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earth

GOOD FRIDAY: SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

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The Rev. Kurt Christenson, pastor

Bill Engel, organ

Jan Neuhaus, Cantor

Elizabeth Connolly, Paul Engel, Jan Neuhaus, & Billie Thompson, singers

Omari Abdul-Alim, violin

Brian Jensen, sound, video, & computer

+ *Seen as part of the larger celebration of the mystery of salvation, it is appropriate for Good Friday to be a time of serious reflection and prayer. As the day draws to its close and the evening worship begins we are reminded that on the day of Christ's death there was darkness earlier in the day, from noon until three in the afternoon.*

Tenebrae (which means "shadows") is a service that remembers that dark and abandoned time for our Lord. The central focus is simply the cross. The gradual extinguishing of the candles following readings or chanted psalms was a very early distinguishing mark of this service.

Good Friday Tenebrae services were shaped by these traditions as early as the 11th and 12th centuries. They grew out of the continuation of night prayer which followed the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday. By the morning or noon hours of prayer on Good Friday the Passion Narrative was intoned either by cantors or Monastic choirs. Throughout the service of shadows the sanctuary became darker – even during the daylight hours. As the Passion Narrative was heard again (as it had been on the Sunday preceding), the dying candles came to signify both the desertion of the disciples and the ebbing of Jesus' life.

The order of today's Tenebrae service takes us into the "growing shadows" of Judas' betrayal, the disciples' desertion, Jesus' unshared vigil in Gethsemane, and then his rejection, crucifixion, death and burial. Each of Jesus' final words from the cross is recorded in the four Gospels.

As we contemplate Christ's death for us we think about our sin and his sacrifice: the many betrayals and rejections occurring within the church during these days, the times when we, like sheep have gone astray – deserting a friend, denying Christ, or failing to endure the discipline of prayer. May our repentant prayer rise before God tonight, and enable us to rest our days and nights in the shadow of the cross. +

+ TENEBRAE +
SERVICE of SHADOWS
and
ADORATION of THE CROSS
+

We begin in silence for meditation.

At any time, during or following the service you are encouraged to come forward, as the Spirit guides, to the foot of the cross for personal reflection and adoration. You may add yourself to the lives which Jesus bears this day in the form of a nail.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

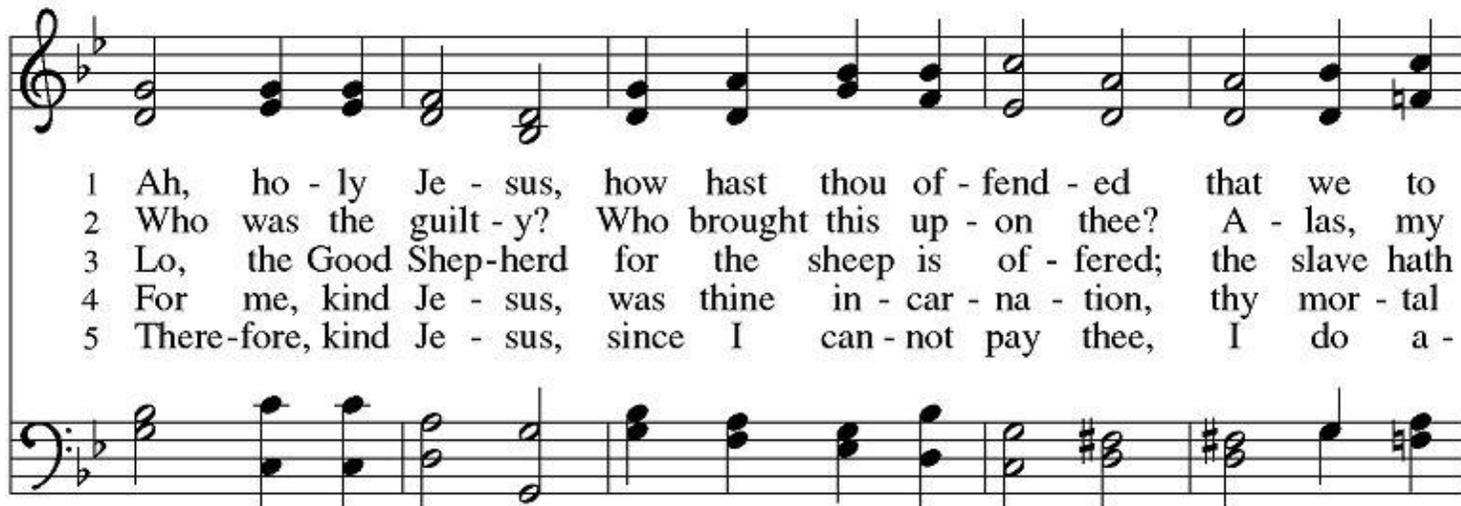
READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

The suffering servant.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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

The merciful high priest.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22

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**refrain:*

My God, my God, why have you for - sak - en me?

