



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

People's Congregational Church

&

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

April 15, 2022

**Tenebrae is the Latin word for darkness or shadows.**

*We will end of this service in complete darkness as we remove from the Sanctuary the Christ Candle—given to us at Christmas, signifying the birth of Christ, Light of the World. In this moment of complete darkness, we experience the truth of Jesus' death, the Light of the World gone out. The sound of sustained drumming will remind us of the earthquake recounted in scripture, signifying the death of Jesus. When the Christ Candle comes back to us, the sound of drumming subsides, symbolizing the Light that shines even in Darkness.*

***A light that shines in the darkness,  
a light that the darkness has never overtaken.*** ~ John 1: 5

*We leave in silence as grieving disciples. Yet we know the mystery of the resurrection, unlike those first followers at the foot of the cross. The Christ Light signifies our hope as we anticipate celebration on Easter morning.*

**Entering into Darkness**

**Gathering Music**

*We gently greet those around us or sit quietly  
as we settle into sacred time and space*

**Greeting & Welcome**

Pastor Clare Gromoll

**Procession of the Cross**

**\*\*\*Opening Prayer**

Pastor Rich Larson

**O God, under whose wings all your creatures find shelter, to you we flee in this night of grief. We come together to remember the betrayal, accusations, trial, suffering, and death of our beloved friend and savior. We know that we face the same cost of discipleship as did those women, men and children who followed Jesus all their days. Give us strength in this hour and hope for the promise of resurrection mystery. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.**



## Eloi, Eloi, Lema Sabachthani

Reading

Mark 15:34

Mary Maren Bjork

At three, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Sung Response

Psalm 22 (*selected verses*)

*Accompanist plays through refrain once,  
then all sing the refrain to begin the reading.  
Liturgist will read the verses. All sing the Refrain.*



My God, why have you forsaken me? You are far from the cry of my distress. O my God, I call by day and you give no reply; I call by night and I find no peace. In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you set them free. When they cried to you, they escaped. In you they trusted and never in vain.

### *Refrain*

Like water I am poured out, disjointed are all my bones.  
My heart has become like wax, it is melted within my breast.  
Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet,  
I can count every one of my bones.

### *Refrain*

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They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave them alone; my strength, make haste to help me!  
Rescue my soul from the sword, my life from the grip of these dogs.  
Save my life from the jaws of these lions,  
my poor soul from the horns of the oxen.

***Refrain***

I will tell of your name to my friends and praise you where they are  
assembled. You who fear the Lord, give God praise; all children  
of Jacob, give God glory! For you have never despised nor scorned  
the poverty of the poor. From them you have not hidden your face,  
but you heard the poor when they cried.

***Refrain***

**Extinguishing a Candle**

**Jesus Breathes His Last**

**Reading**

Mark 15: 37-39

Then Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.  
And the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.  
The centurion who stood guard over Jesus, seeing how he died,  
declared, "Truly this was God's Son!"

**Extinguishing a Candle**

**Hymn**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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Vs. 1 & 3

**Message**

Pastor Rich Larson

**Interlude**

## The Women By The Cross

### Reading

Mark 15: 40-41

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene; and Mary, the mother of James the younger and of Joses; and Salome. These women had followed Jesus when he was in Galilee and attended to his needs. There were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

### Extinguishing a Candle

#### Choral Anthem

“A Lenten Lesson”

by *Jean Anne Shafferman*  
BLC Choir

## Jesus Is Taken Off The Cross

### Reading

Mark 15: 40-41

As it grew dark—it was Preparation Day, that is, the eve of the Sabbath—a distinguished member of the Sanhedrin, Joseph from Arimathea, arrived. He was waiting for the reign of God, and he gathered up courage and sought an audience with Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised that Jesus should have died so soon. He summoned the centurion and inquired whether Jesus was already dead. Upon learning that this was so, Pilate released the body to Joseph.

### Extinguishing a Candle

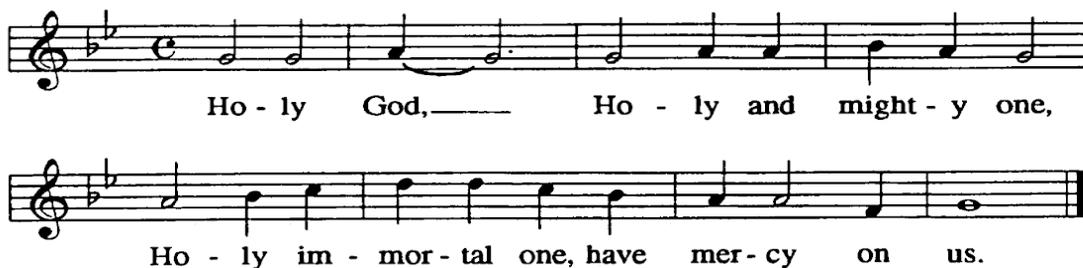
### \*\*\*Sung Response

### “Holy God”

Vs. 1 & 2

*Cantor sings once,  
then all sing repeatedly until the cross has moved through the whole assembly*

***As we sing, we begin carefully moving the cross over our heads  
When the cross passes over you, reach up and pass it along  
Worship leaders will assist***



Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Ho - ly God, ——— Ho - ly and might - y one,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy on us.".

