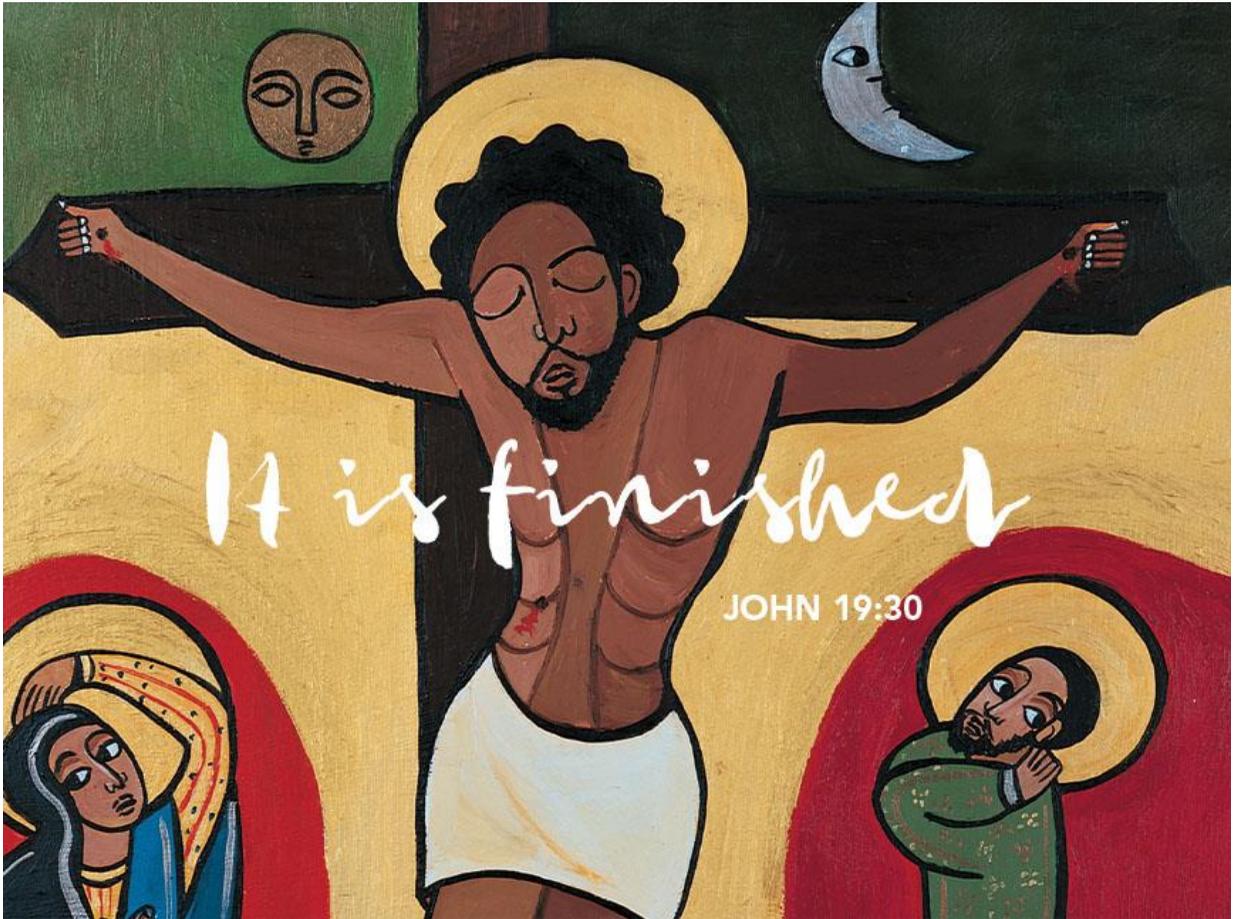


Welcome!



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***Our Mission:** Zion proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament as Gospel messengers in the community. We seek to be instruments through which God transforms lives and strengthens relationships within families and within our community of believers.*

Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, April 2, 2021 ~ 7:00 pm

(A Service of Tenebrae)

A Service of Tenebrae, or "Shadows or Darkness," is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. Used as an evening service on Good Friday, it is the beginning of a prayer vigil lasting through Saturday.

As pastor enters: Please Stand

*** The Gathering Hymn**

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

No. 98

**Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?**

**Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in
when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creatures' sin.**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.**

**But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away: 'tis all that I can do.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

* CHRIST IS LIGHT, IN WHOM THERE IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

* AND THIS IS THE JUDGMENT, THAT THE LIGHT HAS COME INTO THE WORLD,

And we loved darkness rather than light.

*** The Hymn**

"Deep Were His Wounds"

No. 100

**Deep were his wounds, and red, on cruel Calvary, as on the cross he bled
in bitter agony. But they, whom sin has wounded sore,
find healing in the wounds he bore.**

**He suffered shame and scorn, and wretched, dire disgrace; forsaken and forlorn,
he hung there in our place. But all who would from sin be free
look to his cross for victory.**

**His life, his all, he gave when he was crucified; our burdened souls to save,
what fearful death he died! But each of us, though dead in sin,
through him eternal life may win.**

Text: William Johnson, b. 1906

“The Passion of Jesus Christ”

The First Reading – John 18:1-11

(first candle is extinguished)

The Second Reading – John 18:12-14

(second candle is extinguished)

The Third Reading – John 18:15-18

(third candle is extinguished)

The Fourth Reading – John 18:19-24

(fourth candle is extinguished)

The Fifth Reading – John 18:25-27

(fifth candle is extinguished)

The Sixth Reading – John 18:28-32

(sixth candle is extinguished)

The Seventh Reading – John 18:33-38

(seventh candle is extinguished)

The Eighth Reading – John 18:38-40

(eighth candle is extinguished)

The Ninth Reading – John 19:1-11

(ninth candle is extinguished)

The Tenth Reading – John 19:12-16

(tenth candle is extinguished)

The Eleventh Reading – John 19:17-22

(eleventh candle is extinguished)

The Twelfth Reading – John 19:23-24

(twelfth candle is extinguished)

The Thirteenth Reading – John 19:25-27

(thirteenth candle is extinguished)

The Fourteenth Reading – John 19:28-30
(fourteenth candle is extinguished)

The Fifteenth Reading – John 19:31-37
(The Christ Candle is taken out. A loud noise is made. The rest of the service is read in darkness.)

The Sixteenth Reading – John 19:38-42

Silence and meditation

(Please stand)

*** The Lord's Prayer**

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.

*** GO IN PEACE. MAY CHRIST, WHO FOR OUR SAKE BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS, KEEP YOU AND STRENGTHEN YOU THIS NIGHT AND FOREVER.
Amen.**

Room only lit enough for safety. The room now remains barren until the Easter Vigil.

If you wish to leave an offering, place it in the offering baskets in the back as you exit.

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