



Faith Lutheran Church
550 State Route 940
Pocono Lake, PA

Good Friday, April 15, 2022

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Worship Leader, Mr. John Lyman
Soloist, Mr. Phil Newlander
Organist, Mrs. Molly Finkbiner

*Those who are able. Please stand. You may stay seated if you are unable to stand.

Silent Procession

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

***Confession of the Cross**

I, if I be lifted up

Will draw all people unto me.

O Living Word, by our sin we have silenced you. Lord, Jesus Christ, by our sin....

By our unkindness, (pause after each petition)

By our angers,

By our jealousies,

By our hatred.... We have slain you.

O Living Word, by our sin we have silenced you. Lord, Jesus Christ, by our sin....

By our possessiveness,

By our greed,

By our covetousness,

By our lust... We have slain you.

O Living Word, by our sin we have silenced you, Lord Jesus Christ, by our sin....

By our doubts,

By our timidness,

By our fears,

By our suspicions.... We have slain you.

O Living Word, by our sin we have silenced you. Lord Jesus Christ, by our sin....

By our complacency,

By our smugness,

By our indifference,

By our self-centeredness... we have slain you.

Jesus is Arrested

Sung: Verse 1 – My Song is Love Unknown

LBW 94

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.

Oh, who am I that for my sake,
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Scripture: John 18: 1 – 14

When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it. Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons. Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?” “Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “I am he,” Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, “Who is it you want?” “Jesus of Nazareth,” they said. Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go.” This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: “I have not lost one of those you gave me.” Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) Jesus commanded Peter, “Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?” Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.

Silent Reflection

Prayer: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. In your greatness through the Father, you allowed yourself to be captured and cruelly treated for our sakes. We thank you, Lord, for the courage and generosity of your Son in walking to His death for us and the covering of our sins. We humbly come before you to recognized such a great gift. Amen

(The first candle is extinguished.)

Peter Denies Jesus

Sung: Verse 2

LBW 94

He came from his blest throne, Salvation to bestow
But men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know;
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend.

Scripture: John 18: 15 – 27

Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest’s courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in. “You aren’t one of this man’s disciples too, are you?” she asked Peter. He replied, “I am not.” It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself. Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. “I have

spoken openly to the world,” Jesus replied. “I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said.” When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” he demanded. “If I said something wrong,” Jesus replied, “testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?” Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, “You aren’t one of his disciples too, are you?” He denied it, saying, “I am not.” One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the garden?” Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

Silent Reflection

Prayer: Almighty Father, you know all things. You know our human weaknesses as Peter displayed in the denial of Jesus. Help us to be brave for the sake of those who are in need of salvation. The witness to your saving grace and mercy through your Son are our responsibility. Please give us courage. Amen

(The second candle is extinguished.)

Pilate Questions Jesus

Sung : Verse 3

LBW 94

Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing resounding all the day,
Hosana to the king; Then Crucify’ is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.

Scripture: John 18: 28 – 40

Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?” “If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.” Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” “But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected.

This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die. Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens

to me.” “What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews?’” They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

Silent Reflection

Prayer: Dear Father, we know that we are tested by the evil one in our lives as Christians. Help us to keep in mind the strength of your Son’s presence in the face of sure death before Pilate. Encourage us in our own weaknesses to honor the majesty of your Power and Grace to all the world. Amen

(The third candle is extinguished.)

Scourged and Mocked

Sung: Verse 4

LBW 94

Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries, yet they at these, themselves displeased and
against him rise

Scripture: John 19: 1 – 7

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face. Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.”

When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!” But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.” The Jewish leaders insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

Silent Reflection

Prayer: Almighty God, protector of the weak and advocate for the poor in spirit, we come before you to seek your guidance in our walk through the pain and suffering of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Be in our hearts and minds as we listen and contemplate the suffering of Jesus Christ before Pilate on his walk toward the cross. We pray. Amen

(The fourth candle is extinguished.)

Pilate's Sentence

Sung: Verse 5

LBW 94

They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The prince of life they slay
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, That he his foes from thence might free.

Scripture: John 19: 8 – 16a

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?” Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” “Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked. “We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered. Finally, Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

Silent Reflection

Prayer: Dearest Jesus, you went before the punishing words and cruelty of Pilate in order to fulfill your Father’s plan to redeem me, even me, from the cruelty of the world. Your promise of salvation sits in our hearts and minds as a precious pearl, demonstrating the infinite love you have for your creatures. We thank you, Lord, Amen.

(The fifth candle is extinguished.)

The Crucifixion

Sung: Verse 6

LBW 94

In life, no house, no home My Lord on earth may have;
In death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What my I say, heaven was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Scripture: John 19: 16b – 25 a

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.” Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did. Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Silent Reflection

Prayer: Dear Lord, we grieve that our sin has caused such suffering and death. We are humbled in disbelief that such great suffering is for our redemption. We thank you, Lord. Amen

(The sixth candle is extinguished.)

Jesus Dies

Sung: Verse 7

LBW 94

Here might I say and sing – no story so divine!

Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.

This is my friend, in whose sweet praise, I all my days could gladly spend! Scripture:

John 19: 25b – 30

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The Strepitus (Crashing sound)

(The seventh candle is extinguished.)

Jesus is Buried

Scripture: John 19: 31 – 42

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Soloist – Were You There
Mr. Phillip Newlander

The Christ Candle is taken out of the sanctuary and then returned to the sanctuary signifying that the light of Christ is always with us.

Silent Recession

You may remain in the sanctuary for silent meditation if you wish.

*We return on Easter Sunday Morning at 9:30 am to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord.
Please join us!*