

CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Cheshire, Connecticut
The Rev. Dr. David Rowold, Pastor

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE
April 18, 2025
7:30 PM

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *"Largo" by J. S. Bach; arranged by Frank Vasi; Frank Vasi, Tenor Saxophone soloist.*

PRAYER - *all may kneel*
Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Isaiah 52:13-53:12

PRAYER - *all may kneel*
Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(please be seated)

EPISTLE
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

ANTHEM - *The Parish Choir sings "The Lenten Path" by Ruth E. Shram.*

PRAYER - *all may kneel*
Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(please be seated)

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

(A candle is extinguished after each passage of the Passion.)

BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS
Text: Saint John 18:1-11

HYMN 450, v 1

JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST AND THE DENIAL OF PETER
Text: Saint John 18:12-27

HYMN 450, v 2

JESUS BEFORE PILATE
Text: Saint John 18:28-40

HYMN 450, v 3

JESUS PREPARED FOR CRUCIFIXION
Text: Saint John 19:1-16a

HYMN 450, v 4

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS
Text: Saint John 19:16b-24

HYMN 450, v 5

ANTHEM - *The Parish Choir sings "The Day the Savior Died for Me" by Valerie MacKenzie.*

JESUS' MOTHER AND HIS DEATH
Text: Saint John 19:25-30

HYMN 450, v 6

JESUS' SIDE IS PIERCED
Text: Saint John 19:31-42

HYMN 450, v 7

PRAYERS - *all may kneel*
Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ.

(each petition ends: Lord in your mercy; Hear our prayer!)

Finally let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask:

LORD'S PRAYER

(please be seated)

SENTENCE AND RESPONSE
Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world. **O come, let us worship Him.**

REPROACHES
(Sung by Pastor, Choir and Congregation)

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people.

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God Eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

(hymn 434 vs 1)

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer, ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn did offer. All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned over us. Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people.

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God Eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

(hymn 434 vs 2)

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer, ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn did offer. All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned over us. Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people.

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God Eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

(hymn 434 vs 3)

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer, ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn did offer. All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned over us. Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

THE ADORATION OF CHRIST

All may kneel

We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. **For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.**

God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us. We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. **For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.**

HYMN 456 vs 1, 2, 3 - *we sing, standing*

PRAYER - *all may kneel*

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever. Amen.
(please be seated)

POSTLUDE - *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" tune St. Christopher; setting by Peterson.*

After the Prayer, worshippers are asked to remain for brief personal meditation until the Postlude ends. Upon conclusion of the Postlude, worshippers may remain for personal prayer or recess from the nave in silence. May God's love, so richly expressed at the cross, sustain you. Go in His peace.

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Join us for worship on Easter Sunday – our service times and activities are:

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

9:10 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion



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