



April 2, 2021

REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY



Welcome To Redeemer!

We are a church that exists to glorify God by making disciples, living in community, and doing good to all. If you are visiting our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community.

Good Friday service is a sacred service for the Christian, as we remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross for our sins. It is intentionally a somber service, as we cannot truly enter into the joy of Easter morning if we do not confront the darkness at Golgotha, and our sin which made it necessary.

Our service tonight is a "Tenebrae" service which means "darkness." This service has a long history in the Christian church, and impresses upon our minds and hearts the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of our Savior's sacrifice as Jesus experienced the darkness of God's absence while on the cross. One candle will remain burning symbolizing that even in the midst of death and darkness, the forces of hell shall not prevail against the light of Christ, and that he will be raised again on the third day!

*Please join us for worship
on Easter Sunday at 8:30 am (mask mandatory)
or 10:30 am (mask optional)*

Good Friday
Tenebrae Service

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Reverend Elliott Pinegar

Opening Hymn “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”
Carrie Berkompas & Jenny Morrison

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

Responsive Reading

Psalm 69:1-4; 7-10; 19-21

The experience of darkness and grief of Psalm 69 is alluded to multiple times in the Gospels as finding fullest expression in the life and suffering of Jesus. He was hated without cause (John 15:25), was consumed with zeal for God's house and bore reproach (John 2:17), and was utterly forsaken and given sour wine by his enemies (Matthew 27:48). Praise God for such a Savior!

Pastor: Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

People: I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;

Pastor: I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

People: I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched.

Pastor: My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

People: More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause.

Pastor: For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that dishonor has covered my face.

People: I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons.

Pastor: For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

People: When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach.

Pastor: You know my reproach and my shame and my dishonor;
my foes are all known to you.

People: Reproaches have broken my heart, so that I am in despair.

Pastor: I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters but I found none.

**People: They gave me poison for food,
and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 22 1-8; 16-18

This is the psalm of Lament that Jesus quoted while on the cross. The psalm expresses his experience of forsakenness, rejection, and shame during his suffering and death.

Pastor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

People: **O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.**

Pastor: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: **In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

Pastor: To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

People: **But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

Pastor: All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me;
they wag their heads;

People: **“He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**

Pastor: For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—

People: **I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;**

Pastor: they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

Hymn “Were You There”

Carrie Berkompas

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:36-46

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” ⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Meditation “The Cup of Christ”

Reverend Elliott Pinegar

Sermon Notes:

Tenebrae (Darkness)

Reading of the Passion History

First Reading: “Jesus Before Pilate” *John 18:28-40*

First Hymn “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

**O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

Second Reading: “Jesus Delivered to be Crucified” *John 19:1-6; 12-16*

Second Hymn “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

**What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.**

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

Third Reading: “The Crucifixion” *John 19:17-27*

Third Hymn “Man of Sorrows! What a Name

**Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

**Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

Fourth Reading: “The Death of Jesus” *John 19:28-37*

Fourth Hymn “Man of Sorrows! What a Name

**Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;
now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

**When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

Fifth Reading: “Jesus is Buried” *John 19:38-42*

Fifth Hymn “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

**How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

Sixth Reading: “Guards Secure Jesus’ Tomb” *Matthew 27:62-66*

Sixth Hymn “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.**

Prayer of Committal

Father, though now we watch and wait in darkness at the closed entrance of a tomb, we bring you praise for the death that conquers death and becomes the only path to life.
Forgive us when we forget that death is not the final word;
Forgive us when we fail to trust the resilience of your life;
Forgive us when we lose heart, and stop waiting for resurrection.
Remind us of your sacrifice, your love and your power;
And renew us in faith, we pray. Amen.

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