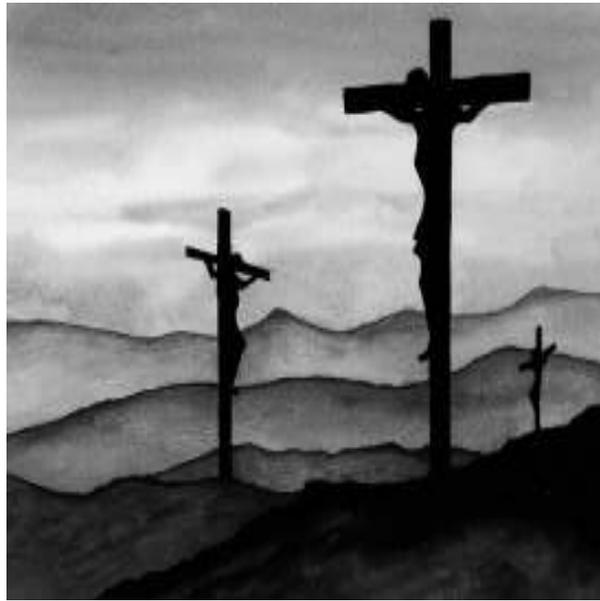




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GOOD FRIDAY
TENEBRAE SERVICE

March 30, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

SERVICE OF DARKNESS

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Good Friday, March 30, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Tenebrae Service - Service of Darkness

Welcome to this Tenebrae Service. Please see the back page for an explanation. Offering plates are placed at the entrance to the Nave.

Silent Prayer (Upon entering)

Lord Jesus Christ, as I meditate in this service on Your death for me, let those final sentences which You spoke from the cross impart a personal blessing, that I may worship both in Spirit and truth and be moved to sacrifice my whole life as an offering to You. Amen

Hymn

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Hymn 347

(Stand)

Preparation

P See and meditate upon the cross whereon was hung the Savior of the world.

C **God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P Beneath the cross of our Lord this night, let us confess the sins that nailed Him to the tree and implore His mercy and forgiveness.

Confession of Sins

All: **O most mighty and merciful Father, who has compassion on all people, and does not hate anything which You have made; wipe away our sins; receive and cleanse us and make us whole. Your will is always to have mercy.**

Spare us, therefore, good Lord that we become not the victims of our own greed, lust, and selfishness. Pass not judgment on us. We need Your mercy in this world, if we are ever to enjoy Your eternal fellowship. Hear us on the merits of the message and mission of Jesus Christ. Amen

Absolution

P Christ who has forgiven people from the burden of sin and guilt, forgive you and me from our sin. Know by His coming in the flesh, by His message, and His love, through His crucifixion and resurrection that we have healing of body, mind, and spirit. Amen

(Sit)

Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm: Psalm 22 (Read responsively)

P My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

C O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

P Yet, You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

C In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.

P To You they cried, and were saved; in You they trusted, and were not put to shame.

C But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

P All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

C "Commit your cause to the LORD; let Him deliver-let Him rescue the one in whom He delights!"

P Yet it was You who took me from the womb; You kept me safe on my mother's breast.

C On You I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me You have been my God.

P Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

C Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

P They open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

C I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

P My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; You lay me in the dust of death.

C For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled;

P I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;

C They divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

P But You, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

C Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

P Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen You have rescued me.

C I will tell of Your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you;

P You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

C For He did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; He did not hide His face from me, but heard when I cried to Him.

P From You comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear Him.

C The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before Him.

C For dominion belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations.

P To Him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for Him.

C Posterity will serve Him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

P And proclaim His deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that He has done it.

Lesson: Hebrews 10:16-25

(You may remain seated for the Passion reading until verse 23 when all who are able will stand.)

Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

Tenebrae (The seven candles will be extinguished, one for each of Christ's words from the cross. The Christ Candle will be carried from the Nave symbolizing the death of Jesus.)

First Word: Luke 23:33-34

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on His right and one on His left! Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Comments on First Word

Prayer

Almighty God, You are always ready to hear our prayers, and are ready to give more than we dare ask or deserve. In the abundance of Your mercy, forgive us those things which burden our conscience and give us those good things for which we are unworthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord. Amen

Hymn

"Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes"

Verses 1-3

1 Je - sus, in thy dy - ing woes, E - ven while thy life - blood flows,
2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue When our sins thy pangs re - new,
3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, Be like thee in heart and deed,

Crav - ing par - don for thy foes:
For we know not what we do: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
When with wrong our spir - its bleed:

(The first candle is extinguished.)

Moment of Silence

Second Word: Luke 23:42-43

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Comments on Second Word

Prayer

Our loving Lord, You are the source of all love and are aware of all the suffering, injustice and misery in this world. Look mercifully upon the poor, the oppressed, and all who are heavily burdened with labor and sorrow. Fill our hearts with compassion for others who suffer, and hasten the coming of Your kingdom of justice and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Hymn

"Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes"

Verses 4-6

4. Jesus, pitying the sighs of the thief, who near thee dies,
Promising him paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus.
5. May we in our guilt and shame still thy love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on thy name: Hear us, holy Jesus.
6. May our hearts to thee incline, looking from our cross to thine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine: Hear us, holy Jesus.
(The second candle is extinguished.)

