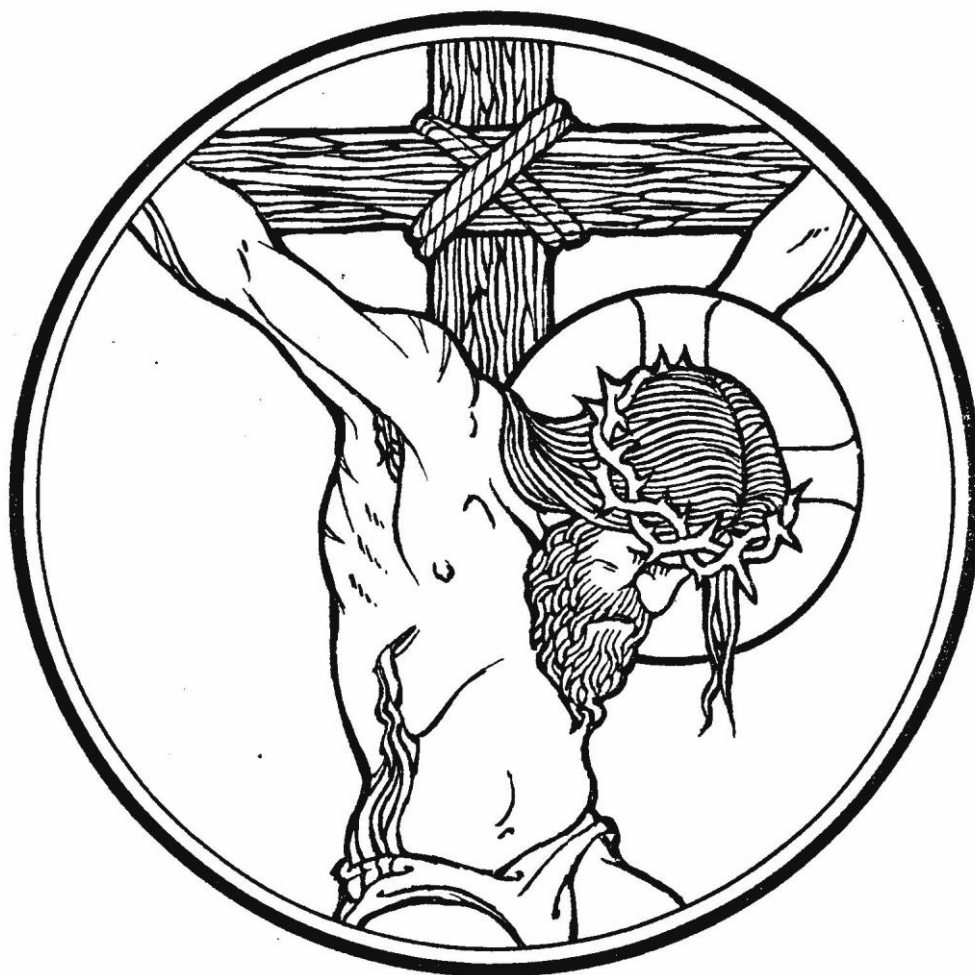


# LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good Friday Tenebrae

A Service of Light and Darkness



**It is Finished**

This Good Friday Service is an adaptation of the ancient Tenebrae service. Originally a monastic morning office anticipated in the evening, it was appointed for Holy Wednesday. Ours is a service of prayer, hymnody and seven readings that moves from light into darkness as a candle is extinguished after each reading. The diminishing light symbolizes the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. After the last reading the remaining candle is taken in procession out of the nave. The Strepitus (the great noise) liturgically represents the earthquake, as creation groans at the death of its Creator. After the Strepitus the candle is returned to its place, as the light that shines in the darkness and is not overcome. Strict silence is kept until the congregation leaves the church building. It is a salutary custom to keep this reverent silence until sleep. The omission of the benediction indicates the continuity of Good Friday with the Holy Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday Eucharist. At the close of the service the minister and congregation leave in silence. Worshipers are encouraged to remain for prayer and meditation, before leaving in silence.

*The liturgy begins in silence after all have been seated. The minister processes into the worship space in silence.*

## Invocation

- P** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Collect for Good Friday

- P** Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

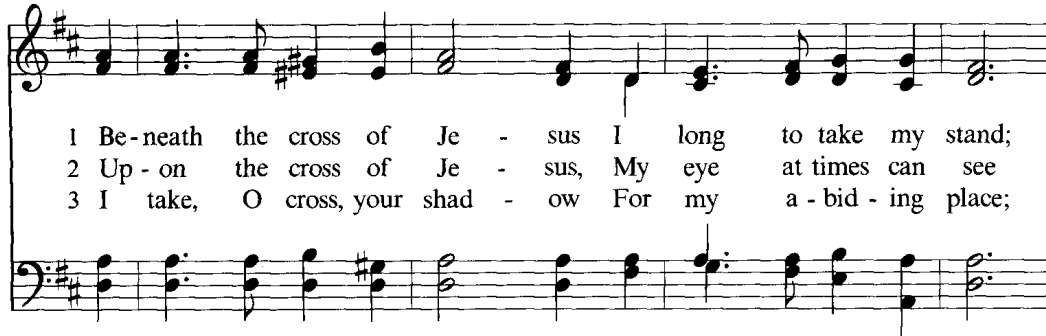
Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

