

# GOOD FRIDAY

## Living Lent

*“The Rooster Reveals a Disowned Savior”*

*St. Peter Lutheran Church, Afton, Minnesota*

*March 30, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.*



Dating from the Middle Ages, “Tenebrae” means “darkness” and is derived from the ceremony of extinguishing candles in the church one by one until only one is lit. This candle is hidden briefly by taking it out of the sanctuary and then returned to its place at Easter (symbolizing the death of Christ and His resurrection).

(Stand.)

*Hymn Verses..... “Go To Dark Gethsemane”*

*Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.*

*Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.*

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**PSALM 55** (Be seated.)

P Give ear to my prayer, O God; do not hide Yourself from My supplication. Attend to Me, and answer Me; I am troubled in My complaint.

C *I am distraught by the noise of the enemy, because of the clamor of the wicked.  
My heart is in anguish within Me, the terrors of death have fallen upon Me.  
Fear and trembling come upon Me, and horror overwhelms Me.*

P I say, “O that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest; truly, I would flee far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; I would hurry to find a shelter for myself from the raging wind and tempest.”

C *It is not enemies who taunt Me—I could bear that; it is not adversaries who deal insolently with Me—I could hide from them. But it is you, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend, with whom I kept pleasant company.*

P My companion laid hands on a friend and violated a covenant with Me with speech smoother than butter, but with a heart set on war; with words that were softer than oil, but in fact were drawn swords.

**C** *Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved.*

*“Ah, Holy Jesus” Johann Cruger, arr. Carolyn Jennings  
Adult Choir Women and Karen Biedrzycki, cello*



**Part 1: The Rooster Crows When Our Unkept Promises Deny Our Lord**

P We confess our sins, (silence for reflection) Lord Jesus,

**C** *Forgive me for denying You with my unkept promises.*

*Hymn Verse.....Tune: Herzliebster Jesu  
O dearest Jesus, what law have You broken  
That such sharp sentence should on You be spoken?  
Of what great crime have You to make confession?  
What dark transgression?*

**Part 2: The Rooster Crows When Our Weakness Denies Our Lord**

P We confess our sins, (silence for reflection) Lord Jesus,

**C** *Forgive me for denying You with my sins of omission.*

*Hymn Verse.....Tune: Herzliebster Jesu  
They crown Your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge You;  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge You;  
They give You gall to drink, they still decry You;  
they crucify You.*

**Part 3: The Rooster Crows When Our Words Deny Our Lord**

P We confess our sins, (silence for reflection) Lord Jesus,

**C** *Forgive me for denying You with words that disown You.*

*Hymn Verse.....Tune: Herzliebster Jesu  
What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!  
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;  
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,  
who would not know Him.*

**Part 4: The Rooster Crows When Our Silence Denies Our Lord**

P We confess our sins, (silence for reflection) Lord Jesus,

**C** *Forgive me for my sins of silence.*

Hymn Verse.....Tune: *Herzliebster Jesu*

*I'll think upon Your mercy without ceasing,  
That earth's vain joys to Me no more be pleasing;  
To do Your will shall be My sole endeavor  
henceforth forever.*

**Part 5: The Rooster Crows When Our Absence Denies Our Lord**

P We confess our sins, (silence for reflection) Lord Jesus,

**C Forgive me for my sins of absence.**

**OFFERING**

*(Note to our visitors: You are our guests this evening! Please do not feel the need to make a contribution to our Offering. We would ask all visitors and members to sign the Register Pad as the Offering is being collected. Also, Prayer Cards are available in the pew racks for special intercessions during the time of congregational prayer.)*

*"Hear My Cry, O Lord"*

*Phillip McIntyre*

*Adult Choir*

**CONCLUSION: The Seven Last Words**

*"Father, Forgive"*

Hymn Verse.....Tune: *Southwell SM*

*Our Savior speaks in grace with words of mercy true:  
"Forgive them, Father," thus He prays. "They know not what they do."*

*"Today... Paradise"*

Hymn Verse.....Tune: *Southwell SM*

*His wondrous pity see! Unto the thief He cries:  
"Today, I tell you, you will be with Me in Paradise."*

*"Behold ... Family"*

Hymn Verse.....Tune: *Southwell SM*

*To Mary, looking on,  
"Behold your son," He says.  
"Behold your mother;" thus on John  
love's burden gently lays.*

*"I Thirst"*

Hymn Verse.....Tune: *Southwell SM*

*As man for men He dies.  
Sin's pow'r has done its worst.  
From hell's dread agony He cries  
a simple word: "I thirst."*

*“Forsaken”*

*Hymn Verse.....Tune: Southwell SM*

*Now hear the awful cry.  
Sin’s dreadful burden see:  
“My God, my God,” the Son shouts,  
“why have You forsaken Me?”*

*“Finished”*

*Hymn Verse.....Tune: Southwell SM*

*“Tis finished,” says the Lord.  
The burden on Him laid  
Of sinful thought and deed and word—  
the debt is fully paid.*

*“Into Your Hands”*

*Hymn Verse.....Tune: Southwell SM*

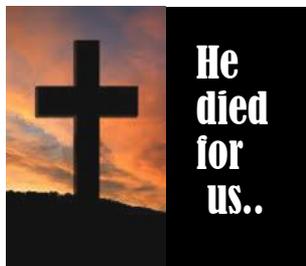
*“Father, into Your hands  
my spirit I commend.”  
And He who hears and understands  
receives Him in the end.*

(Stand.)

***THE LORD’S PRAYER***

(Be seated.)

(Seven bells sound. The loud closing of the book, the Streptitus, sounds signifying the burial of Jesus and the closing of the tomb. The Christ candle is carried out.)



(We leave quietly, contemplating the death of Christ for our sins and looking forward to the Good News of Easter. The Christ candle is returned on Easter.)