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?

**My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;
by night, but I | find no rest.**

Yet you are the | Holy One,
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

**Our ancestors put their | trust in you,
they trusted, and you | rescued them. R**

They cried out to you and | were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

**But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,
scorned by all and despised | by the people.**

All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.

**“Trust in the Lord; let the | Lord deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.” R**

Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,
and kept me safe on my | mother’s breast.

**I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my | mother’s womb.**

Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,
and there is no | one to help.

**Many young bulls en- | circle me;
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me. R**

They open wide their | jaws at me,
like a slashing and | roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**

My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.

**Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;
they pierce my hands | and my feet. R**

I can count | all my bones
while they stare at | me and gloat.

**They divide my gar- | ments among them;
for my clothing, | they cast lots.**

But you, O Lord, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.

Deliver me | from the sword,

my life from the power | of the dog.

Save me from the | lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

I will declare your name | to my people;

in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you. R

You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off- | spring of Israel.

For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hid- | den from them;

but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.

From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.

The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

For dominion belongs | to the Lord,

who rules o- | ver the nations. R

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the Lord.

Their descendants shall | serve the Lord,

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,

saying to them, "The | Lord has acted!" **R**

Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes

Text: Thomas B. Pollock

Following each of Christ's last words, one candle will be extinguished.

THE FIRST WORD: Luke 23:33-34a

I. Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

1 Jesus, in thy dying woes,
even while thy lifeblood flows,
craving pardon for thy foes:
hear us, holy Jesus.

2 Savior, for our pardon sue
when our sins thy pangs renew,
for we know not what we do:
hear us, holy Jesus.

3 Oh, may we, who mercy need,
be like thee in heart and deed,
when with wrong our spirits bleed:
hear us, holy Jesus.

THE SECOND WORD: Luke 23: 39-43

II. I tell you this: today you shall be with me in Paradise.

4 Jesus, pitying the sighs
of the thief, who near thee dies,
promising him paradise:
hear us, holy Jesus.

5 May we in our guilt and shame
still thy love and mercy claim,
calling humbly on thy name:
hear us, holy Jesus.

6 May our hearts to thee incline,
looking from our cross to thine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine:
hear us, holy Jesus.

THE THIRD WORD: John 19: 25b-27

III. Mother, there is your son! There is your mother!

7 Jesus, loving to the end
her whose heart thy sorrows rend,
and thy dearest human friend:
hear us, holy Jesus.

8 May we in thy sorrows share,
for thy sake all peril dare,
and enjoy thy tender care:
hear us, holy Jesus.

9 May we all thy loved ones be,
all one holy family,
loving for the love of thee:
hear us, holy Jesus.

THE FOURTH WORD: Matthew 27:45-46

IV. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

10 Jesus,whelmed in fears unknown,
with our evil left alone,
while no light from heav'n is shown:
hear us, holy Jesus.

11 When we seem in vain to pray
and our hope seems far away,
in the darkness be our stay:
hear us, holy Jesus.

12 Though no Father seem to hear,
though no light our spirits cheer,
may we know that God is near:
hear us, holy Jesus.

THE FIFTH WORD: John 19:28-30

V. I thirst!

13 Jesus, in thy thirst and pain,
while thy wounds thy lifeblood drain,
thirsting more our love to gain:
hear us, holy Jesus.

14 Thirst for us in mercy still;
all thy holy work fulfill;
satisfy thy loving will:
hear us, holy Jesus.

15 May we thirst thy love to know;
lead us in our sin and woe
where the healing waters flow:
hear us, holy Jesus.

THE SIXTH WORD

VI. It is accomplished!

16 Jesus, all our ransom paid,
all thy Father's will obeyed;

by thy suff'rings perfect made:
hear us, holy Jesus.

17 Save us in our soul's distress;
be our help to cheer and bless,
while we grow in holiness:
hear us, holy Jesus.

18 Brighten all our heav'nward way
with an ever holier ray
till we pass to perfect day:
hear us, holy Jesus.

THE SEVENTH WORD: Luke 23:45-46

VII. Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit

19 Jesus, all thy labor vast,
all thy woe and conflict past;
yielding up thy soul at last:
hear us, holy Jesus.

20 When the death shades round us low'r,
guard us from the tempter's pow'r,
keep us in that trial hour:
hear us, holy Jesus.

