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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

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8:45 a.m.



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
“Forward in Faith and Mission”

GOOD FRIDAY

7 p.m.

April 3, 2026

+ THE CONGREGATION GATHERS IN SILENCE +

Christians around the world gather on this solemn day to remember the greatest sacrifice of love the world has ever seen. Even the anticipated celebration of our Lord's resurrection cannot diminish our horror at the sight of the very Son of God hanging on a cross in our place--stricken, smitten, and afflicted for us and for our salvation, because of our sin. In quiet reflection we ponder the great cost He paid for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Our Good Friday celebration is the “second act” of the great Triduum observed by the Church, spanning from Thursday to Sunday – the days of Christ’s betrayal, suffering, death, and resurrection.

Again, there will be no benediction during the service as this is part of the 3 days of worship. The offering will be at the door.

PRELUDE

Lamb of God

G. Bizet

Violin & Organ

Opening Hymn

439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
her - it, This I do mer - it.
owe Him, Who would not know Him.

Service of Preparation

All enter the church in silence.

Prophecy of the Suffering and Death of our Lord (from Isaiah 53)

Please Stand

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

C Amen.

P Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

C He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

P He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire him.

C He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

- P Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.
- C **Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.**

The Hymn

451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed
 Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
 see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.

Responsory

- P But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;
- C **the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.**
- P We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;
- C **and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

The Hymn

451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

Responsory

- P He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth;
C He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before Her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.
P He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death,
C though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

The Hymn

451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

3. Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

Responsory

- P After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied;
C by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities.
P Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

C For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Hymn

451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

4. Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

Confession & Absolution

P Let us pray. Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for self-examination and reflection on God's Word.)

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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 sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 31 (read responsively)

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

² Incline your ear to me;

rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

³ For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

⁴ you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

⁶ **I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.**

⁷ **I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,**

because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul,

⁸ **and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;**

you have set my feet in a broad place.

⁹ Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;

my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

- ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.
- ¹¹ Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.
- ¹² I have been forgotten like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
- ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.
- ¹⁴ **But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”**
- ¹⁵ **My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!**
- ¹⁶ **Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!**
- ¹⁷ **O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you;
let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.**
- ¹⁸ **Let the lying lips be mute,
which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.**
- ¹⁹ Oh, how abundant is your goodness,
which you have stored up for those who fear you
and worked for those who take refuge in you in the sight of the children of mankind!
- ²⁰ In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men;
you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.
- ²¹ **Blessed be the LORD,
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged
city.**
- ²² **I had said in my alarm, “I am cut off from your sight.”
But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.**
- ²³ Love the LORD, all you his saints!
The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.
- ²⁴ **Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!**

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

- ¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,

and shall be exalted.

¹⁴As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

¹Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered

that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,

although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;
he has put him to grief;

when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

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

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . .

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Kevin Barron

Service of Darkness

The Service of Darkness incorporates the seven words of Christ from the Cross. As the readings progress, darkness covers the sanctuary in recalling of the darkness that covered the earth at the death of Christ.

The Hymn

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weigh-ed down,
 2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!
 3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
 How doth Thy face now lan-guish That once was bright as morn!
 Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
 Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
 Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.
 Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

First Word

John 19:14-16a; Luke 23:32-34a

¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. Pilate said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The

chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Versicles

P Father Almighty, the shadow of Your Son's cross falls upon us;

C **We know not how to bear such a load of grief and pain.**

P Grant, O Lord, the comforting shadow of Your mercy.

C **Fill our hearts, our souls, and our minds with Your Spirit.**

P Enlighten us;

C **That we may see Your love clearly in the death of Your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Instrumental Music *Prelude on the Ave Verum* W. A. Mozart Violin & Organ

Collect

P Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace: You did not seek revenge on those Who tormented You. Grant us grace to forgive those who hurt us, to overcome evil with good, to love our enemies for Your sake, and as children of the heavenly Father, seek Your peace, and evermore rejoice in Your love.

C **Amen.**

The first candle is extinguished.

Second Word

Luke 23:35-43

³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember

me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Hymn

767 Jesus, Remember Me (sing twice)

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

Collect

P Lord Jesus, while You hung on the cross You showed mercy to the dying thief. With that mercy look on us also, we pray, and at our last hour, comfort us with Your promise that we will dwell forever in paradise with You.

C **Amen.**

The second candle is extinguished.

Third Word

John 19:25-27

²⁵ Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Versicles

P Lord God, may we learn by Christ's example to love others as we love ourselves;

C **forgiving the worst we find in others and in ourselves; rejoicing in the best we know of others and of ourselves.**

P With the power of Your Holy Spirit,

C **Encourage us toward greater unity in our own families and toward unity in the family of believers in Christ Jesus.**

The Hymn

452 O Perfect Life of Love



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,
5 In per - fect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
O all - a - ton - ing Sac - ri - fice, I cling by faith to Thee.

