

**Good Friday
First English Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania
April 18, 2025
7:30 p.m.**

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

The assembly may stand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

The assembly may sit.

THE WORD

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

HOMILY

CHOIR ANTHEM

“O Come and Mourn” - Early American folk tune
(Kevin Mathias, *recorder accompanist*)

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Reading John 18: 1-14

Silence while first candle is extinguished.

Response “Ah, Holy Jesus” ELW #349

Prayer

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Reading John 18:15-27

Silence while second candle is extinguished.

Response Psalm 88 *read responsively*

¹O LORD, my God, my Savior,
by day and night I cry to you.

²**Let my prayer enter into your presence;
incline your ear to my lamentation.**

³For I am full of trouble;
my life is at the brink of the grave.

⁴**I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I have become like one who has no strength;**

⁵lost among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.

⁶**You have laid me in the depths of the pit,
in dark places, and in the abyss.**

⁷Your anger weighs upon me heavily,
and all your great waves overwhelm me.

⁸**You have put my friends far from me;
you have made me to be abhorred by them;
I am in prison and can-not get free.**

⁹My sight has failed me because of trouble;
LORD, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to
you.

¹⁰**Do you work wonders for the dead?
Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?**

¹¹Will your lovingkindness be declared in the grave,
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

¹²**Will your wonders be known in the dark
or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?**

¹³But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

¹⁴**LORD, why have you rejected me?
Why have you hidden your face from me?**

¹⁵Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death;
I have borne your terrors and am helpless.

¹⁶**Your blazing anger has swept over me;
your terrors have destroyed me;**

¹⁷they surround me all day long like a flood;

they encompass me on every side.

¹⁸**My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me,
and darkness is my only companion.**

Prayer

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Reading John 18:28-40

Silence while third candle is extinguished.

Response “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” ELW #351

Prayer

THE SHADOW OF DOMINATION

Reading John 19:1-16

Silence while fourth candle is extinguished.

Response “Go to Dark Gethsemane” ELW #347

Prayer

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

Reading John 19:16-27

Silence while fifth candle is extinguished.

Response “Were You There” sts. 1-2 ELW #353

Prayer

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Reading John 19:28-37

Silence while sixth candle is extinguished.

Response “Were You There” sts. 3-4 ELW #353

Prayer

THE SHADOW OF BURIAL

Reading John 19:38-42

Silence while the seventh candle, representing the light of Christ, is carried out.

A loud sound is heard.

Response “Were You There” st. 5 ELW #353

Prayer

THE ADORATION OF THE CROSS

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.

The seventh candle, representing the light of Christ, is restored.

The assembly may stand.

HYMN “There in God’s Garden” ELW #342

The congregation leaves in silence.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Yvonne Thickey, Susan Farrell, Lois Trimbur, Sue Morrow, Li Stoehr, and Sharon Heist Miller	Readers
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Joan Giese	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
John Thickey	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Bob and Karen Domanski; Brenden Stevens	Ushers
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild

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