

Christ Lutheran

April 2, 2021



it is finished.

John 19:30

Good Friday

Setting the Scene this Good Friday

Tonight we celebrate the service of Tenebrae, the service of darkness. This service dates back to the early church and was often celebrated in several ways, but all with the same message: the passion and death of Jesus Christ for our sins and our victory over sin, death, and the devil. Tonight's Tenebrae adapts one of the richest traditions of its roots as we use seven candles, all centered around the seven last Words of Christ from His cross of death. As the service progresses, a Word of Christ from His cross will be read and a candle extinguished until all candles are out and the sanctuary is dark. PLEASE NOTE: At the end of the service we will be participating in the service of the nails. As you leave you will process to the large cross, throw your nail into a large metal bucket with the words, "My nail, my sin," and then depart in silence remembering the death of our Savior for you! The sound of the nails as they pound against the bucket call to mind the blows of the hammer and nails that pierced and tore the flesh of Jesus to crucify Him for our sins; truly the punishment we deserved has been placed on Him! May the Lord bless your Good Friday worship this night...

Prelude

Welcome

Processional Hymn

"Lift High the Cross" LSB 837 vv. 1-6

The Service of Confession, Meditation, and Prayer

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, as sinner.

P Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.

C Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, forgive me all my sins. Amen.

P Almighty God...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" LSB 340 (Sing three times)

A Brief Meditation

"Curtain"

The Service of Tenebrae

The First Word

Luke 23:32-34

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Him, along with the criminals—one on His right, the other on His left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up His clothes by casting lots.

Hymn

"The Lamb" LSB 547 vv.1-4

A moment of silence as one candle is extinguished

The Second Word

Luke 23:38-43

There was a written notice above Him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." Jesus answered Him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise."

Hymn

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 449 vv.1-4

A moment of silence as one candle is extinguished

The Third Word

John 19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Hymn

"What Child Is This" LSB 370 vv. 1-3

A moment of silence as one candle is extinguished

The Fourth Word

Mark 15:33-36

At the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"— which means "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, He's calling Elijah." One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave Him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take Him down," he said.

Hymn

"The Old Rugged Cross" Celebration Hymnal 327 vv.1-3

A moment of silence as one candle is extinguished

The Fifth Word

John 19:28-29

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the 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.

Hymn

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" LSB 447 vv. 1-3; 13-15

A moment of silence as one candle is extinguished

The Sixth Word

John 19:30

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, He bowed his head and gave up His spirit.

Hymn

"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537 vv.1-4

A moment of silence as one candle is extinguished

The Seventh Word

Luke 23:44-49

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." When He had said this, He breathed His last. The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous Man." When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew Him, including the women who had followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Hymn

"Were You There" LSB 456 vv.1-3

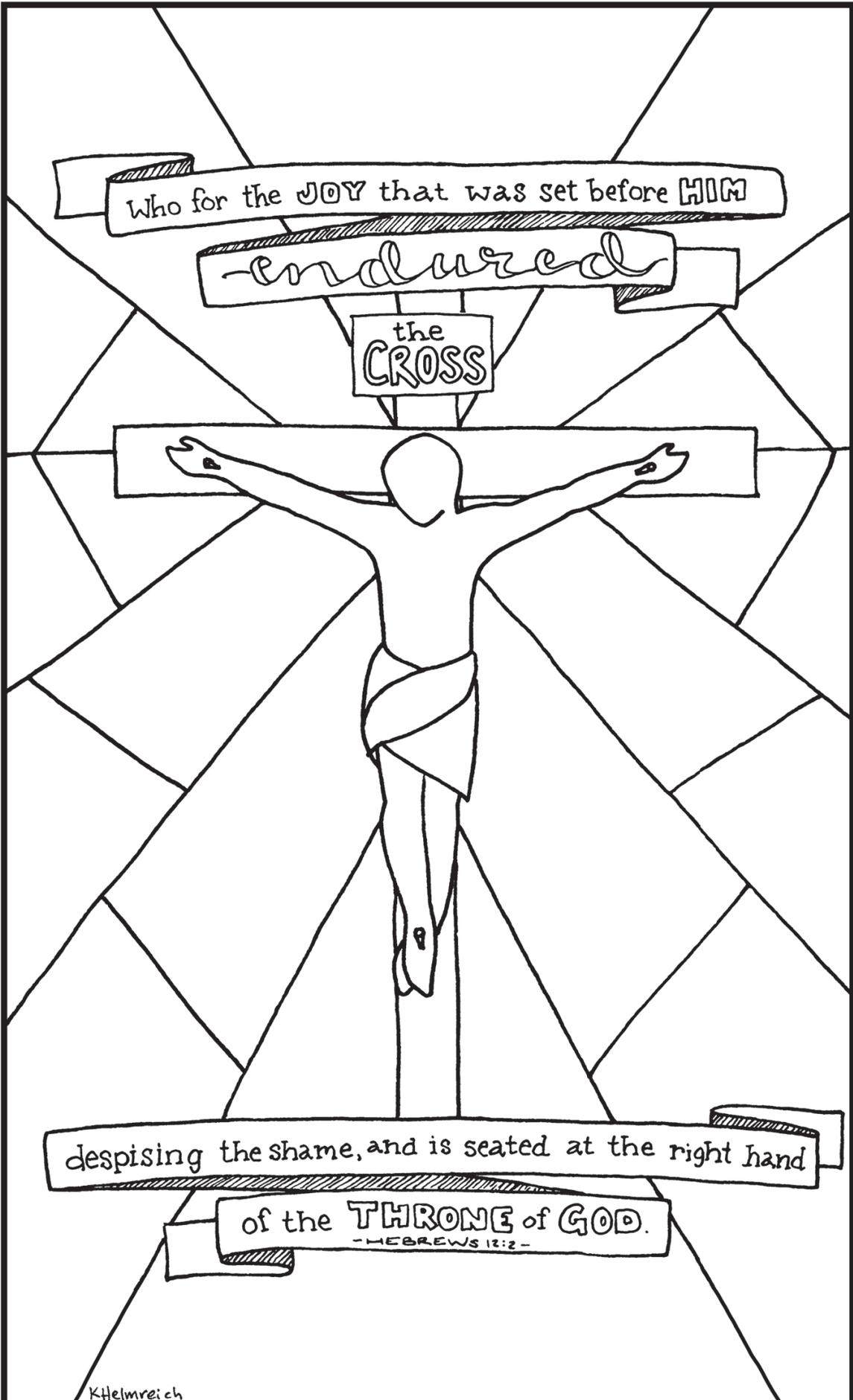
A moment of silence as one candle is extinguished

