# Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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March 30, 2018 - 7:00 PM - Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Joint Worship - Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham and

Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley

~ Tonight's Service is a Tenebrae Service of Shadows - gradual darkening and dimming of our worship space. All hymns are from the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal .~

Opening Prayer (Pastor)

Opening Hymn "There in God's Garden" (vs 1-4) **ELW#342** FIRST SECTION

Leader: The kings revolt; their rulers plot together against the Lord and against the king he chose.

Psalm 2 (Lay Reader)

Congregation: I am always aware of the Lord's presence; he is near, and nothing can shake me.

Leader: Christ himself carries our sins in his body to the cross,

Congregation: so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that we have been healed.

The Lord's Prayer (Whispered softly by all; candle is extinguished)
Reading - Lamentations 2:13-15 (Lay Reader)

Leader: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord, your God!

Congregation: Behold, the hour has come for the son of man to be handed over to the power of the sinful.

Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane" ELW #347
(Candle is extinguished)

### **SECOND SECTION**

Leader: I am closed in and cannot escape; my eyes are weak from suffering.

Psalm 27 (Lay Reader)

Congregation: I am closed in and cannot escape; my eyes are weak from suffering.

Leader: Hear me, Lord, when I call to you! Be merciful and answer me!

Congregation: He committed no sin, and no one ever heard a lie come from his lips. When he was insulted, he did not answer back with an insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten.

The Lord's Prayer (Whispered softly by all; candle extinguished)
Readings from the Gospel according to St. John the
Evangelist

John 19:17-22 (Lay Reader)

John 19: 23-27 (Lay Reader)

John 19:28-30 (Lay Reader)

Leader: All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going his own way.

Congregation: But the lord made the punishment fall on him, the punishment all of us deserved.

(Candle is extinguished)

Joint Choir Anthem "He is Not Here" by Cindy Berry

# **THIRD SECTION**

Leader: My enemy has put me in dark prison; I am in deep despair.

Psalm 143 (Lay Reader)

Congregation: Show us your constant love, O Lord, and give us your saving help.

Leader: Christ died for our sins once for all, a good man on behalf of sinners,

Congregation: In order to lead us to God.

The Lord's Prayer (Whispered softly by all; candle extinguished) Hebrews 4:12-15 (Lay Reader)

Leader: Because of our sins he was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did.

Congregation: We are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by the blows he received.

Solo Linda Reinbold "Were You There?" (Candle is extinguished)

## **CONCLUSION**

Psalm 51 (Spoken softly by All, found on the Insert)
Closing Prayer (Pastor)

The service is concluded.The Congregation leaves in silence. ~

# **Assisting in our Worship this Blessed Night:**

Pastors Tyler Rasmussen and David Deal Musicians - Carolyn Williams and Jeremy Wolfe Choirs of ELC of Durham, and TLC of Pleasant Valley

Greeters: Lynn and Tom Gaun

Readers: Volunteers from both Congregations

Bulletin: Ann Wong

Custodian: Dianna Streletz

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### **PSALM 51**

Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins! Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin! I recognize my faults; I am always conscious of my sins. I have sinned against you - and only against you - and done what you consider evil. So you are right in judging me; you are justified in condemning me. I have been evil from the day I was born; from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful. Sincerity and truth are what you required; fill my mind with your wisdom.

Remove my sin, and I will be clean; wash me; and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness; and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again.

Close your eyes to my sins and wipe out all my evil. Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me. Do not banish me from your presence; do not take your Holy Spirit away from me. Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation and make me willing to obey you. Spare my life, O God, and save me, and I will gladly proclaim your righteousness. Help me to speak, Lord, and I will praise you.

You do not want sacrifices, or I would offer them; you are not pleased with burnt offerings. My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God; you will not reject a humble and repentant heart. O God, be kind to Zion and help her; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will be pleased with proper sacrifices and with our burnt offerings; and bulls will be sacrificed on your altar.