



**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Minneapolis Campus

April 3, 2026 - 7pm

Presiding Pastors: Pastor Cieslik and Pastor Olson Popp

The Prelude

**What Wondrous, O Deep Love of Jesus
Handbell Choir**

Wagner/Lamb

The Three Chimes

The Welcome

Pastor Cieslik

The Opening Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

338:1, 2

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.**

The Invocation

Pastor Olson Popp

**Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**

Congregation: Amen.

The Prayer

**Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to
draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been
born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy
in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

The Scripture Reading

John 18:1-11

The Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

347:1, 2

**Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.**

The Scripture Reading

John 18:12-27

The Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

349:1, 2

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.**

The Scripture Reading

John 18:28-40

The Hymn

Lamb of God

336:1, 2

**Your only Son no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.**

REFRAIN

**Oh Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. REFRAIN**

The Scripture Reading

John 19:1-16a

The Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

351:1, 2

**O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.**

**How pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish,
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.**

The Scripture Reading

John 19:16b-30

The Hymn

Were You There

353:1, 2

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

The Scripture Reading

John 19:31, 38-42

The Hymn

Were You There

353:5

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

The Solemn Reproaches

Pastor: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer you me! I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Congregation: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Congregation: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Congregation: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your savior.

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A Time of Silence and Reflection

The Benediction

Pastor Cieslik

**(the congregation is asked to please
exit in silence)**

Pastors

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor

Kurt P. Kalland, Monica M. Hammersten,

Mark J. Dixon, Rebecca W. Freeman, Benjamin M. Cieslik,

Jeni F. Grangaard, Jenna L. Olson Popp

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Beverly Claflin, Director of Worship and Music

**Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist and Director of
Handbells**

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Pastor Lose preaching

West Campus - 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11am

Pastor Dixon preaching

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