The closing of the Bible recalls the tomb of Christ our Savior being sealed

The Service of the Nails

As you feel led, please proceed forward to the cross for the service of the nails. Once at the cross, throw your nail into the metal bucket and say, "My nail; My sin!" Please leave in silence as you meditate, thanking our Father for the gift of His Son, Jesus our Savior! Go in peace...

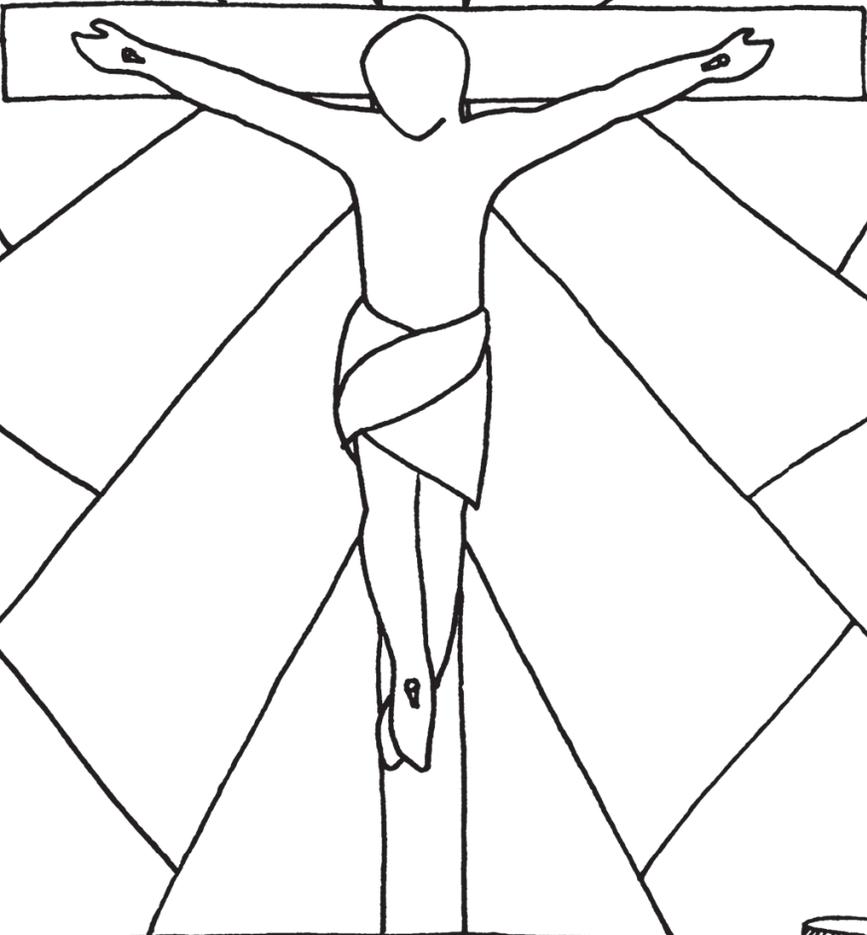




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CROSS



despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand

of the THRONE of GOD.
-HEBREWS 12:2-

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