"*** TLH #172 (stanza 6)
(The sixth candle is extinguished)

John 19:31-42 (Jesus' Side is Pierced)

Stand

P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Christ, **C: Have mercy upon us.**
P: O Lord, **C: Have mercy upon us.**

Hymn: **"*O Sacred Head Now Wounded,"* #**172 (stanza 7)
(The seventh candle is extinguished)

HOMILY/DEVOTIONAL READING

SERMON HYMN- ***"Jesus. I Will Ponder Now***," (TLH #140)

1. Jesus, I will ponder now On Thy holy Passion; With Thy Spirit me endow For such meditation. Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish Of Thy suffering, pain, and death, That I may not perish.

2. Make me see Thy great distress, Anguish, and affliction, Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Thy crucifixion; Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails, did wound Thee, How for man Thou diedst, O God, Who with thorns had crowned Thee.

3. Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Thy Passion, But its cause to me make known And its termination. Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Thy deep affliction; This indeed the cause hath been Of Thy crucifixion.

4. Grant that I Thy Passion view With repentant grieving Nor Thee crucify anew By unholy living. How could I refuse to shun Every sinful pleasure Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?

5. If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me, Let Thy cross my fear disarm, Peace of conscience give me. Grant that I may trust in Thee And Thy holy Passion. If His Son so loveth me, God must have compassion.

6. Grant that I may willingly Bear with Thee my crosses, Learning humbleness of Thee, Peace mid pain and losses. May I give Thee love for love! Hear me, O my Savior, That I may in heaven above Sing Thy praise forever.



THE BIDDING PRAYER:

Let us pray for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

All: Almighty and everlasting God, since you have revealed Thy glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask Thee, in safety the works of Thy mercy so that Thy Church, spread throughout all nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve Thee in true faith and persevere in the confession of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word and for all the people of God:

All: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all Thy servants in Thy holy Church that every member of the same may

truly serve Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of his mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and throughout their lives remain faithful to Christ Jesus, our Lord:

A: Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Thy Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, recalling the new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Thy sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN - ***"We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died,"*** TLH (#178)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Pastor & Congregation)
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION
THE PAX DOMINI - p. 27
THE AGNUS DEI - p. 28
THE DISTRIBUTION - p. 29 (Seated)
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Upon The Cross Extended" TLH (#171)
THE NUNC DIMITTIS - P. 29
THE THANKSGIVING
Amen. (Sung by congregation)

THE BENEDICTION
Amen, Amen, Amen. (Sung)

CLOSING HYMN - "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" TLH #153

1. 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;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2. Tell me, ye 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.

3. 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.

4. Here we have a firm foundation; Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the name of 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. Amen.

(The altar candles are extinguished, the nave and sanctuary are darkened, and the book is slammed closed signifying the sealing of the tomb. Depart in Peace for our Lord has paid for our sins.)