21 May thy life and death supply
grace to live and grace to die,
grace to reach the home on high:
hear us, holy Jesus.

Text: Thomas B. Pollock, 1836

READING: John 19:31-42

The burial of Jesus.

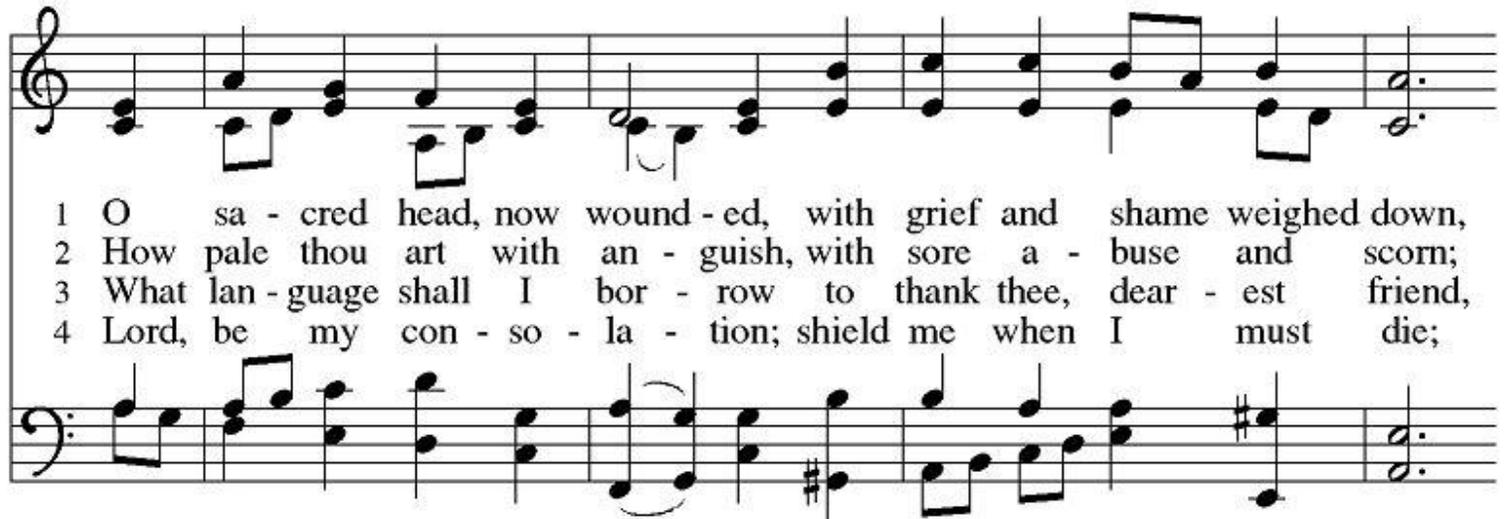
The passion of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

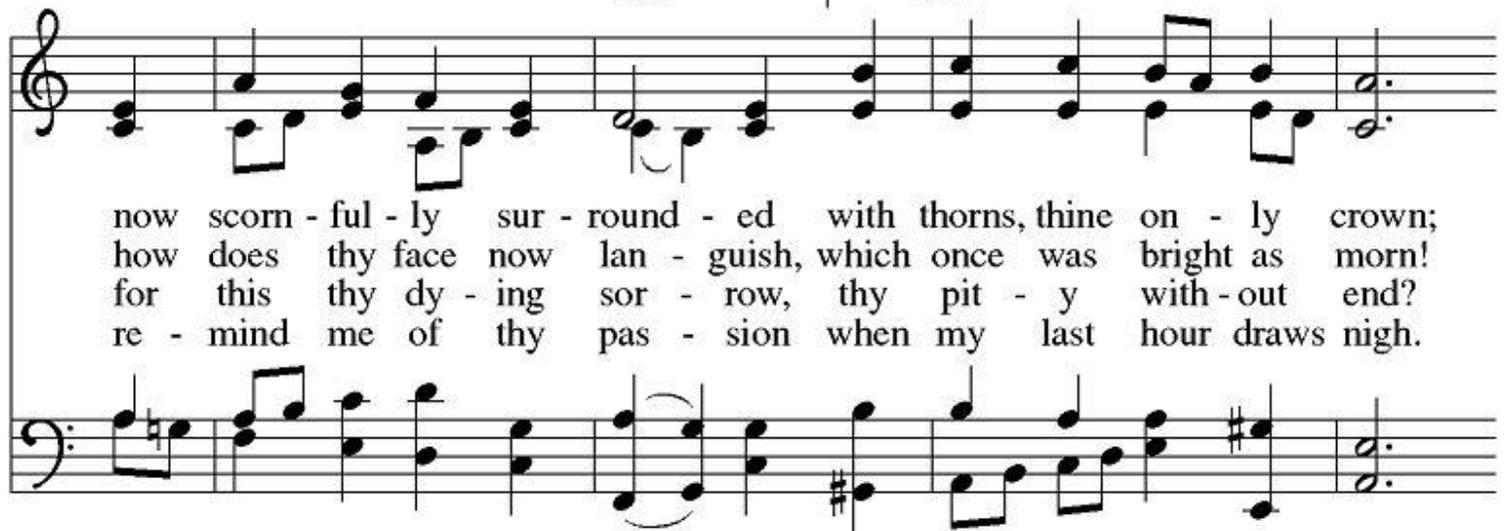
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HYMN OF THE DAY **standing*

