



April 15, 2022

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 10:15 am*

Good Friday
Tenebrae Service

Opening Prayer

Pastor Austin Reed

Opening Hymn "Were You There?"

Carrie Berkompas

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

Responsive Reading

Psalm 118:16-23

This Psalm was typically sung during the celebration of the Passover. Mark 14:26 tells us that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus celebrated Passover with his disciples. We read that after the meal, "when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." It is very likely that Psalm 118 is the song Jesus sang that night.

Pastor: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts,

People: the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!

Pastor: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

People: The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Pastor: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone.

Pastor: This is the LORD's doing;

People: and it is marvelous in our eyes.

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.

Gospel Reading

John 19:14-16

¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵ They 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." ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Meditation "The Paschal Hour"

Pastor Austin Reed

Meditation Notes:

Hymn Gethsemane

Jenny Morrison

To see the King of heaven fall
In anguish to His knees
The Light and Hope of all the world
Now overwhelmed with grief
What nameless horrors must He see
To cry out in the garden
Oh, take this cup away from me
Yet not my will but Yours
Yet not my will but Yours

To know each friend will fall away
And heavens voice be still
For hell to have its vengeful day
Upon Golgotha's hill
No words describe the Saviors plight
To be by God forsaken
Till wrath and love are satisfied
And every sin is paid
And every sin is paid

What took Him to this wretched place
What kept Him on this road?
His love for Adam's cursed race
For every broken soul
No sin too slight to overlook
No crime too great to carry
All mingled in this poisoned cup
And yet He drank it all
The Savior drank it all
The Savior drank it all

Tenebrae (Darkness)

Reading of the Passion History

First Reading: “The Betrayal of Jesus” *Matthew 26:36-56*

First Hymn #257 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (Verses 1-2)

Second Reading: “Jesus Before the High Priest” *Matthew 26:57-68*

Second Hymn #257 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (Verses 3-4)

Third Reading: “Jesus Before Pilate” *Matthew 27:11-26*

Third Hymn #247 “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (Verse 1)

Fourth Reading: “Jesus is Crucified” *Matthew 27:32-56*

Fourth Hymn #247 “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (Verses 2-3)

Fifth Reading: “Jesus is Buried” *Matthew 27:57-61*

Fifth Hymn #246 “Man of Sorrows! What a Name” (Verses 1-3)

Sixth Reading: “The Tomb is Sealed” *Matthew 27:62-66*

Sixth Hymn #246 “Man of Sorrows! What a Name” (Verses 4-5)

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.

The Session

Fred Janke
Bill Morrison
Tom Nussdorfer
Fred Weber
David Schafer (Emeritus)

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**Sunday School for all ages: 9 AM
Worship Service: 10:15 AM**

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