### The Body Of Jesus Is Anointed

#### Reading

John 19: 38b-40

So Joseph came and took away Jesus' body. Nicodemus came as well—the same one who had first come to Jesus by night—and he brought about one hundred pounds of spices, a mixture of myrrh and aloes. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the Jewish burial custom.

#### Extinguishing a Candle

#### Wrapping Jesus' Body in Spices and Oil

#### Interlude

## Anointing with Oil

*Anointing with oil is an ancient symbol of healing in the church.  
When the heart, body, or soul of a person, family, or group  
is broken through betrayal, loss, grief, or despair, we need healing.*

Hymn

“Were You There”

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Vs. 1-2, 4

***All move down the central aisle to receive Oil of Anointing  
Please gesture to your forehead or hold out your hand for anointing  
Return by the side aisles***

## Invitation to the Offering

*We support the work of our churches with financial gifts as we have means to do so  
All gifts we offer today will be split between Bethlehem Lutheran & People’s Church*

*Please consider leaving a gift in an offering plate at either exit,  
scan the QR code to give electronically (choose “offering & tithes”),  
or mail in a check*



Offertory Anthem

“Embrace the Cross”

by John G. Elliot  
PCC Choir

## \*\*\*Unison Prayer

**O Holy One, we bring to you this night who we are and something of what we give:**

**an abiding commitment to follow the Way of Jesus,  
an undying hope to fully embrace your wonder and mystery,  
a growing confidence that your grace is sufficient for all our needs,  
an increase in our generosity toward all in your creation.**

**Receive us—who we are and what we give—and continue to guide us through the darkest of nights and days, through the light of your wondrous love. Amen.**

**The Body Of Jesus Is Laid In A Tomb**

**Gospel Narration**

Luke 23: 53-55

Having wrapped him in the linen shroud, they laid him 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 saw the tomb and how his body was laid.

**Earthquake**

*This custom dates back to medieval Tenebrae worship, symbolizing the sound of the earthquake at the death of Jesus.*

***As the Christ Candle passes by you,  
lean forward to drum on the pew in front of you  
Continue drumming until the candle returns  
When the Christ Candle passes by you again,  
please withdraw from drumming***

**Extended Silence and Darkness**

***Please remain seated for a full minute of silence  
When lights are turned back on, we depart in complete silence***

**Departure**

## Join us in celebrating Easter!



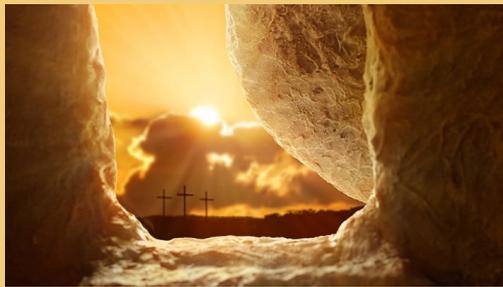
**Easter Sunday | April 17**

@ People's Park

Sunrise service | **6:15 am**

1003 5th Ave. N., Bayport  
*(next to Barker's Alp's)*

**AND**



**Easter Sunday | April 17**

@ People's Church

Breakfast | **9 am**

Easter egg hunt | **9:30 am**

Worship! | **10 am**

309 N. Third St., Bayport



**Integrity of Creation Sunday | April 24**

@ People's Park

Outdoor Worship | **9:30 am**

Fellowship | **10:30 am**

Antiracism Sacred Conversation | **10:45 am**  
*"The Arc is Long: People's Progress Toward Antiracism"*

# *Welcome!*

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*

We invite anyone to complete a *Welcome card* found at the ends of pews  
(“welcome, first-time visitor” / “welcome back, friend”)

Please join us any Sunday morning for worship

Thank you to our partners in ministry who made this evening wonderful:  
Music Dir. Michael Bjork, Worship Accompanist Sharon Neuenfeldt, BLC Choir,  
PCC Choir, Pastor Rich Larson (music); Mary Maren Bjork, Sue Favilla (greeters);  
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**1ST ANNUAL!**



**May 21, 2022**

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**People's Park**

(next to Barker's Alps)

1003 5th Ave. N.

Bayport, MN

**Seeking  
Artisans**

Register by **May 1st**  
for our "Early Bird" rate!

Artisan Sale | artist, crafter, vendor & nonprofit exhibitors

Gertens Plant Sale | flowers & gift cards | order online, March 15-April 6

Plant Swap and Sale | perennials, succulents & seedlings

Educational Moments | community garden, labyrinth, prairie restoration & tai chi

Hands-On Activities for All Ages | engage in wonder, appreciation & fun

Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle | focused on art, nature & experiences

Food Trucks & Booths, Bake Sale | come hungry!

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