# Beautiful Savior



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# Good Friday Tenebrae April 14, 2017

# **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

#### **TENEBRAE**

Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") is a devotional service based on various phases of our Lord's pilgrimage from the Upper Room to the Cross. It is intended to bring to mind and heart the closing hours of Jesus' Passion by recreating the unforgettable in word and symbol. As the service progresses, darkness is gradually produced by lights and candles being extinguished, symbolizing the darkness which surrounded the cross at Calvary.

### **CANDLES**

Candles are placed in the front of the church. Each of the smaller candles represent one particular event of Christ's passion (from the Latin word for "suffering"). The tallest candle, the Christ Candle, is not to be put out, but just as Christ's body was hidden in the grave until the third day, so this candle is removed and hidden for a short time.

At the end of the service, the Christ Candle is returned, giving testimony that we believe that Jesus Christ has conquered death, hell, sin and Satan for us and assures us of being reconciled with God and that by faith in him, we have eternal life.

#### **SILENCE**

The service begins in silence and ends in silence. Worshipers are invited to remain after the service for as long as they wish for prayer and meditation, but are asked to leave the sanctuary, courtyard, and parking lot in silence, leaving it in stillness and darkness until the dawn of a glorious Easter Day.



# **INVOCATION**

M: We join in solemn worship on this Good Friday in the name of God the Father, who offered up his Son; in the name of our self-sacrificing Savior Jesus; and in the name of the Holy Spirit, who led us to and keeps us in faith. Amen

### INTRODUCTION

PRAYER IN UNISON: Eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Help us to always be aware of the events that caused Jesus to be taken to the cross. As we become mindful of those who confronted Him with betrayal, denial, torture, rejections, mockery and hatred, we realize that these same traits might be found in our own lives. Help us to re-examine our inner selves in this hour, as we reflect on the lives of those who failed our Savior. As we recognize our sins that caused his crucifixion, grant us forgiveness and cleanse our lives of sin. Uplift us that we might see beyond the shadows of the cross, and find that our hope of life and salvation is in Him who came as the Light of the world—Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 369 Beautiful Savior

# **MEDITATION**

**READING: Isaiah 52:14-53:4** 

FIRST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

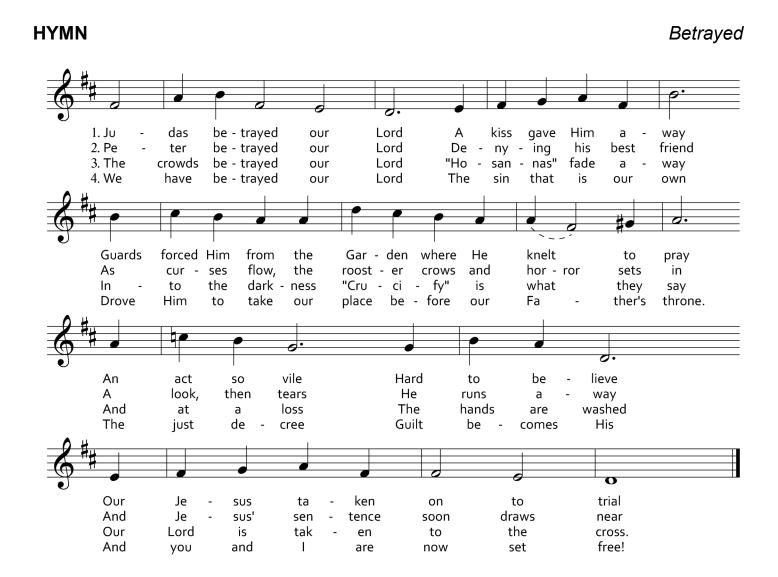
**HYMN** 98 stanzas 1-4

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

# **MEDITATION**

READING: Matthew 26:36-46

# **SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED**



# **MEDITATION**

READING: Matthew 27:32-40

THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

# Voices of Grace will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains.

# Refrain

O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down.

#### **Tone**



#### Refrain

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?

Why are you so far from | saving me?

I am a worm and | not a man,

scorned by everyone, despised by the | people.

All who see me | mock me;

they hurl insults, shaking | their heads.

"He trusts in the LORD," they say, "let the LORD | rescue him.

Let him deliver him, since he de- | lights in him." Refrain

My mouth is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;

you lay me in the | dust of death.

A pack of villains en- | circles me;

they pierce my hands | and my feet.

They divide my clothes a- | mong them

and cast lots for my | garment. Refrain

But you, LORD, do not be | far from me.

You are my strength; come quickly to | help me.

I will declare your name to my | people;

in the assembly I will | praise you.

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn | to the LORD,

and all the families of the nations will bow down be- | fore him,

They will proclaim his | righteousness,

declaring to a people yet unborn: He has | done it!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit,

as it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen. Refrain

#### **MEDITATION**

READING: Isaiah 53:4-11

FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

Congregation: stanzas 1 & 4, Choir: stanzas 2-3

### **MEDITATION**

READING: Matthew 27:45-54

# FIFTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

HYMN 138 Oh. Perfect Life of Love

#### **MEDITATION**

READING: Hebrew 7:23-27

# SIXTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

# **PIANO & CLARINETS**

The Lamb

During the song, the congregation may silently reflect on these words.

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, his will,
On our behalf the law to fill.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

# **MEDITATION**

**READING: Hebrews 9:26b-28** 

# **CHRIST CANDLE REMOVED**

SOLO Were You There

# CHRIST CANDLE RETURNED

# SILENT PRAYER

# SILENT DISMISSAL

Please stay as long as you would like to for meditation after the service. However, when you leave PLEASE LEAVE THE SANCTUARY, COURTYARD, AND PARKING LOT IN SILENCE, leaving it in stillness and darkness.

### **OFFERINGS**

Gifts of love for your Savior may be left in the plates at the doors before you leave.

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# Please join us on Easter as we celebrate our Savior's victory over sin, death, and hell:

# **Easter Celebrations**

# **Grace-Benson**

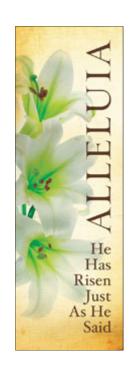
451 W. Duane Street

8:00 AM Easter Festival Worship 9:00 AM Easter Breakfast

### **Grace-Tucson**

830 N. 1st Avenue

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service8:00 AM Easter Breakfast9:00 AM Easter Concert10:00 AM Easter Festival Worship



# **Grace-Sahuarita**

17675 S. La Cañada Drive

9:00 AM Outdoor Festival Worship 10:00 AM Easter Breakfast

# **Grace-Vail**

Worshiping at Esmond Station K-8 9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way

9:00 AM Easter Breakfast 10:00 AM Easter Festival Worship

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