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Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

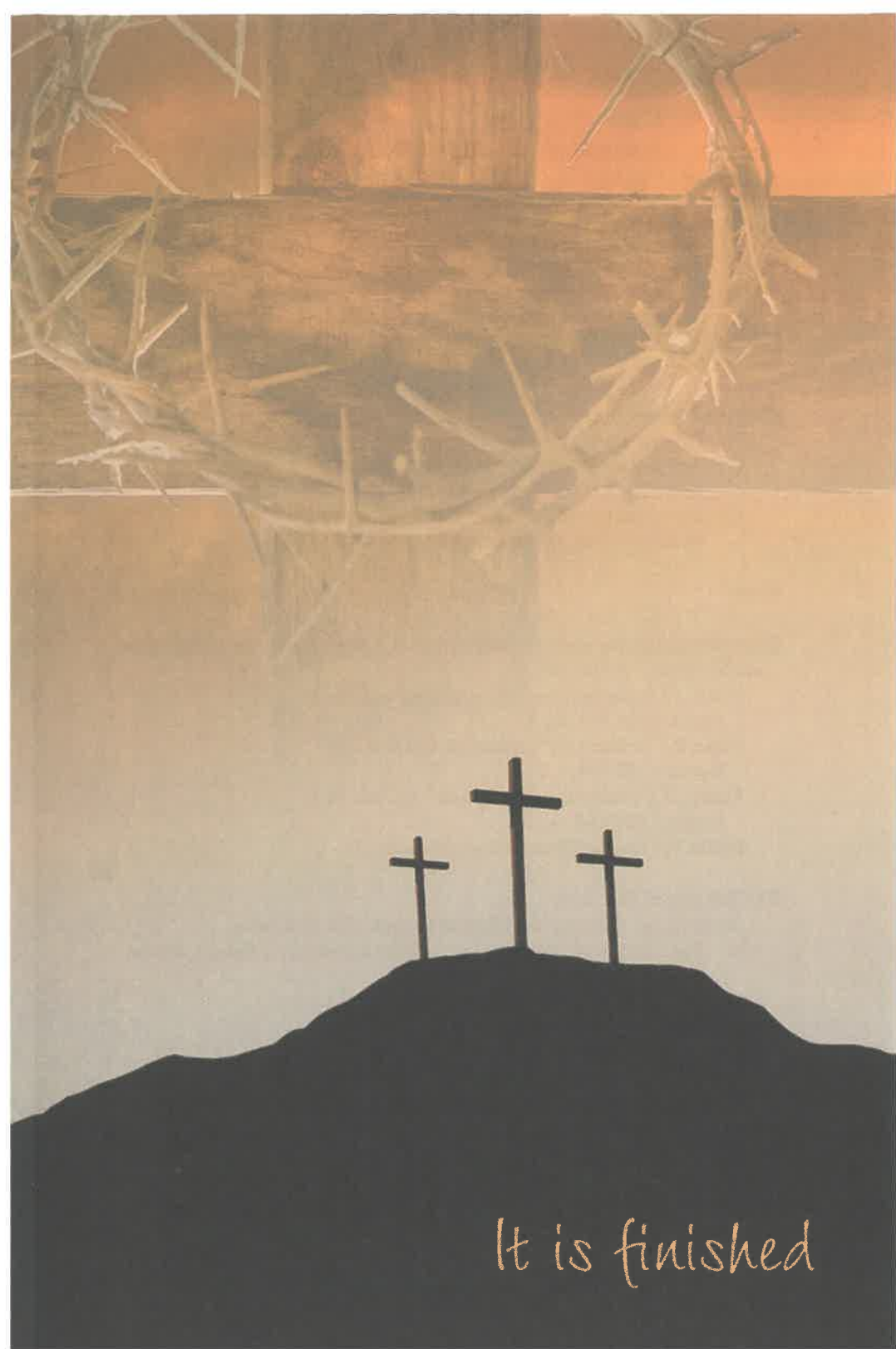
Cellist: Ben Mildenberger
Choir: St. John's Adult Choir
Worship Assistant: Dan Holthus
Acolytes: Naomi Schilling & William Schutte

† **Schedule for Divine Services** †

HOLY SATURDAY: 7:00 pm: Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY: 6:00 am: (completion of the Vigil Service)
7:00 – 10:00 am: Easter breakfast
8:00 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
10:30 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper



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† Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers †

The service of worship tonight is taken from an early Christian service called Tenebrae. The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." During the service candles are extinguished until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. As it gets darker and darker we reflect on the darkness of God's judgment that enveloped our Lord on the cross. At the conclusion of the service, the final candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. Following a brief silence there is a loud noise symbolizing the earthquake at the time of his death (Matthew 27:51-53).

The Congregation and Pastors enter in silence.

Opening Versicles:

- P: O Lord, open my lips,
C: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C: **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Choir: *O Sinner, Come, Thy Sin to Mourn* (J.S. Bach)

Psalmody (following each Psalm a candle is extinguished; the "Glory to be to the Father" is omitted)

- Psalm 22 (sung antiphonally; antiphon: vs. 19)
Hymn: LSB 434, vs. 1
Psalm 2 ("double-tone"; antiphon: vss. 6 & 11)
Hymn: LSB 434, v. 2
Psalm 27 ("double-tone"; antiphon: vss. 9 & 14)
Hymn: LSB 434, vs. 3
Psalm 51 (sung antiphonally; antiphon: vs. 2)

The Passion of Our Lord

- Hymn: LSB 450, vss. 1-3 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*
P: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, the 19th chapter.
Reading: John 19:1-16a
Hymn: LSB 450, vss. 4-7
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

- 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.**

Office Hymn:

LSB 448 *O Darkest Woe*

Sermon

"Behold Your King"

Canticle:

LSB 447, vss. 19-21 *Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*

(a candle is extinguished)

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.**
Our Father . . .
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. Following a loud noise, a single candle is brought back into the sanctuary symbolizing the victory of life over death. The congregation leaves in silence with minimal light. Offerings may be left at the door as you leave.)