Collect

P Lord Jesus, while You suffered the agony of the cross, You remembered in love Your sorrowing mother. With that same love and pity bless all parents, especially those whose hearts are torn by the loss of loved ones or burdened with worry over their children. In Your mercy, gather all within the peace of Your cross, so that parent and child will love each other as they love You.

C Amen.

The third candle is extinguished.

Fourth Word

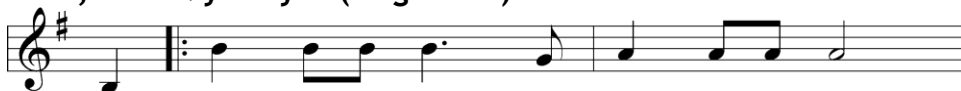
Matthew 27:45-47

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."

The Hymn

780 O Lord, Hear My Prayer (sing twice)



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;



When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O



Versicles

- P Lord, we do not want to forsake You and flee,
 C **yet, in our daily confusion we sometimes forget you.**
 P Lord, we do not want to condemn You, shouting, "crucify!"
 C **although we have allowed evil to be done in Your name.**
 P Lord, we would never deny You, saying, "I do not know the man!"
 C **but we have avoided opportunities to proclaim Jesus Christ as our Savior from sin.**
 P Lord, we would never shut You out of our lives, unheeding to Your voice.
 C **when our own clamoring deafens our hearing, will You knock again, Lord Jesus?**

Collect

- P Heavenly Father, Your Son cried, "Why have You forsaken me?" In time of trial and suffering, do not turn away from us, but give us Your presence and Your power that enable us to endure whatever may be set before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Fifth Word

Matthew 10:38-42; John 19:28-29

³⁸ "And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰ Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the

Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

The Hymn

456 Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh...
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

Versicles

P Lord of life,

C **we know that You provide all we need to support life.**

P Lord of redemption,

C **reveal the power of Your redeeming love in our daily living.**

P Lord of love,

C **help us to remember that Your Son suffered and died as one of us,
bearing in His body the penalty for the sin we commit.**

Collect

P Lord Jesus Christ, You endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing that only You can provide. Strengthen us to carry our burdens and to endure our sufferings by the grace of Your holy example, always giving You thanks for Your love.

C **Amen.**

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Sixth Word

Hebrews 9:11-12, 15, 27-28; John 19:30

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant... ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Instrumental Music

In Paradisium (from The Requiem)

G. Faure'

Violin & Organ

Versicles

P Lord Jesus, in Your death we have life.

C **Stir up our souls that we may pursue with renewed strength the paths You have laid for us.**

P Lead and direct us, O Lord, beyond the darkness into a fuller understanding of Your will,

C **that we need not grope through the darkness to lay our commitment before You and Your Son, Jesus.**

Collect

P Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. Complete in us everything You intend for us so that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for His glory.

C **Amen.**

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Seventh Word

Luke 23:44-46; Matthew 27:54

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Collect

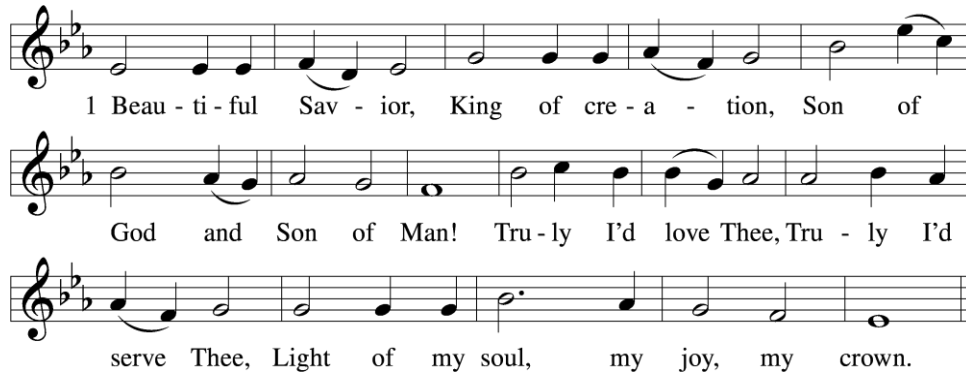
P Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.

C Amen.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

The Hymn

537 Beautiful Savior



I Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

The Lord's Prayer (spoken softly)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be they name,
They Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory forever and ever...Amen.**

Closing of the Tomb

The "Strepitus," or loud noise, signifies the closing of the tomb of Christ and traditionally marks the end of the Tenebrae Service.

Please Exit in Silence

Please exit the church in silence and prepare your hearts for the celebration of the Resurrection this Easter Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kevin Barron
Liturgist:	John Robinson
Organist	Barbara Sommer
Violinist:	Manfred Reek
Lector:	Dave Sitter
Crucifer/Acolyte:	Caleb Barron
IT Assistants:	Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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Easter Services

*Early Easter Service, April 5th, 8 a.m. with communion
Festival Easter Service, April 5th, 10 a.m., communion,
special music*