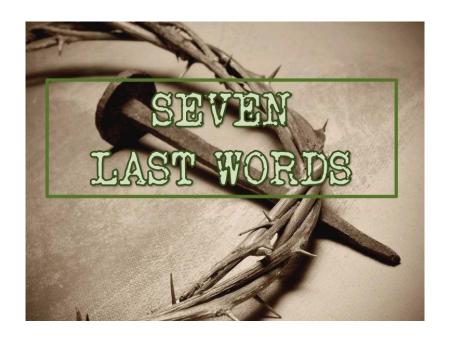


Risen Christ Lutheran Church Good Friday Tenebrae Service April 2, 2024 7pm

REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER, PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ THROUGH YOUR WORSHIP FOLDER TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP.



Risen Christ Lutheran Church 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 734.453.5252 www.risenchrist.info **ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION** – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ's body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by takin g it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the "individual" and "common" cups of wine. (Note: White Non-Alcoholic Wine is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby ("Narthex")

For Children - Children's Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

The message of our Tenebrae Service tonight is from the Scriptures, hymns, songs, and prayers as we focus on the Biblical Account of the crucifixion and Christ's last words from the cross.

Psalm 22:1–31 Chanted by Pr. Rennie (Please follow along with the insert)

Invocation and Prayer

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously be with us for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross that He might draw the whole world to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our forgiveness and life may also glory in His call to take up our cross and follow Him; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wonderous cross, On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride. See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

CHORUS: O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!

Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.

O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!

All who gather here, by grace draw near,

And bless Your Name.....

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. **CHORUS**

ENDING: Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Reading John 18:28—19:16

²⁸Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." ³²This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him,

they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵They 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." ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus,

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Confession and Absolution

- Throughout these days of Lent, we have solemnly and reflectively followed Jesus' mission for the salvation of the world. Tonight as we confront the culmination of Jesus' Passion, we are compelled to face the harsh reality of our sin and the brokenness that it brings.
- Lord God, we need Your grace. We need Your forgiveness. We have failed to follow Your will. We have refused to obey Your law. We are unable to fulfill Your plan. We are crushed under the weight of our sin, and tonight the harsh reality of sin's horror hangs heavy around us. It is sin that made the cross necessary. It is our sin that required the Savior's death. Lord, we need Your grace. We need Your forgiveness.
- P We need a Savior. It was sin that made the cross necessary, but it was love that drove Jesus to the cross and held Him there. It was love for you. Because of His love and His perfect sacrifice, your sins have been covered. The debt has been paid. The burden has been removed. As you hear and experience that reality tonight, you know throughout that you have God's grace. You have God's forgiveness in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

"Were You There"

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

The First Word

Luke 23:32–34

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

P O Lord, have mercy on us. C Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. When You were mocked, You did not respond with harsh words. When You were tormented, You did not react in anger. When You were nailed to the cross, You prayed for the forgiveness of those who caused You to suffer. Give to us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and a forgiving spirit. Teach us also to love our enemies, and as children of the heavenly Father, to live in Your peace.

Blessed Redeemer

 Up Calvry's mountain one dreadful morn Walked Christ my Savior weary and worn Facing for sinners death on a cross That He might save them from endless loss

CHORUS: Blessed Redeemer
Precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree
Wounded and bleeding for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding
Dying for me

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- **2.** Father forgive them my Savior prayed Ev'n while His lifeblood flowed fast away Praying for sinners while in such woe No one but Jesus ever loved so **CHORUS**
- **3.** Oh how I love Him Savior and Friend How can my praises ever find end Through years unnumbered on Heaven's shore My song shall praise Him forevermore **CHORUS**

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The Second Word

Luke 23:35–43

³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Prayer

- Lord Jesus Christ, in Your infinite mercy, You heard the plea of the dying thief on the cross next to You. We pray that You would open our hearts to welcome those who turn to You, and rejoice in their salvation. When our last hour comes, hold us firm in our faith, and bring us also to live with You in paradise.
- C Amen.

