



GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE
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✠ GOOD FRIDAY ✠

As We Gather

As we have journeyed with Joseph throughout this Lenten season and witnessed the Lord's presence and work through him, we're continually pointed to a greater foreshadowing of God's promise fulfilled through a Savior. Though much evil took place in Joseph's life, he was compelled in faith to say, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today" (Genesis 50:20). In the same way on this Good Friday, we are exposed to much evil. Jesus is delivered into the hands of sinful men, is beaten, is crucified, is deserted, and died. But like with Joseph, God meant it for good, that we be alive today with the forgiveness and payment for our sins, which He endured for us. Jesus was right when He proclaimed from the cross, "It is finished." And by that finished work, our new life in Him has begun.

The "Order of Tenebrae" is an early Christian order of worship traditionally utilized in the observance of Good Friday. "Tenebrae" is Latin for "darkness" or "in the shadows," and the service is characterized by the gradual removal of light from the sanctuary as the scriptural accounts approach the moment of the death of our Lord. It should not be considered a funeral service for Jesus, but rather a time of repentance as we consider His Passion for us.

PRELUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

C. Schalk

OPENING HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#425

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| 1 | When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride. | 3 | See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown? |
| 2 | Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood. | 4 | Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all! |

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P throughout this Lenten season, we have journeyed with Joseph

C and have now come to the cross of Christ on Calvary.

Choir Anthem

"Contemplation of the Cross"

K. Scott

Psalm

P He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

C upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

P O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,

C nor discipline me in your wrath!

P For your arrows have sunk into me,

C and your hand has come down on me.

P There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;

C there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

P For my iniquities have gone over my head;

C like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

P I confess my iniquity;

C I am sorry for my sin.

P Make haste to help me,

C O Lord, my salvation!

P He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

C upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

We pause to reflect and remember our sins which Jesus carried for us to the cross...

Confession and Absolution

P Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to behold the evil of a fallen creation, the agony of Your rejection, the pain of Your condemnation, and the horror of Your crucifixion.

C As we approach the cross on Calvary, let us become mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against Your will and ways.

P Eternal God, we confess that we have turned away from you in our thinking, speaking, and doing.

C We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others.

P We have not loved You with our whole heart,

C and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P We often fail to see the good You work at Your time and in Your way, even amid the evil around us.

C Our faith suffers in doubt, and we lose our trust in You.

P We can only say:

C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

P Even on a somber night with broken and contrite hearts and evil actions remembered, know and hear the Good News! Foreshadowed by Joseph and saints of old, Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised and written since the fall into sin. By His miraculous birth, perfect life, suffering, and sacrificial death, He has taken every sin upon Himself and brought them to the cross for you. For His sake, God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN - (11:00 AM)

“My Faith Looks up to Thee”

#702 sts. 1-3

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

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Celebration Ringers - (7:00 PM)

"Lenten Medley"

arr. K. McChesney

Prayer of the Day

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.

✠ WORD ✠

Old Testament Reading ✠ He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions ✠ *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— ¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

✠ Jesus the Great High Priest ✠

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

“Don’t Listen to the Hammer Ring”

D. Wagner

Holy Gospel

✠ The Crucifixion ✠

John 19:17–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²²Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

#440 sts. 1-3 & 6

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
 On Your holy passion;
 With Your Spirit me endow
 For such meditation.
 Grant that I in love and faith
 May the image cherish
 Of Your suff’ring, pain, and death
 That I may not perish.
- 2 Make me see Your great distress,
 Anguish, and affliction,
 Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
 And Your crucifixion;
 Make me see how scourge and rod,
 Spear and nails did wound You,
 How for them You died, O God,
 Who with thorns had crowned You.

- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
 Make me see Your passion,
 But its cause to me make known
 And its termination.
 Ah! I also and my sin
 Wrought Your deep affliction;
 This indeed the cause has been
 Of Your crucifixion.
- 6 Graciously my faith renew;
 Help me bear my crosses,
 Learning humbleness from You,
 Peace mid pain and losses.
 May I give You love for love!
 Hear me, O my Savior,
 That I may in heav’n above
 Sing Your praise forever.

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SERMON

OFFERING—may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving always available on our website. For those worshipping with us at home, we continue to pray God’s blessing and look forward to the day when we will all be able to worship together again here in God’s house.

Prayer of the Church*The Bidding Prayer****Bidding Prayer 1 – 2*****HYMN**

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

#423 St. 1

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
 Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
 Fountain in life’s desert dreary,
 Savior from the world above:

Often have Your eyes, offended,
 Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;
 Yet upon the cross extended,
 You have borne the pain of all.