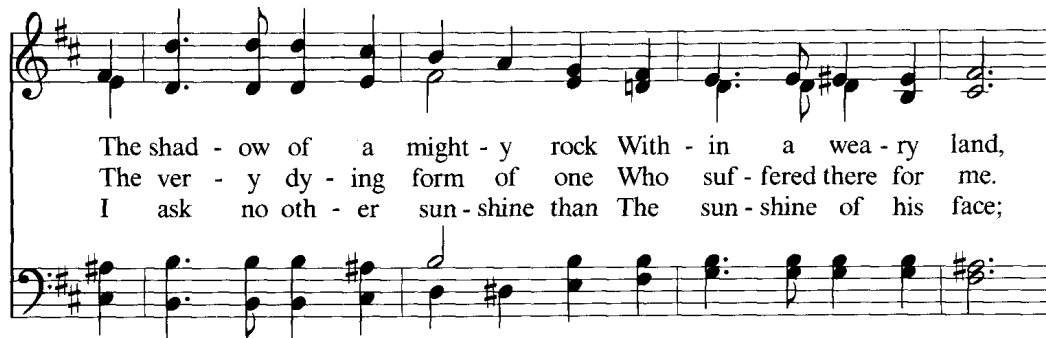
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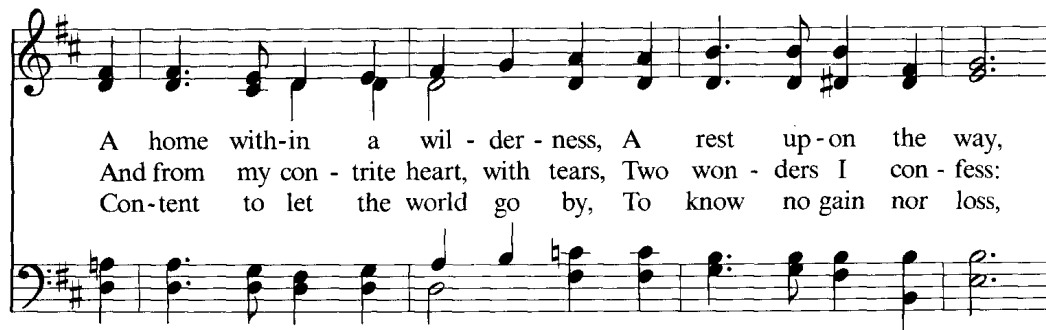
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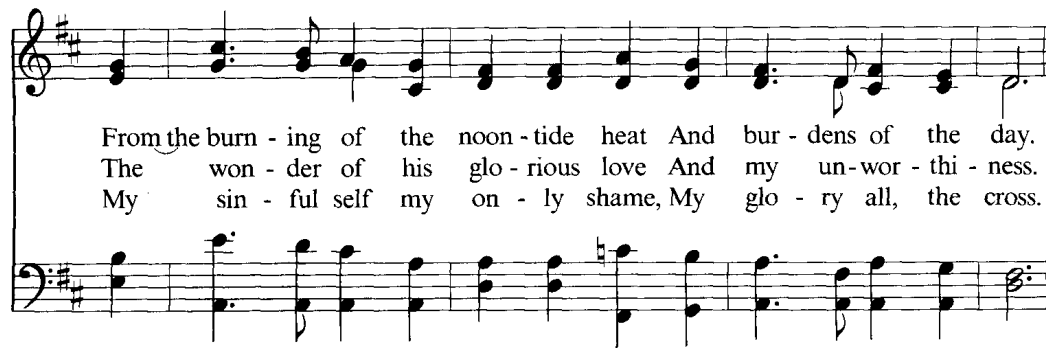
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, My eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place;



The shad - ow of a might - y rock With - in a wea - ry land,  
 The ver - y dy - ing form of one Who suf - fered there for me.  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of his face;



A home with-in a wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the way,  
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, Two won - ders I con - fess:  
 Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,



From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat And bur - dens of the day.  
 The won - der of his glo - rious love And my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all, the cross.

*Silent prayer.*

## The Darkness of Misunderstanding

The Words in the Temple: John 2:13-21

*The first candle is extinguished – silence follows each candle in succession.*

### Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (stanzas 1 & 2)



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est



## The Darkness of Betrayal

The Words in the Upper Room: Matthew 26:14-29

*The second candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn

Glory Be to Jesus (stanzas 1,2,4 & 6)



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;  
6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, Swell the might - y flood;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.  
Loud - er still and loud - er Praise the pre - cious blood!



