Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

Good Friday

April 18, 2025 7:00pm

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee



This Good Friday Service is what is called a Tenebrae service. Tenebrae is Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness' and is a service when the candles are gradually extinguished while a series of readings are heard. As the church becomes darker, we are reminded of the darkness that covers the earth at the time of our Lord's crucifixion.

Congregational response in bold.

Announcements

Prelude Music

Were You There?......Piano Arrangement by Cindy Berry
Janice Gibbs, bassoon

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Why Did You Ignore Me?...... John L. Bell

Why did you ignore me whenever I called you, whenever you heard me say your name? Why did you ignore me? How did I offend you? What made you respond as if in shame?

Who said that we heard you? Are we the right people? Surely there are others to whom you could turn.

Why did you resist me when all that I offer is meant to enrich and to fulfill? Why did you resist me? I never coerced you nor forced you to act against your will.

Who said that we heard you? Are we the right people? Surely there are others to whom you could turn.

Why did you forget me, and fail to remember the mother who weaned, the father who fed, the one who cared?

Why did you forget me? My name is your history, your future the heaven I prepared.

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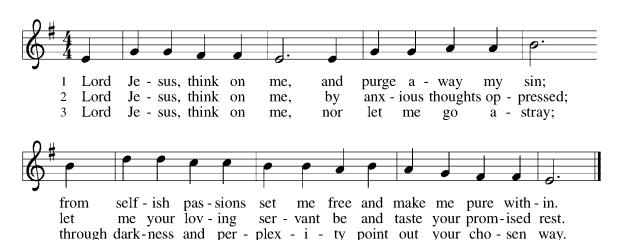
And will you deny me? And will you betray me? And will you avoid my searching eyes? I'll never ignore you. I'll never resist you. I'll never forget you in whom my yearning lies.

Reading One | John 13:1-20

Reading Two | John 13:31-38

Hymn

Lord Jesus Think on Me (v. 1-3)..... ELW 599

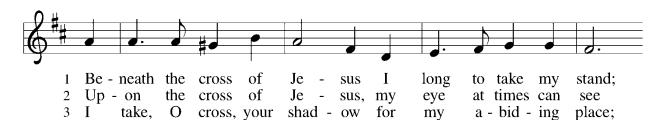


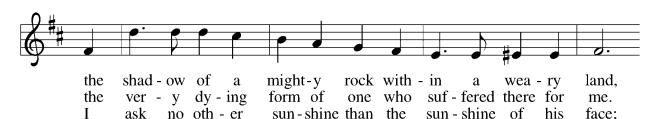
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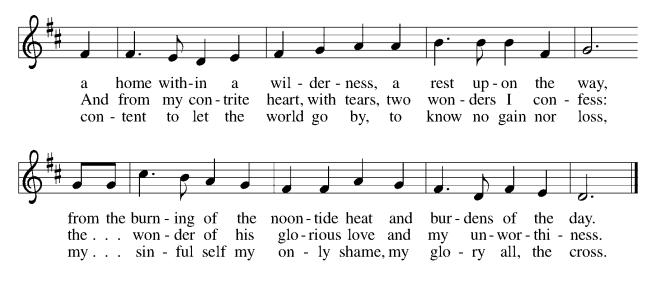
Reading Three | John 18:1-11

Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ELW 338







Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Reading Four | John 18:13-27

Hymn



Reading Five | John 18:28-40

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (verse 2) ELW 351

2 How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn; how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn! Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

Prayers of the People

Lord, have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us all.

We pray this day: for all who have a song they cannot sing, for all who have a burden they cannot bear,

for all who live in chains they cannot break, for all who wander homeless and cannot return,

for those who are sick and for those who tend them, for those who wait for loved ones, and wait in vain,

for those who live in hunger and for those who will not share their bread, for those who are misunderstood and for those who misunderstand,

for those who are captives and for those who are captors, for those whose words of love are locked within their hearts and for those who yearn to hear those words.

Lord, have mercy upon these people, O God. **Have mercy upon us all.**

Reading Six | John 19:1-16

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (verse 3) ELW 351

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never

Confession and Forgiveness

Surely, he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases. I am the one who held the nails.

And yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. I am the one who raised the hammer.

But he was wounded for our transgressions.

I am the one who rolled the dice.

Crushed for iniquities.

I am the one who laughed and pointed.

Upon him was the punishment that made us whole.

I am the one for whom he died.

And by his bruises we are healed.

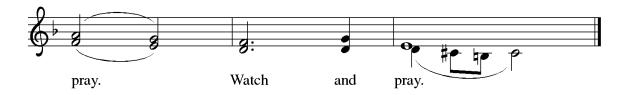
Father, forgive me, for I do not know what I do. I need your cross to make me whole.

Even as he hung on that cross, Jesus spoke words of love: to the thief, to his tormentors, to a world of sinners our Lord says, "I will remember your sins no more." For you he carried the cross. For you he bled and died. For you are his words of love. **Amen.**

Hymn

Stay With Me (sing three times through) ELW 348





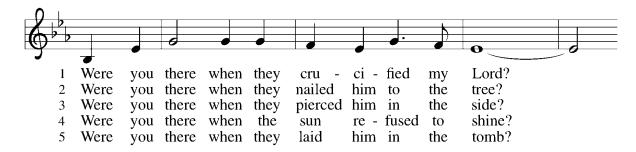
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Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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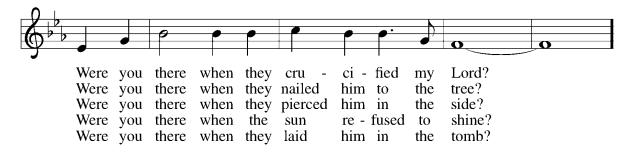
Reading Seven | **John 19:17-36**

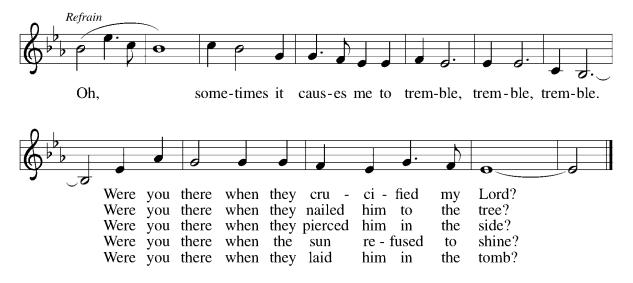
Hymn

Were You There? ELW 353

Janice Gibbs Bassoon







Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THÊRE, African American spiritual

The Christ Candle is Extinguished

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

It is finished.

Depart in Silence

Serving in Worship

| Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry | Pr. Kirsten Lee |
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| Cross Bearer | Dan Carney |
| Readers | Bill McCullough, Ruth Naber, Jim Neumann |
| Greeter | Ruthann Neumann, Ruth McAndrews |
| Ushers | Deb & Mike Kirby |
| Sound System | Russ Finkler |
| Altar Guild | Gloria Lange |
| Tech Assistant | Vey Rodriguez |
| Heart & Voice Choir Director | |
| Organist | |
| Pianist | Kathi Parrish |

Join us for Easter Sunday Services

Easter Sunday April 20 8:30am & 10:30am

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