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Bidding Prayer 3 – 5**HYMN**

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

#423 St. 2

- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,
 Breathing no repentant vow,
 Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
 See Your thorn-encircled brow?

Yet Your sinless death has brought us
 Life eternal, peace, and rest;
 Only what Your grace has taught us
 Calms the sinner’s deep distress.

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Bidding Prayer 6 – 9 & The Lord’s Prayer

A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

C **Our Father who art in heaven...**

HYMN

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

#423 St. 3

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew

Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior’s side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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✠ THE TENEBRAE ✠

The First Word

John 19:14-16a; Luke 23:32-34a

L Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified. Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

P We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

P God forbid that I should glory

C **except in the cross of our Lord, Jesus.**

P Almighty God, Your dear Son, our Lord, did not go up to joy before first He suffered pain; He did not enter into glory before He was crucified. Mercifully grant that we in faith may walk the way of His cross and find in it the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

“Jesus, In Your Dying Woes”

#447 sts. 1–3

1 Jesus, in Your dying woes,
Even while Your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for Your foes:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

For we know not what we do:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

2 Savior, for our pardon sue
When our sins Your pangs renew,

3 Oh, may we, who mercy need,
Be like You in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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The first candle is extinguished.

The Second Word

Luke 23:35-43

L And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

P We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

P Surely He has borne out griefs

C **and carried our sorrows.**

P Lord Jesus, while You hung on the cross, You showed mercy to the dying thief. With that mercy, look on us also, we pray, and at our last hour, comfort us with Your promise that we will dwell forever in paradise with You.

C **Amen.**

The second candle is extinguished.

Third Word

John 19:25-27

L Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

P We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

P Bind us to one another with bonds of charity and love

C **that we ever reflect the great and sacrificial love that You have showed to us through Your suffering, pain, and death on the cross.**

HYMN

"Jesus, In Your Dying Woes"

#447 St. 4, 7 & 9

4 Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief, who near You dies,
Promising him paradise:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

And Your dearest human friend:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

7 Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,

9 May we all Your loved ones be,
All one holy family,
Loving, since Your love we see:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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P O God, You know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright. Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The third candle is extinguished.

Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45–47

L Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

P We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world**

P Keep us mindful of Your abiding presence with us

C **that our witness to the love You have shown us may never falter or fail.**

P Grant, we pray, merciful Lord, to Your faithful people pardon and peace. Cleanse us from all our sins, that we may serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Fifth Word

Matthew 10:38–42, John 19:28–29

L [Jesus said to His disciples,] “Whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. “Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth.

P We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

P Grant us peace and patience under all trials.

C **Keep us mindful of the great sacrifice You willingly made for us to pay the price of our sins.**

HYMN

“Jesus, In Your Dying Woes”

#447 sts. 13-15

13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Satisfy Your loving will:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

15 May we thirst Your love to know.
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

14 Thirst for us in mercy still;
All Your holy work fulfill;

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P O God, for our redemption, You gave Your only Son to die the death of the cross, and by His resurrection, You have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Sixth Word

Hebrews 9:11–12, 15, 27–28; John 19:30a

L But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished.”

P We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

P Help us begin all our works of charity and love in Your name

C **and find Your blessing in their completion to Your glory.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, You set the boundaries of our lives and grant us tasks to do in Your name. In Your great love, You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. With the aid of the Holy Spirit, lead us to complete all You intend for us to do in this world until that time when we share in Your eternal presence in the world to come.

C **Amen.**

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Seventh Word

Luke 23:44–46; Matthew 27:54

L It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed. And the

curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed his last.

Pause for meditation.

L When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

P We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

P Preserve and defend us, gracious Lord,

C **so that when our last hour comes, we may know Your abiding care.**

HYMN "Jesus, In Your Dying Woes" #447 sts. 16, 19-20

16 Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All Your Father's will obeyed;
By Your suff'rings perfect
made:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

20 When the death shades round
us low'r,
Guard us from the tempter's
pow'r,
Keep us in that trial hour:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

19 Jesus, all Your labor vast,
All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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P Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over to the hands of sinful men to suffer death on the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The removal of the Christ Candle symbolizes that our Savior hung in darkness for three God-forsaken hours before He died for the sins of the world.

SHUTTING OF THE TOMB

BLESSING

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

The congregation leaves the sanctuary and the building silently contemplating the death of Christ and looking forward to His resurrection victory.



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CELEBRATION RINGERS (7:00 p.m.) Directed by Martha Moeller

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