



~~ADDITIONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES~

**HOLY SATURDAY — Vigil of Easter (Service of Light), March 30, at 7:00 p.m.**

**EASTER SUNDAY, March 31, as follows:**

**6:00 A.M. SONrise SERVICE** Chippens Hill (Water Department Property)

**8:00 A.M. DIVINE SERVICE with HOLY COMMUNION**

*(no adult Bible Study or Sunday School)*

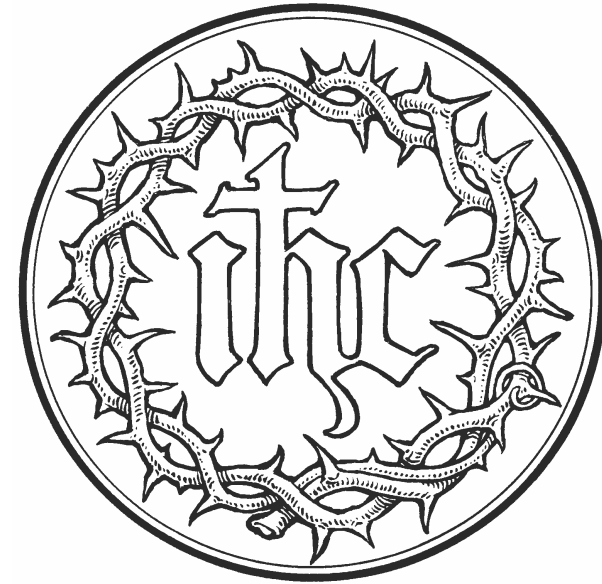
**10:45 A.M. DIVINE SERVICE with HOLY COMMUNION**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

*Tenebrae*

General Notes:

1. Good Friday is part of the sacred Triduum, the three-day observance of Christ's Passover. The name may originally have been "God's Friday," but it is certainly also "good" because of the good gifts Christ won for us on this day.
2. Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ, it is a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. In keeping with this character, music is kept to a minimum, though not silenced. Elaborate words of praise are omitted. The altar remains bare, having been stripped on Holy Thursday.
3. This is the Tenebrae service for Good Friday. Given the solemnity of the day, silence is observed at various times in order to reflect upon the Word of God. Because the service is part of the Triduum, it has neither entrance rite nor benediction.



*Good Friday*  
*Tenebrae Vespers*  
*March 29, 2024*

*Immanuel Lutheran Church*  
*154 Meadow Street*  
*Bristol, Connecticut*

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE VESPER

The congregation and Pastor enter in silence.

(stand)

OPENING VERSICLES

P O Lord, open my lips,  
C and my mouth will declare Your praise. Psalm 51:15  
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
C make haste to help me, O Lord. Psalm 70:1  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.  
(sit)

PSALMODY

Psalm 2

C Thanks be to God.  
(A candle is extinguished.)

Hymn: “Go to Dark Gethsemane” #436

Psalm 27

C Thanks be to God.  
(A candle is extinguished.)

Hymn: “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” #434

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

Reading: John 19:1-16a  
(A candle is extinguished.)

Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #449

Reading: John 19:16b-42

After the reading:  
P O Lord, have mercy on us.  
C Thanks be to God.  
(A candle is extinguished.)

RESPONSORY

1 John 2:1-2; [Mark 10:33]; Psalm 32:1

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.  
C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.  
P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.  
C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.  
P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.  
C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Hymn “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” #451

SERMON

“Yes”  
John 19:30

Hymn “Were You There” #456

(The Sanctuary lights are dimmed.)

PRAYERS

P Lord, have mercy.  
C Lord, have mercy.  
P Christ, have mercy.  
C Christ, have mercy.  
P Lord, have mercy.  
C Lord, have mercy.  
C 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.  
P The Lord be with you.  
C And also with you.  
P Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C Amen.  
P Let us pray. 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 receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C Amen.

(The final candle is extinguished.)

The congregation leaves in silence.