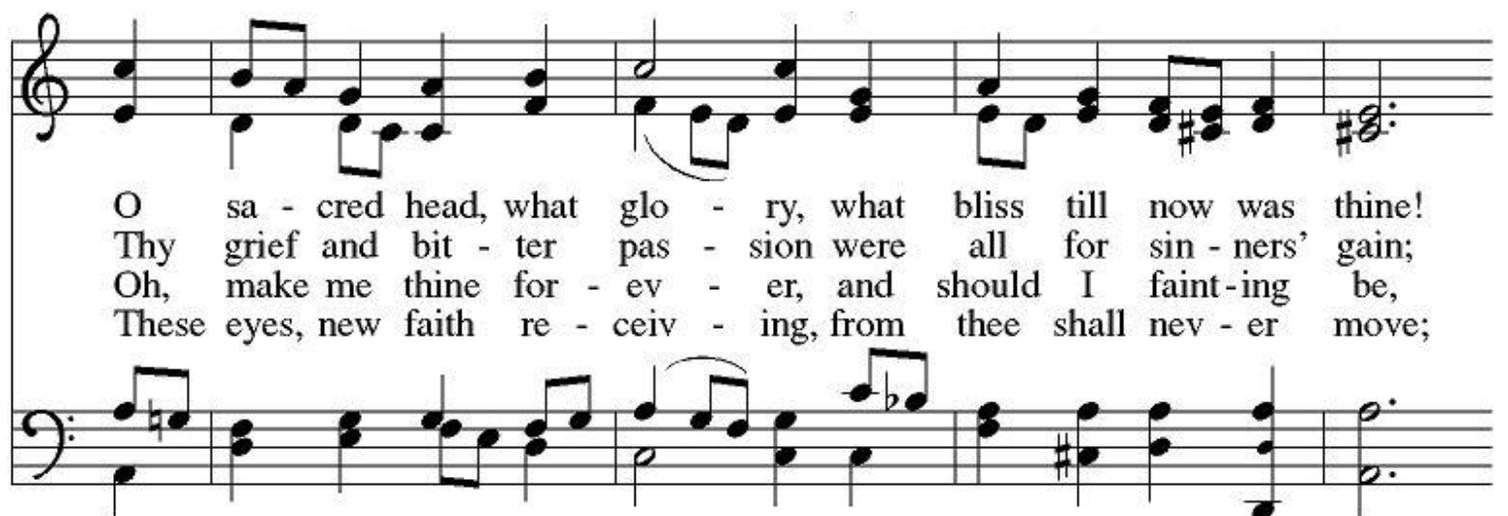
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans-gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite
Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612;
arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

THE BIDDING PRAYER

A Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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A Let us pray for Elizabeth Eaton and Andy Taylor our bishops, for Kurt our pastor, for our parish and TACO staff, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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A Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and

keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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A Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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A Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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A Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all might long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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A Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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A Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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A Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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The Service of Shadows concludes in silence.

There is no benediction or dismissal.

The assembly may remain for prayer and meditation, or depart quietly.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

March 28

10:00 a.m.

Church Patio

Maundy Thursday

April 1

5:00 p.m.

Church Patio

Good Friday

April 2

5:00 p.m.

Church Patio

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of Our Lord

April 4

6:30 a.m.

Sunrise Service at Ski Beach, Mission Bay, with Christ Lutheran Church

9:00 a.m.

Church Patio

10:30 a.m.

Church Sanctuary (for those vaccinated)

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