

CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Cheshire, Connecticut
The Rev. Dr. David Rowold, Pastor

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE
April 2, 2021
7:30 PM

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Adagio in Gm" by Albinoni;
arr Gavotto/Vasi. Soloist, Frank Vasi

PRAYER - *all may kneel*
Almighty God, graciously behold this
your family, for whom our Lord Jesus
Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be
given into the hands of sinners, and to
suffer death on the cross; who now lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Isaiah 52:13-53:12

PRAYER - *all may kneel*
Merciful and everlasting God, You did
not spare Your only Son but delivered
Him up for us all to bear our sins on the
cross. Grant that our hearts may be so
fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we
fear not the power of sin, death, and the
devil; through the same Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen.

(please be seated)

EPISTLE
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

ANTHEM - *The Parish Choir sings "The
Day the Savior Died for Me" by Valerie
MacKenzie*

PRAYER - *all may kneel*
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 re-
ceive forgiveness of sins and redemption
from everlasting death; through Jesus
Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(please be seated)

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST**

*(A candle is extinguished after each pas-
sage of the Passion.)*

BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS
Text: Saint John 18:1-11

HYMN 450, v 1

**JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST
AND THE DENIAL OF PETER**
Text: Saint John 18:12-27

HYMN 450, v 2

JESUS BEFORE PILATE
Text: Saint John 18:28-40

HYMN 450, v 3

JESUS PREPARED FOR CRUCIFIXION
Text: Saint John 19:1-16a

HYMN 450, v 4

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS
Text: Saint John 19:16b-24

HYMN 450, v 5

ANTHEM - "Darkness was O'er the Earth"
by Michael Haydn

JESUS' MOTHER AND HIS DEATH
Text: Saint John 19:25-30

HYMN 450, v 6

JESUS' SIDE IS PIERCED
Text: Saint John 19:31-42

HYMN 450, v 7

PRAYERS - *all may kneel*
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.

*(each petition ends: Lord in your mercy; Hear
our prayer!)*

Finally let us pray for all those things for which
our Lord would have us ask:

LORD'S PRAYER

(please be seated)

SENTENCE AND RESPONSE
Behold the life-giving cross on which was
hung the salvation of the whole world. **O
come, let us worship Him.**

REPROACHES
(Sung by Pastor, Choir and Congregation)

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to

you, O my people and wherein have I of-
fended you? Answer me. For I have raised
you up out of the prison house of sin and
death, and you have delivered up your Re-
deemer to be scourged. For I have re-
deemed you from the house of bondage,
and you have nailed your Savior to the
cross. O my people.

*Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy
and most merciful Redeemer; God Eternal,
leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have
mercy.*

(hymn 434 vs 1)
**Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the
cross did suffer, ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn did offer. All sins Thou
borest for us, else had despair reigned
over us. Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O
Jesus!**

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to
you, O my people, and wherein have I of-
fended you? Answer me. For I have con-
quered all your foes, and you have given me
over and delivered me to those who perse-
cute me. For I have fed you with my Word
and refreshed you with living water, and
you have given me gall and vinegar to
drink. O my people.

*Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy
and most merciful Redeemer, God Eternal,
allow us not to lose hope in the face of
death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.*

(hymn 434 vs 2)
**Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the
cross did suffer, ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn did offer. All sins Thou
borest for us, else had despair reigned
over us. Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O
Jesus!**

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to

you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people.

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God Eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

(hymn 434 vs 3)

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer, ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn did offer. All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned over us. Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

THE ADORATION OF CHRIST

All may kneel

We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. **For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.**

God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us. We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. **For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.**

HYMN 456 vs 1, 2, 3 - *we sing, standing*

PRAYER - *all may kneel*

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

POSTLUDE - *"Thee We Adore O Savior"*
by Dubois

After the Prayer, worshippers are asked to remain for brief personal meditation until the Postlude ends. Upon conclusion of the Postlude, worshippers may remain for personal prayer or recess from the nave in silence. May God's love, so richly expressed at the cross, sustain you. Go in His peace.

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Join us for worship on Easter Sunday – our service times and activities are:

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service - outdoors
(weather permitting)
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion - indoors
- 9:10 a.m. Easter Coffee and...
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion - outdoors
(weather permitting)