

Trinity Lutheran Church
Brewster, NY



Good Friday
Order of Worship: Tenebrae

April 2nd 2021

Welcome as we gather together in the name of God! Whether we are physically present with one another or gathering remotely, we know that Christ is truly present in our midst

Each Sunday, we will gather at 9:30am via Facebook Live on Trinity's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756>)

The service will be posted on our YouTube page (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber)

If you know of others who are in need of ***signs of God's love and grace***, who are curious and/or questioning, who would like to experience the peace of Christ – please invite them to join us “live” and/or to visit our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

If anyone needs to talk to someone amidst this time of anxiety, please feel free to contact Pastor Jen via the church office (trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or her personal email (revjedyer1@yahoo.com).

Our weekly emails are also posted on our website <http://trinitybrewsterny.org/wordpress/>.

Listed here is the order of worship so that you are able to follow along. We have included links to the hymns and an anthem picked by Franklyn that you may listen to in addition to our online service

Setting up: As we gather online for this Service of Light and Shadows, you are invited to gather before candle(s) in your own home. We will be extinguishing seven (7) candles during the course of the service. You are invited to do the same.

Check in: Please make sure that you have checked in with the usher that we may maintain our contact tracing list if it becomes needed.

HYMNS: While we gather for in-person worship, we will not be singing any of the hymns. We will either speak the words responsively and/or listen to the accompaniment. All the words have been included for devotional use.

Online: People are invited to join the service via Zoom (see link below) or it will also be streamed to Facebook Live for those who would like to join there as well. If you are joining on Zoom, please mute your microphones (unless you are one of the readers) so that we can minimize background noise.

Introduction: The community was divided, and Jesus' life was near its end. Tonight, we feel the pain of division and conflict, and our own failure that sent Jesus to the cross.

GATHERING (in silence)

Call to worship

O God of grace, all our sin, all our hatred, all our violence,
all our apathy, all our convenient neglect,
came together in that dark hour
when they snuffed out the light of your goodness,
when they crucified your Son, our Lord.
And we come to remember.

O God of grace, all your love, all your compassion,
all your goodness, all your forgiveness,
came together in that life and that dying,
your undying and unending love,
when they crucified you Son, our Lord.
And we remember.

O God of grace, all of his story,
all of human history, all our story, repeats itself
where hate meets love, where injustice meets justice,
where despair meets hope, death meets life,
and we dare to believe we were there
when they crucified your Son, our Lord
and that this is none other than the way also to truth and life.
And we remember. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, Your Son lost everything when he gave himself up
to be killed. May we remember his final hour with compassion

and gratitude for all that we have received as a result of his selfless act. In Jesus' name we pray, **amen**.

Homily

Silence

Prayers of the People

If the cross tells us anything, O Lord, it is that You know and share our suffering:

Brief silence

This Good Friday we join our voices to the words of Jesus on the cross, and the cry of all who are abandoned, "My God, why have you forsaken me?"

Before we race in quickly with the triumphant answer, or the desire to set things right, we need to stand alongside this ancient cry of dereliction.

So today we place ourselves with all those who cry out
for food and justice,
for work and healing,
for hope and love,
for faith and for meaning:
we hear their pain and the pain of Jesus Christ.

And because we know that in two days we will be celebrating and singing, do not let us deny the suffering of Christ and of this world.

Today we cry out about:

(world and local situations may be named here)

O God, our God, we cry out to You do not forsake us.

Brief silence

Additional prayers may be offered here.

Pastor: Christ of the Cross, see our need of Your grace, Hear our prayer for Your mercy, And come to us again, to help and restore, because we cannot heal ourselves. **Amen.**

The Last Words of Jesus

First word

“Father, forgive them. They don’t know what they’re doing”

Luke 23:13-25

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him

back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!” (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

First Candle is extinguished

Silence

PRAYER

Jesus, we will ponder now on your holy passion

Let your Spirit now endow us for meditation

Grant that we in love and faith may the image cherish

Of your suffering, pain and death, that we may not perish.

Amen

(ELW 345, vs. 1 “Jesus, I will ponder now”)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Second Word

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise”

Luke 23:26- 43

As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus^[e] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”^f And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah^[g] of God, his

chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding^[i] him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into^[k] your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Second Candle is extinguished

Silence

PRAYER

Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made

Your loving likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed

We come, with all your heart and mind your call to hear your love to find. **Amen.**

(ELW #358, vs. 1 “Great God, your love has called us)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Ah, Holy Jesus" and "Oh Sacred Head Now Wounded" combination medley on the Cello **Juergen Tempel** accompanied by **Cameron Guan, guitar**

Third Word

"Woman, behold your son...behold your mother"

John 19:24b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Third Candle is extinguished

