

Good Friday Worship
April 7, 2023
Our Savior's Lutheran, ELCA
"A Tenebrae Service of Silence and Shadows"

"The Cross of Christ/The Crown of Thorns"

Silence

L: Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again!

Prayer

Call to Worship

L: God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son, so that everyone who believes in God may not perish, but have eternal life.

C: We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

L: We have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

C: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Song "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" # 351 vs 1-2

Silence

Litany of Confession

L: Dear God, this day is filled with darkness and mourning, but we need to remember. Help us to remember.

C: We need to remember we are your creation and we are created in your image as reflections of your love.

L: We remember yesterday and we are sorry because we have failed in love and friendship. We have tried so hard but we have failed so miserably.

C: On this day of darkness, may your presence remove our sorrow and fill us with a new sense of purpose and fulfillment. Amen.

Declaration of God's Pardon

L: God, our heavenly Creator hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ, God's son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. The distance between God and us has been brought together by love made perfect in the sacrifice of Jesus. To those who believe God's word of truth comes the power to be the people of God. Praise God for the gift of love.

C: Amen

Song "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" # 351 vs 3-4

Silence

The Story of Christ's Passion and Love

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Song "They Crucified My Lord" # 350 (vs. 1)
John 18: 12-27
Song "They Crucified My Lord" # 350 (vs. 2)
John 18: 28-40
"They Crucified My Lord" # 350 (vs. 3)
John 19: 1-16
"They Crucified My Lord" # 350 (vs. 4)
John 19: 17-30
"They Crucified My Lord" # 350 (vs. 5)
Silent Prayer/Meditation
A Gift of Song Al & Jennifer Fredrickson
"The Crucifixion" by Samuel Barber

Closing Prayer of Shadows
Song "Ah, Holy Jesus" # 349 (vs. 1)
The Shadow of Betrayal
Song "Ah, Holy Jesus" # 349 (vs. 2)
The Shadow of Desertion
Song "Ah, Holy Jesus" # 349 (vs. 3)
The Shadow of an Unshared Vigil
Song "Ah, Holy Jesus" # 349 (vs. 4)
The Shadow of Accusation
Song "Ah, Holy Jesus" # 349 (vs. 5)
The Shadow of Crucifixion
Silent Reflection on the Cross
A Gift of Song- "Via Dolorosa" Kristi & Mark Ongalo
The Shadow of Death

Lord's Prayer
Silent Prayer/Mediation
The Announcement...

All Leave in Silence

Note: You are invited to stay for silent meditation and prayer as long as you would like. Some may wish to touch or even kiss the cross, you are welcome. Please leave the church in silence when you are ready.

If you have an **offering tonight**, please leave it in the basket in the back of the church as you leave.