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Good Friday Tenebrae Service *March 30th, 2018*

Prelude, Prayer and Meditation

Announcements

Opening Hymn: "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It" Insert(518)

Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 52:13-53:12** Janis Saari

Prayer Pr. Joel Baker

Pulpit Hymn: "What Can Wash Away My Sin" Insert(557)

(No Offering this Evening)

Reading of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ:

First Reading: **John 18:1-11** Sharon Wahala

Second Reading: **John 18:12-18** Joyce Tibbs

Choir Anthem: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Third Reading: **John 18:19-27** Steve Dahlmeier

Fourth Reading: **John 18:28-32** Larry Walters

Fifth Reading: **John 18:33-40** Susan Baker

Solo "Watch the Lamb" by Ray Boltz Steve Dahlmeier

Sixth Reading: **John 19:1-9** Roy Saari

Seventh Reading: **John 19:10-16** Pr Joel Baker

Final Readings: **Luke 23:33-43** Gene Cordes

John 19:25-30 Larry Wahala

All Lights will be turned off followed by a Loud Chord on the Organ to symbolize the Death of Jesus.

(People will leave the service quietly when Altar Lights are restored in reverence to our Messiah who died for us, once and for all!)

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PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus, You carried our sins in Your body on the cross so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life and forgiveness through Your precious sacrifice! May we look forward with hope to the day when we will see You face to face in the world to come! Amen.

Saturday, March 31st at 9:00am

9:00am Easter Breakfast Set-up

9:30am Choir Practice

Sunday, April 1st at 9:00am

Easter Sunday Service with Choir Cantata

Brunch following the service in the Fellowship Hall. All are Welcome

**We are looking for help with Easter Brunch
on Saturday, March 31st and Sunday, April 1st.
There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex desk.**

Explanation of Service by Pastor:

The service of worship tonight is taken from an early Christian service called Tenebrae. The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." Tonight we will experience only a small portion of Christ's pain and suffering upon the cross. One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles and lights until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. As it gets darker and darker we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. Toward the end of the service, the Christ candle is extinguished, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of his death. At the moment of the earthquake, the temple veil was torn apart, making the Holy of Holies exposed to public view. This is understood to represent the fact that Jesus is now our direct line of access to God and we no longer require the ceremonial acts of the priests for the forgiveness of our sin. Please sit in quiet contemplation after the final light is extinguished and then quietly leave the building in reverence to our Lord when the Altar Lights are turned back on. There will be no benediction or final hymn or visiting in the Narthex when the Service is completed.

518 Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It

1 Re - deemed—how I love to pro - claim it! Re - deemed by the
 2 Re - deemed and so hap - py in Je - sus, No lan - guage my
 3 I think of my bless - ed Re - deem - er, I think of Him
 4 I know I shall see in His beau - ty The King in whose

blood of the Lamb; Re - deemed thru His in - fin - ite mer - cy— His
 rap - ture can tell;— I know that the light of His pres - ence With
 all the day long;— I sing, for I can - not be si - lent, His
 law I de - light,— Who lov - ing - ly guard - eth my foot - steps And

Refrain

child, and for - ev - er, I am.—
 me doth con - tin - ual - ly dwell.— Re - deemed, — re -
 love is the theme of my song.—
 giv - eth me songs in the night.—

(re - deemed)

deemed, — Re - deemed by the blood of the Lamb;— Re -

(re - deemed.)

deemed, re - deemed, + His child, and for - ev - er, I am.—

(re - deemed,) (re - deemed,)

What Can Wash Away My Sin

1 What can wash a - way my sin?
 2 For my par - don this I see— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3 Noth-ing can for sin a - tone—
 4 This is all my hope and peace—

What can make me whole a - gain?
 For my cleans-ing, this my plea— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 Naught of good that I have done—
 This is all my right-eous-ness—

Refrain

Oh! pre - cious is the flow That makes me white as snow;

No oth - er fount I know, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. ¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness— ¹⁵ so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. ¹ Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD'S will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will

bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

John 18:1-40

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, in which He entered with His disciples. ² Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with His disciples. ³ Judas then, having received the *Roman* cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵ They answered Him, “Jesus the Nazarene.” He said to them, “I am *He*.” And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. ⁶ So when He said to them, “I am *He*,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ Therefore He again asked them, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus the Nazarene.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am *He*; so if you seek Me, let these go their way,” ⁹ to fulfill the word which He spoke, “Of those whom You have given Me I lost not one.” ¹⁰ Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave’s name was Malchus. ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, “Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?” ¹² So the *Roman* cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him, ¹³ and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴ Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people. ¹⁵ Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered

with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ Then the slave-girl who kept the door said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” ¹⁸ Now the slaves and the officers were standing *there*, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹ The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; they know what I said.” ²² When He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus, saying, “Is that the way You answer the high priest?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?” ²⁴ So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You are not also one of His disciples, are you?” He denied *it*, and said, “I am not.” ²⁶ One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” ²⁷ Peter then denied *it* again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

²⁸ Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. ²⁹ Therefore Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this Man?” ³⁰ They answered and said to him, “If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you.” ³¹ So Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law.” The Jews said to him, “We are not permitted to put anyone to

death,”³² to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.

³³ Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”³⁴ Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?”³⁵ Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?”³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.”³⁷ Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”³⁸ Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, “I find no guilt in Him.³⁹ But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I release for you the King of the Jews?”⁴⁰ So they cried out again, saying, “Not this Man, but Barabbas.” Now Barabbas was a robber.

John 19:1-16

19 Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him.² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him;³ and they *began* to come up to Him and say, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and to give Him slaps *in the face*.⁴ Pilate came out again and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.”⁵ Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. *Pilate* said to them, “Behold, the Man!”⁶ So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, “Crucify, crucify!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.”⁷ The

Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God.”

⁸ Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid; ⁹ and he entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.

¹⁰ So Pilate said to Him, “You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?” ¹¹ Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”

¹² As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, “If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar.”

¹³ Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold, your King!” ¹⁵ So they cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”

¹⁶ So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.

Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. ³⁴ But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. ³⁵ And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One.” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” ³⁸ Now there

was also an inscription above Him, “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed *are suffering* justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” ⁴³ And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

John 19:25-30

²⁵ Therefore the soldiers did these things.

But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶ When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷ Then He *said* to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” From that hour the disciple took her into his own *household*.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon *a branch* of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth. ³⁰ Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