## The Darkness of Temptation

The Words in the Garden: Matthew 26:30-31, 36-46

*The third candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane (stanzas 1-3)



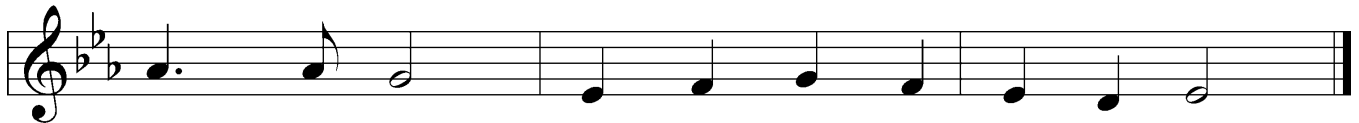
1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!  
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.



## The Darkness of Injustice

The Words of the Trial: Mark 14:53, 57-64, 15:1

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn

O Sacred Head Now Wounded (stanzas 3-4)

3 What lan-guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,  
4 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;

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 make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,  
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,

Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.  
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.



## The Darkness of Denial

The Words in the Courtyard: Mark 14:66-72

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn

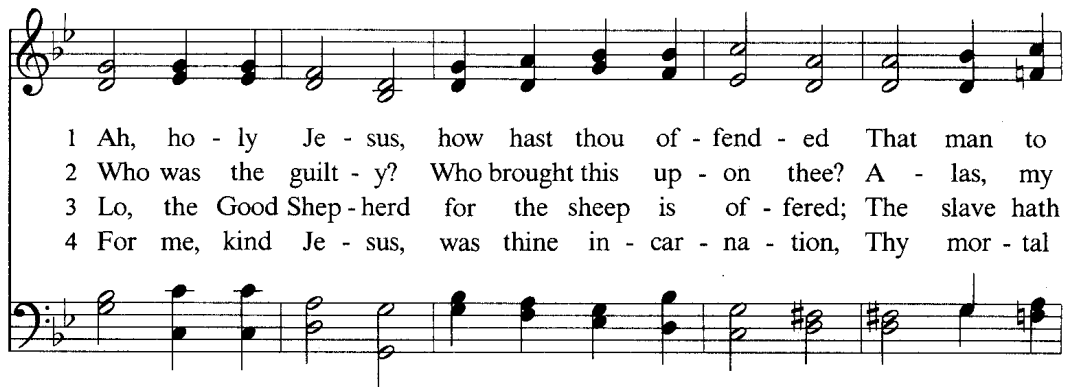
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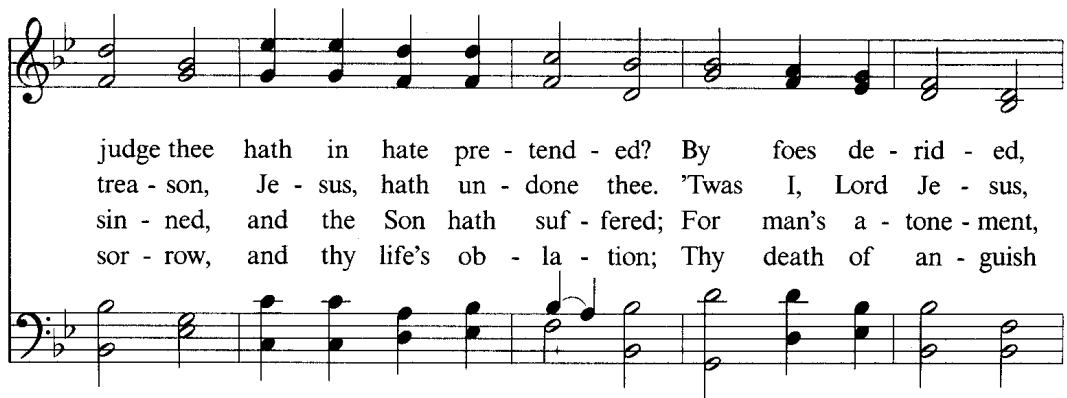


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# Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed That man 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



judge thee hath 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 man's a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; Thy death of an - guish



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
 and thy bit - ter Pas - sion, For my sal - va - tion.

- 5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
 I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
 Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
 Not my deserving.



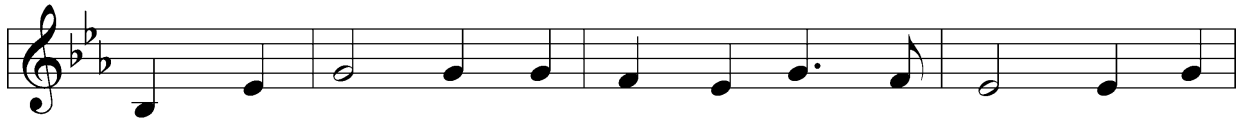
## The Darkness of Rejection

The Words before Pilate: Luke 23:13-25

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn

### Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you  
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you  
4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...  
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...  
there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
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Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
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## **The Darkness of Crucifixion**

The Words at the Cross: John 19:17-30

*The final candle is carried out.*



## **The Strepitus**



## **Tolling of the Bell**

*The bell is tolled thirty three times, once for each year of Jesus' earthly life.*

*The Christ candle is returned in anticipation of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.*

*The congregation departs after a time of silent meditation.*

Our worship continues with the Service of the Word for Easter Sunday.