Moment of Silence

Third Word: John 19:26-27

When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing beside her, He said to His mother, "Woman, here is your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Comments on Third Word

Prayer

Infinite and Eternal Spirit, our God and Father, Author of all good, and never far from any of Your children, draw us near so that in fellowship with You we may receive of Your Spirit. May all the bonds of love and ties of friendship be made stronger and sweeter through Him who in His mortal agony was mindful that we need the love of one another; in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Hymn

“Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes”

Verses 7-9

7. Jesus, loving to the end her whose heart thy sorrows rend,
And thy dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus.
8. May we in thy sorrows share, for thy sake all peril dare,
And enjoy thy tender care: Hear us, holy Jesus.
9. May we all thy loved ones be, all one holy family,
Loving for the love of thee: Hear us, holy Jesus.
(The third candle is extinguished.)

Moment of Silence

Fourth Word: Matthew 27:45 & 46 and Mark 15:33-34

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Comments on Fourth Word

Prayer

Almighty God, You are a strong tower to all who put their trust in You. To You all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth do bow in obedience. We ask You to be our defense and make us know and feel that there is no other name under heaven given to us in and through whom we may receive health and salvation than the name of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymn

“Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes”

Verses 10-12

10. Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, with our evil left alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown: Hear us, holy Jesus.
11. When we seem in vain to pray and our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay: Hear us, holy Jesus.
12. Though no Father seem to hear, though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near: Hear us, holy Jesus.
(The fourth candle is extinguished.)

Moment of Silence

Fifth Word: John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, He said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to His mouth.

Comments on Fifth Word

Prayer

Almighty God, Your own dear Son did not go directly to You in peace, but He first had to suffer pain. He did not enter into glory before He was crucified. We pray that in Your mercy we, too, may, as we walk in the way of the cross, find in it the way of life and peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Hymn

"Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes"

Verses 13-15

13. Jesus, in thy thirst and pain, while thy wounds thy lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain: Hear us, holy Jesus.
14. Thirst for us in mercy still; all thy holy work fulfill;
Satisfy thy loving will: Hear us, holy Jesus.
15. May we thirst thy love to know; lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow: Hear us, holy Jesus.
(The fifth candle is extinguished.)

Moment of Silence

Sixth Word: John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, He said, "It is finished." Then He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Comments on Sixth Word

Prayer

Gracious God, You are the Forgiver of sin, Healer of sorrow, Vanquisher of death. You are our salvation and our all-conquering hope. Make us citizens of Your kingdom. Guide us with Your love as we endeavor to promote good will and righteousness in this world. Hasten the day when You shall take unto Yourself the power and control of all things. Nourish us with Your goodness and keep us in Your care, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Hymn

“Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes”

Verses 16-18

16. Jesus, all our ransom paid, all thy Father’s will obeyed;
By thy suff’rings perfect made: Hear us, holy Jesus.
17. Save us in our soul’s distress; be our help to cheer and bless,
While we grow in holiness: Hear us, holy Jesus.
18. Brighten all our heav’nward way with an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day: Hear us, holy Jesus.
(The sixth candle is extinguished.)

Moment of Silence

Seventh Word: Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit!” Having said this, He breathed His last.

Comments on Seventh Word

Prayer

Almighty God, You alone gave us the breath of life. You alone can keep alive in us the holy desire You impart. Sanctify all our thoughts and endeavors that our actions are motivated by pure intention and Your blessings. As our mind’s eyes are opened to see the spiritual values, grant that our heart may be inspired by Your wisdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Hymn*“Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes”*

Verses 19-21

19. Jesus, all thy labor vast, all thy woes and conflict past;
Yielding up thy soul at last: 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.
21. May thy life and death supply grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the home on high: Hear us, holy Jesus.
(The seventh candle is extinguished - Total darkness.)

Exit of the Christ Candle**Closing of the Book on the Altar****Return of the Christ Candle****Silent Prayer****Exit in Silence**

Explanation of the Tenebrae

This service is patterned after the ancient office of Tenebrae. The word “Tenebrae” means “darkness”. The purpose of the service is to impress on us the terrible reality of sin, which caused our Savior to die for us.

A total of eight candles are used in this worship service. Seven of these candles represent the seven last sentences which our Savior spoke from the cross, and the eighth candle is the Christ Candle.

As the seven candles are extinguished one by one, causing the chancel to become increasingly darkened, we are reminded of the darkness that covered the earth at the time our Lord spoke these words at his crucifixion. It also serves as a reminder of the spiritual darkness that would exist had the “Light of the World” not come.

The exit of the Christ Candle, near the close of the service, signifies Christ’s death and burial. When the book is lifted from the altar and slammed back down to create a definite closing sound, this acknowledges that with the sealed tomb, the meaning of the cross is fulfilled, the sacrifice completed. The Christ Candle is not extinguished at any time during the service, as it is symbolic of the eternal light of God’s love, and the candle is brought back in!

Though evil had its hour, the light of God’s love continues to burn through all eternity.

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

There will be three worship opportunities with Holy Communion at all:

7:00 a.m. - Outdoor Worship at courtyard Memorial Garden

8:30 and 10:30 a.m. - Festive Easter Celebration of Christ’s Resurrection

GOOD FRIDAY

**They shouted,
“Crucify him,
Crucify him!”
Pilate asked,
“Shall I crucify
Your King?”**

**The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.”
Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus;
And carrying the cross by himself, he went out to The Place of the Skull.**

**There they
Crucified him.
And with him
Two others,
One on either
Side with Jesus
Between them.
Pilate also had
An inscription
Written and put
On the cross.
It read, “Jesus
Of Nazareth, the
King of the Jews.”**

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