



March 30, 2018

**LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Good Friday Service

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

Our vision is to be an expanding community of faith, growing in the Holy Spirit, and practicing before the world a Christ-centered life.

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The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial.

This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness, sometimes with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. A loud noise may also sound symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. The worshipers then leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection.

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*All enter in silence*

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*Please Stand*

### Opening Versicles

L: O Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C: make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

*Please be Seated*

### Psalm 22:1–31

Harold Sollenberger

L: <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**C: Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**

L: <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

**C: and by night, but I find no rest.**

P: <sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,

**C: enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

L: <sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;

**C: they trusted, and you delivered them.**

L: <sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;

**C: in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

L: <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man,

**C: scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

L: <sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;

**C: they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**

L: <sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;

**C: let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**

L: <sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
**C: you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.**

L: <sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,  
**C: and from my mother's womb you have been my God.**

L: <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
**C: and there is none to help.**

L: <sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;  
**C: strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

L: <sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
**C: like a ravening and roaring lion.**

L: <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;  
**C: my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**

L: <sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to  
my jaws;  
**C: you lay me in the dust of death.**

L: <sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;  
**C: they have pierced my hands and feet—**

L: <sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—  
**C: they stare and gloat over me;**

L: <sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,  
**C: and for my clothing they cast lots.**

L: <sup>19</sup>But you, O Lord, do not be far off!  
**C: O you my help, come quickly to my aid!**

L: <sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
**C: my precious life from the power of the dog!**

L: <sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!

**C: You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!**

L: <sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers;

**C: in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

L: <sup>23</sup>You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob,  
glorify him,

**C: and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

L: <sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred, the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,

**C: but has heard, when he cried to him.**

L: <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

**C: my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**

L: <sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall  
praise the Lord!

**C: May your hearts live forever!**

L: <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and  
all the families of the nations

**C: shall worship before you.**

L: <sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the Lord,

**C: and he rules over the nations.**

L: <sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall  
bow all who go down to the dust,

**C: even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

L: <sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him;

**C: it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

L: <sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,

**C: that he has done it.**

*A candle is extinguished. – Harold Sollenberger*

*Please Stand*

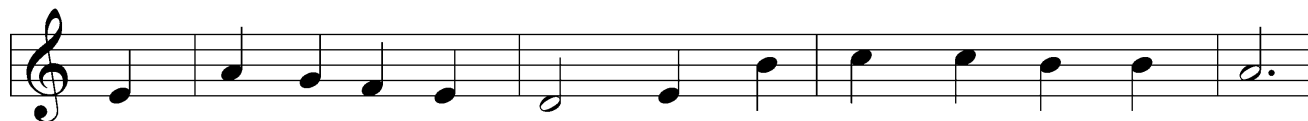
## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**Congregational Hymn** *(To sing harmony, turn to page 449 in the Lutheran Service Book)*

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

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L: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

**Passion Reading: John 19:1–16**

**Harold Sollenberger**

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

<sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” <sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” <sup>15</sup>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.”<sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.  
So they took Jesus,

*A candle is extinguished. – Harold Sollenberger  
Please Stand*

**Congregational Hymn:** (To sing harmony, turn to page 449 in the Lutheran Service Book)

### **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

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| 4 My Shepherd, now receive me;<br>My Guardian, own me Thine.<br>Great blessings Thou didst<br>give me,<br>O Source of gifts divine.<br>Thy lips have often fed me<br>With words of truth and love;<br>Thy Spirit oft hath led me<br>To heav'nly joys above. | 6 My Savior, be Thou near me<br>When death is at my door;<br>Then let Thy presence cheer me,<br>Forsake me nevermore!<br>When soul and body languish,<br>O leave me not alone,<br>But take away mine anguish<br>By virtue of Thine own!                     |
| 5 What language shall I borrow<br>To thank Thee, dearest<br>Friend,<br>For this Thy dying sorrow,<br>Thy pity without end?<br>O make me Thine forever!<br>And should I fainting be,<br>Lord, let me never, never,<br>Outlive my love for Thee.              | 7 Be Thou my consolation,<br>My shield, when I must die;<br>Remind me of Thy passion<br>When my last hour draws nigh.<br>Mine eyes shall then behold<br>Thee,<br>Upon Thy cross shall dwell,<br>My heart by faith enfold Thee.<br>Who dieth thus dies well. |

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## Passion Reading: John 19:17–30

Tom Mathson

So they took Jesus,<sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

<sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

<sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*A candle is extinguished. – Tom Mathson*

## **Responsory**

L: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

L: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

**C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

L: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**Sermon**

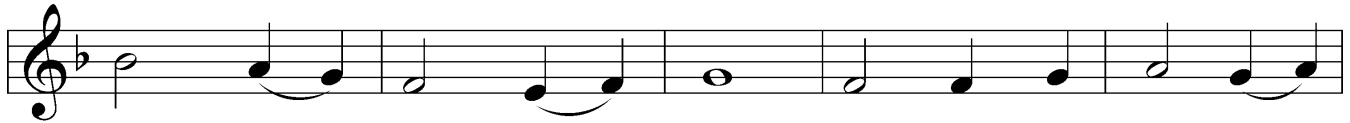
**Harold Sollenberger**

**Congregational Hymn:** (To sing harmony, turn to page 425 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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**986 Song of Habakkuk**

L: O LORD, I have heard the report of You,

**C: and Your work, O LORD, do I fear.**

L: In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known;

**C: in wrath remember mercy. I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.**

L: God came from Teman,

**C: and the Holy One from Mount Paran.**

L: His splendor covered the heavens,

**C: and the earth was full of His praise.**

L: His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from His hand;

**C: and there He veiled His power.**

L: Before Him went pestilence,

**C: and plague followed at His heels.**

L: He stood and measured the earth;

**C: He looked and shook the nations;**

L: then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low.

**C: His were the everlasting ways. I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.**

L: You went out for the salvation of Your people,

**C: for the salvation of Your anointed.**

L: You crushed the head of the house of the wicked,  
**C: laying him bare from thigh to neck.**

L: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD;  
**C: I will take joy in the God of my salvation.**

L: GOD, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet like the deer's;  
**C: He makes me tread on my high places.**

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
**C: as it was in the beginning,**

L: is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
**C: I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.**

*A candle is extinguished. – Tom Mathson  
Please Stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

**Harold Sollenberger**

L: 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: Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere and the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord: Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those who adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:  
O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Donald our president , the Congress of the United States; Nathan, our governor; and all those that make, administer and judge our laws; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Finally, let us pray for all things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name, Thy 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.**



## **Kyrie**

P: Lord, have mercy.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christ, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

## **Collect of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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.

**C: Amen.**

*The final candle is extinguished.*

*All leave in silence and minimal light.*