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
 The emblem of suffering and shame
 And I love that old cross
 where the dearest and best

 For a world of lost sinners was slain

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world Has a wondrous attraction for me For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above To bear it to dark Calvary **CHORUS**

CHORUS: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross

Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross

And exchange it some day for a crown

3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me CHORUS

4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear Then He'll call me some day to my home far away Where His glory forever I'll share **CHORUS** The Third Word John 19:25–27

²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Prayer

- P Lord Jesus Christ, while You suffered the agony of the cross, Your thoughts turned to the welfare of others. Your concern was for Your mother in her sorrow. We pray that You would regard with pity all parents who mourn the death of their children, and all parents who sorrow because their children have gotten into trouble or forsaken their faith. By the power of Your healing, we pray that parents and children know peace and that relationships be restored.
- Amen.

Above All

Above all powers, above all kings Above all nature and all created things Above all wisdom and all the ways of man You were here before the world began Above all kingdoms, above all thrones Above all wonders the world has ever known Above all wealth and treasures of the earth There's no way to measure what You're worth

Crucified, laid behind the stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all

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The Fourth Word Matthew 27:45–47

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Prayer

- Lord God, Father of all people and Creator of all that exists, You hold all people in Your power. We pray that You would not forsake the world that Your Son died to redeem. Even though we still see the influence of sin and evil all around us, assure us of Your continued presence in our midst. Help us to know Your love in our lives, so we can show Your presence to others.
- C Amen.

O God, Forsake Me Not



Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

→ everlasting. Amen.

O The Blood sung by Esther Kaufmann

O the blood crimson love Price of life's demand Shameful sin placed on Him The Hope of ev'ry man CHORUS: O the blood of Jesus washes me
O the blood of Jesus shed for me
What a sacrifice that saved my life
Yes the blood it is my victory

Savior Son Holy One Slain so I can live O see the Lamb the great I Am Who takes away my sin

BRIDGE: O the blood of the Lamb
O the blood of the Lamb
O the blood of the Lamb
The precious blood of the Lamb
What a sacrifice that saved my life
Yes the blood it is my victory

O what love no greater love Grace how can it be That in my sin yes even then He shed His blood for me

ENDING: What a sacrifice that saved my life Yes the blood it is my victory

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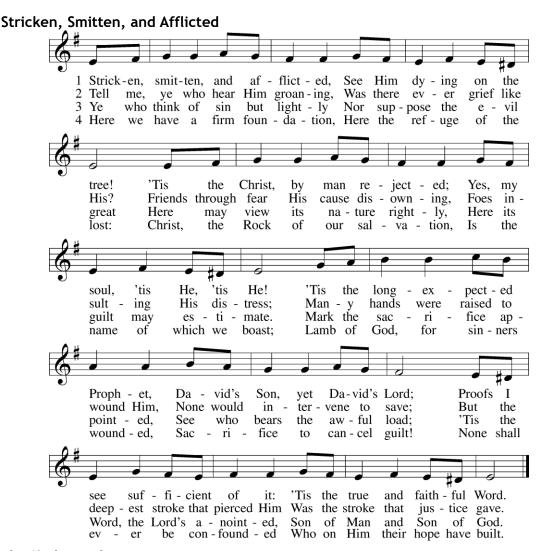
The Fifth Word John 19:28–29

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Prayer

- Lord Jesus Christ, You endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing that only You can provide. When we find ourselves suffering, give us peace and patience to endure the pain that comes our way. Bring to our minds all that You endured for us, and give us the strength to bear our burdens by the grace of Your holy example.
- C Amen.



The Sixth Word John 19:29–30

²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

P O Lord, have mercy on us. C Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father for the sake of us and the world. We pray that You would complete in us also everything that You intend for us, so that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for His glory. • Amen.



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The Seventh Word

Luke 23:44-46: Matthew 27:51

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer

- Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace, that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.
- C Amen.

The Power of the Cross sung by Esther Kaufmann

 Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
 Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

CHORUS: This, the power of the cross;
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

2. Oh, to see the pain written on your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Every bitter thought, every evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow. **CHORUS** **3.** Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath Quakes as it's Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the victory cry. *CHORUS*

4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

FINAL CHORUS: This, the power of the cross; Son of God slain for us. What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven! At the cross.

Offering Announcement

Reading John 19:38–42

³⁸After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Strepitus – The loud, sudden sound following the Lord's Prayer is to symbolize the death of Jesus and the closing of the tomb. As we depart from this service in silent meditation, we remember our need for deliverance and forgiveness and the price paid for achieving and fulfilling God's promises. It is finished.

Silence for Meditation... Please depart in silence.

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