

ORDER OF SERVICE

Good Friday | April 7, 2023 | 7:00 p.m. | Kviteseid Lutheran Church

PRELUDE OF SILENCE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION: **Golgotha**

In this Places of the Passion service for Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the cross on Golgotha, the Place of the Skull, where the crucified Christ breathes his last for our sake. His suffering is in plain view, as well as his great love. His death redeems us all.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

C **To see the depths of his love.**

P To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

C **To gaze upon the heights of his grace.**

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

C **We walk with Jesus to Golgotha.**

P That's Aramaic for The Place of the Skull.

C **That's where Jesus gave us his all.**

P Faithful Lord, with me abide.

C **I shall follow where you guide.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C **Amen.**

HYMN "My Song Is Love Unknown" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #343
(Alt. tune: ELW #640)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 10:12-18

HYMN "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" (vs. 1) ELW #345
(Alt. tune: ELW #542)

Prayer in the Garden

Matthew 26:36-46

SILENCE

HYMN “Go To Dark Gethsemane” (vs. 1) ELW #347

The Darkness of Betrayal

Matthew 26:14-16, 47-56

SILENCE

HYMN “Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #349

FIRST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

The Darkness of Trials

John 18:12-27

SILENCE

HYMN “Go To Dark Gethsemane” (vs. 2) ELW #347

SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

The Darkness of Rejection

John 18:28-40

SILENCE

OFFERING

HYMN “Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs. 3-5) ELW #349

THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

The Darkness of Ridicule

John 19:1-16a

SILENCE

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

FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

The Darkness of Crucifixion

Matthew 27:33-44

SILENCE

HYMN “Go To Dark Gethsemane” (vs. 3) ELW #347

FIFTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

The Darkness of Death

Matthew 27:45-46, John 19:28-30, Matthew 27:51, 55-56

SILENCE

HYMN “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ELW #338

SIXTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

MEDITATION

The Darkness of Preparation

John 19:31-37

SILENCE

HYMN “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

ELW #337

SEVENTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Darkness of Burial

Matthew 27:57-66

SILENCE

VEILING OF THE CROSS

SOLO “Were You There”

Roger Strand

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

**The congregation departs in silence, symbolic of leaving the scene
of the crucifixion, death, and burial of our Lord.**

**Worship continues Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. at Big Bend
and 9:00 a.m. at Kviteseid.**

***Thank you to Roger Strand for the special music
and Richard Olson for the drumroll this evening.***

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