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Resurrection Lutheran Church is called by God, to reach beyond our walls and share the Good News, bringing Christ to the world through Prayer, Love, and Action.

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Good Friday

TENEBRAE WORSHIP FOR GOOD FRIDAY

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the medieval common folk during Holy Week. Today we join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. We ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering through mounting darkness; through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

O people, lament your great sin, for the sake of which Christ left his Father’s bosom and came to earth. Of a pure, gentle virgin Jesus was born for us; he gave life to the dead and put aside all sickness until the time arrived that he should be sacrificed for us. He bore the heavy burden of our sins stretched out on the cross.

Greeting

The light has come into the world, and the world loved darkness rather than light.

God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them unto the Lord.

Hymn

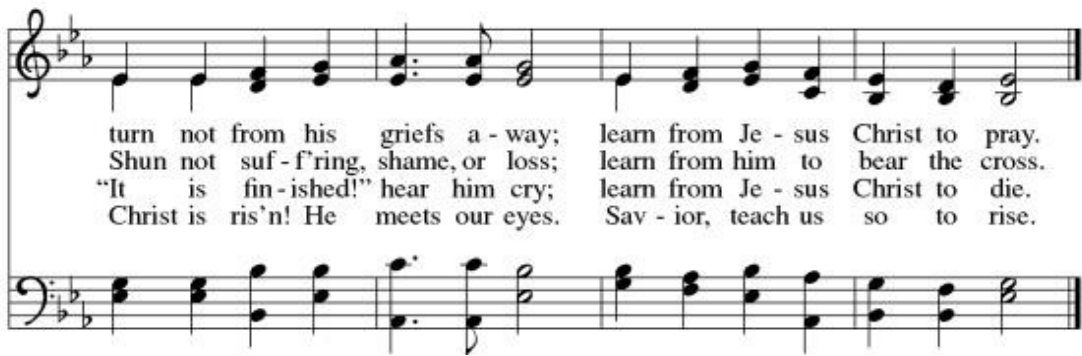
ELW #347

Go to Dark Gethsemane

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment.

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor-ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;

your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit-ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray: *A brief silence.*

Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your children gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of his passion; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.
Amen.

It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be, that God's own Son should come from heav'n, and die to save a child like me. And yet I know that it is true: He chose a poor and humble lot, and wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died, for love of those who loved him not. I sometimes think about the Cross, and shut my eyes, and try to see the cruel nails and crown of thorns, and Jesus crucified for me. But even I could see him die, I should but see a little part of that great love, which, like a fire, is always burning in his heart. And yet I want to love thee, Lord; O light the flame within my heart, and I will love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art.

—Text by William W. How

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: Revelation 6:12-17

Meditation: Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

The Shadow of Betrayal

Reading: Luke 22:1-6

Musical Response

The Shadow of the Agony of the Spirit

Reading: Matthew 26:36-44

Musical Response

The Shadow of Arrest

Reading: Mark 14:43-49

Spoken Response

The Shadow of Desertion

Reading: Mark 14:50, 66-72

Musical Response

The Shadow of Accusation

Reading: Matthew 27:11-18, 21-26

Musical Response

The Shadow of Crucifixion & Humiliation

Reading: Matthew 27:27-37

Spoken Response

The Shadow of Death

Reading: Matthew 27:45-54

Musical Response

The Shadow of Burial

Reading: John 19:38-42

Musical Response “Were You There” Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

Silent Reflection

The Christ Candle Is Restored

Hymn

ELW #342

There in God's Garden

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions;
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - fering;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree see of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
see there the ten - drills our hu - man -
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 that were a present far too small.
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 demands my soul, my life, my all.

Dismissal

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross,
 keep you and strengthen you.

Amen.

The People Leave in Silence

