



TENEBRAE

A Service of Darkness

Sunne Lutheran Church

April 10, 2020

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First Nocturn

The kings revolt; their rulers plot together against them Lord and against the king he chose.

PSALM 2

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Proud men are coming to attack me; cruel men are trying to kill me.

PSALM 54

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I am always aware of the Lord's presence; he is near, and nothing can shake me.

PSALM 16

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Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross.

So that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. It is by his wounds that we have been healed.

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

READINGS FROM THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS

LAMENTATIONS 2: 8-11

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

Even my best friend, the one I trusted most, the one who shared my food, has turned against me.

LAMENTATIONS 2: 13-14

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

The sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me. Stay here and keep watch.

LAMENTATIONS 3: 1-9

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

Behold, the hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinful men.

Second Nocturn

I am closed in and cannot escape; my eyes are weak from suffering.

PSALM 88

I am closed in and cannot escape; my eyes are weak from suffering.

Hear me, Lord, when I call to you! Be merciful and answer me!

PSALM 27

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When I lie down, I go to sleep in peace; you alone, O Lord, keep me perfectly safe.

PSALM 4

When I lie down, I go to sleep in peace; you alone, O Lord, keep me perfectly safe.

Christ himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in his steps.

He committed no sin, and no one ever heard a lie come from his lips. When he was insulted, he did not answer back with an insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten.

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READINGS FROM THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN

JOHN 19: 17-22

He was treated harshly, but he endured it humbly; he never said a word.

Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be sheared, he never said a word.

JOHN 19: 23-27

We despised and rejected him; he endured suffering and pain.

No one would even look at him – we ignored him as if he were nothing.

JOHN 19: 28-30

All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going his own way.

But the Lord made the punishment fall on him, the punishment all of us deserved.

Third Nocturn

My enemy has put me in a dark prison; I am in deep despair.

PSALM 143

My enemy has put me in a dark prison; I am in deep despair.

Save me from my enemies, my God; protect me from those who attack me!

PSALM 59

Save me from my enemies, my God; protect me from those who attack me!

Show us your constant love, O Lord, and give us your saving help.

PSALM 85

Show us your constant love, O Lord, and give us your saving help.

Christ died for our sins once for all, a good man on behalf of sinners,

In order to lead us to God.

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READINGS FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

HEBREWS 4: 12-15

He endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne.

He was put to death for the sins of our people.

HEBREWS 4: 16 — 5: 5

Because of our sins he was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did.

We are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by the blows he received.

HEBREWS 5: 7-9

Is it nothing to you, all who pass by?

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

Conclusion

God did not keep back his Son, but offered him up for us all.

PSALM 51

Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy, wipe away my sins!

Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin!

I recognize my faults; I am always conscious of my sins.

I have sinned against you – only against you – and done what you consider evil. So you are right in judging me; you are justified in condemning me.

I have been evil from the day I was born; from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.

Sincerity and truth are what you require; fill my mind with your wisdom.

Remove my sin, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness; and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again.

Close your eyes to my sins and wipe out all my evil.

Create a clean heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me.

Do not banish me from your presence; do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

Then I will teach sinners your commands, and they will turn back to you.

Spare my life, O God, and save me, and I will gladly proclaim your righteousness.

Help me to speak, Lord, and I will praise you.

You do not want sacrifices, or I would offer them; you are not pleased with burnt offerings.

My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God; you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.

O God, be kind to Zion and help her; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will be pleased with proper sacrifices and with our burnt offerings; and bulls will be sacrificed on your altar.

He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death – his death on the cross.

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Amen.

(The strepitus is heard, a noise signifying the closing of the tomb and the earthquake. Then the Christ Candle is brought back into the chancel in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection. All leave in silence.)

NOTES

Easter Sunrise Worship Service will be held at 7:00am and Easter Festival Worship Service will be held at 9:30am on Sunday, April 12. Both services will be broadcast on BEKTV Channel 26 and Facebook Live. We are not able to gather in person for worship at the church.

Through the month of April, worship services will continue to be broadcast on BEKTV Channel 26 and Facebook Live. We will not meet in person for worship at the church.