Silence

PRAYER

Lord, be our consolation; shield us when we must die;
Remind us of thy passion when our last hour draws nigh.
These eyes new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
For all who die believing die safely in thy love. **Amen**
(ELW#352, vs. 4 "O sacred head now wounded")

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Fourth Word

“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me”

Matthew 27:38-49

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land-until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

Fourth Candle is extinguished

Silence

PRAYER

Ah, holy Jesus, how has thou offended
That we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus hath undone thee.
Twas I Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee. **Amen.**
(ELW#349, vs 1, 2) “Ah, Holy Jesus”)

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy
on us.**

Fifth Word

“I Thirst”

John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Fifth Candle is extinguished

Silence

PRAYER

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Amen.

(ELW#359, vs. 1, 3 "Where Charity and love prevail")

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

SPECIAL MUSIC Victoria Schiarra will play "Dona nobis pacem" on saxophone

Sixth word

Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Sixth Candle is extinguished

Silence

PRAYER

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes us to tremble, tremble.
Were we there when they laid him in the tomb? **Amen**

(ELW#353 “Were you there”)

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy
on us.**

Seventh Word
“It is finished”

John 19:30-37

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.”
Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵ (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows^[g] that he tells the truth.) ³⁶ These things occurred so that the scripture might be

fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.”³⁷ And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

Seventh Candle is extinguished

Silence

PRAYER

Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished”, hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Amen

(ELW#347, vs. 3 “Go to Dark Gethsemane”)

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy
on us.**

Final word

The Burial of Jesus

Luke 19: 47-56

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who

had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Silence

Lord's Prayer

We let these familiar words sink into our hearts and rise before us as we pause after each phrase.

Our Father, who art in heaven, (pause)
hallowed be Thy name, (pause)
Thy kingdom come, (pause)
Thy will be done (pause)
on earth as it is in heaven. (pause)
Give us this day our daily bread; (pause)

and forgive us our trespasses *(pause)*
as we forgive those who trespass against us; *(pause)*
and lead us not into temptation, *(pause)*
but deliver us from evil. *(pause)*
For thine is the kingdom *(pause)*
and the power *(pause)*
and the glory *(pause)*
forever and ever. *(pause)*
Amen.

They looked upon the One they had pierced
**And we too look on the one who died
and wonder...
we wonder why –
why this final insult on one already dead.**

(Pause...)

They looked upon the One they had pierced
and saw blood flowing from His hands – His feet – His side
**and we too look on the one who died
and wonder...
we wonder that such an offering had to be made –
the blood of a spotless lamb.
Was God so angry with his people?**

(Pause...)

They looked upon the One they had pierced
and saw water flowing from the wound in His side

**and we too look on the one who died
and wonder...**

**we wonder at the greatness of this gift:
water from his side –
that washes our sin away –
water from the One who died
offering us a way to new life.**

(Pause)

They looked upon the One they had pierced
and thought that they had won –
the Word of God was silenced –
the Light of the World was extinguished –
the Way was blocked –
the Truth questioned –
the Life was dead.

**Father, forgive them –
they did not know what they were doing.
Father, forgive us –
for often we do not know what we are doing.**

(Pause)

They looked upon the One they had pierced

and thought that they had judged rightly –
the Son of God who challenged their gods was wrong
and they had defeated Him.

**But God did not send his Son into the world to judge it
to condemn it.**

**God sent his son, the Beloved,
into the world to save it,
to save us.**

(Pause)

They looked upon the One they had pierced
and saw death and emptiness

**and we too look on the one who died
and wonder...**

**we wonder at so great a love –
a love that does not count the cost of loving –
a love that offers its very self so that we might live –
a love that would have done the same
had I been the only one who needed it.**

(Pause)

The sacrifice of love stretched out His arms on the cross
and sent forth His Spirit
into the outstretched arms of the Father

So great a love
so great a sacrifice...

People disperse in silence

As our time draws to a close and as you "leave" our gathering, you are invited to spend time in reflection, gazing upon the cross where the fullness of God's love was revealed.

The service ends in silence.

Worship notes: Portions of the worship service has been adapted by Pastor Jen from the following resources: Introduction, (Clergy Stuff); Prayers of Intercession (written by Ann Siddall, **Stillpoint Spirituality Centre**); Closing litany (**Seekers Church** website. <http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/>)

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Still
For Good Friday

This day
let all stand still
in silence,
in sorrow.

Sun and moon
be still.

Earth
be still.

Still
the waters.

Still
the wind.

Let the ground
gape in stunned
lamentation.

Let it weep
as it receives
what it thinks
it will not
give up.

Let it groan
as it gathers
the One
who was thought
forever stilled.

Time
be still.

Watch
and wait.

Still.

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