



Good Friday
April 15, 2022
Evangelical Lutheran Worship



Introduction

The Office of Tenebrae (meaning *darkness* or *shadow*), a Holy Week Devotion dating back to the 7th or 8th century A.D., is characterized by Scripture readings and the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses.

The service is divided into three Nocturns (nighttime devotions), along with nine Psalm readings. The Lord's Prayer will also be whispered three times during this service.

After the reading of Psalm 51 at the end of the service, the Christ Candle will be removed symbolizing our Lord's death and burial. The *strepitus* is heard, a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb. The Christ Candle is then returned to its place in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection.

At the conclusion of the service, please leave silently, maintaining the spirit of the solemn worship.

WORSHIP NOTES:

The congregation will read Psalm 2, Psalm 4, and Psalm 85 together at the appropriate time.

As the Christ Candle is removed, we will sing "Were You There", ELW Hymn #353.

The Congregation gathers in silence.

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy upon your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinner, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

First Nocturn

The kings revolt; their rulers plot together against the Lord and against the king he chose.

Psalm 2

¹Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying,

³"Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us."

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision.

⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶"I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

⁷I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling ¹² kiss his feet,
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are all who take refuge in him.

C: The kings revolt: their rulers plot together against the Lord and against the king he chose.

P: Proud men are coming to attack me; cruel men are trying to kill me.

Psalm 54

C: Proud men are coming to attack me; cruel men are trying to kill me.

P: I am always aware of the Lord's presence; he is near and nothing can shake me.

Psalm 16

C: I am always aware of the Lord's presence; he is near and nothing can shake me.

P: Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross,

C: so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. It is by his wounds that we have been healed.

Please stand as you are able.

The Lord's Prayer is whispered softly by all.

Please be seated.

Readings From The Book of Lamentations

Lamentations 2: 8-11

P: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

C: Even by best friend, the one I trusted most, the one who shared my food, has turned against me.

Lamentations 2: 13-14

P: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

C: All the sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me. Stay here and keep watch.

Lamentations 3:1-9

P: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

C: Behold, the hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinful men.

Second Nocturn

P: I am closed in and cannot escape; my eyes are weak from suffering.

Psalm 88

C: I am closed in and cannot escape; my eyes are weak from suffering.

P: Hear me, Lord, when I call to you! Be merciful and answer me!

Psalm 27

C: Hear me, Lord, when I call to you! Be merciful and answer me!

P: When I lie down, I go to sleep in peace; you alone, O Lord keep me perfectly safe.

Psalm 4

¹**Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**

²**How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

³**But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.**

⁴**When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

⁵**Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.**

⁶**There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"**

⁷**You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.**

⁸**I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

C: When I lie down, I go to sleep in peace; you alone O Lord, keep me perfectly safe.

P: Christ himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in his steps.

C: He committed no sin, and no one ever heard a lie come from his lips. When he was insulted, he did not answer back with an insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten.

Please stand as you are able.

The Lord's Prayer is whispered softly by all.

Remain standing for the Gospel readings as you are able.

The Gospel According to John

John 19:17-22

P: He was treated harshly, but he endured it humbly; he never said a word.

C: Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be sheared, he never said a word.

John 19:23-27

P: We despised and rejected him; he endured suffering and pain.

C: No one would even look at him-we ignored him as if he were nothing.

John 19:28-30

P: All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going his own way.

C: But the Lord made the punishment fall on him, the punishment all of us deserved.

Please be seated

Third Nocturn

P: My enemy has put me in a dark prison; I am in deep despair.

Psalm 143

C: My enemy has put me in a dark prison; I am in deep despair.

P: Save me from my enemies, my God; protect me from those who attack me!

Psalm 59

C: Save me from my enemies, my God; protect me from those who attack me!

P: Show us your constant love, O Lord, and give us your saving help.

Psalm 85

¹**LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

²**You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.**

³**You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.**

⁴**Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.**

⁵**Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

⁶**Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷**Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.**

⁸**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**

⁹**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰**Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

¹¹**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

¹²**The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**

¹³**Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.**

C: Show us your constant love, O Lord, and give us your saving help.

P: Christ died for our sins once for all, a good man on behalf of sinners.

C: in order to lead us to God.

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Please be seated

Readings from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 4:12-15

P: He endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne.

C: He was put to death for the sins of our people.

Hebrews 4:16-5:5

P: Because of our sins he was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did.

C: We are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by the blows he received.

Hebrews 5:7-9

P: Is it nothing to you, all who pass by?

C: Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

Conclusion

P: God did not even keep back His won Son, but offered him up for us all.

Psalms 51

CLOSING HYMN

sung as the Christ Candle is removed

ELW Hymn 353

Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

P: Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy upon your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinner, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Q: **Amen.**

The strepitus is heard, a noise signifying the closing of the tomb and the earthquake. Then the Christ Candle is brought back into the chancel, in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection. All leave in silence.

Easter Breakfast at 8:30

Easter Services at 9:30, Rev. Chris Peterson

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