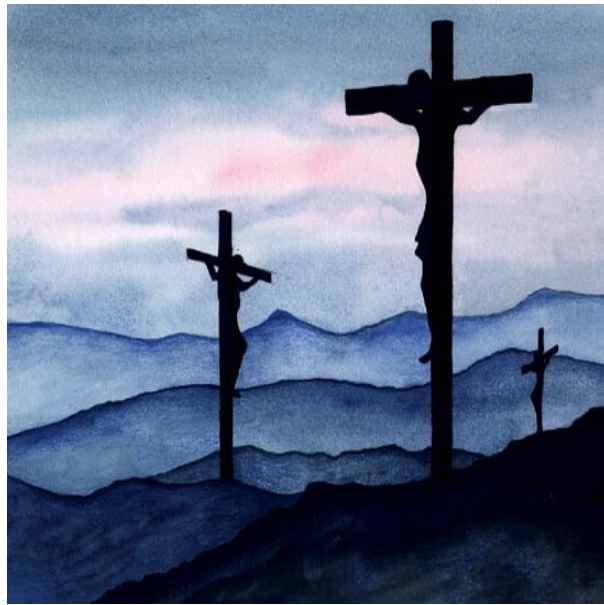


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**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**TENEBRAE SERVICE**

**April 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

**SERVICE OF DARKNESS**

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Tenebrae Service - Service of Darkness

Welcome to this Tenebrae Service. Please see page 12 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)*

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> **My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> **Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you<sup>1</sup> rescued them.**

<sup>5</sup> They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> **But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.**

<sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

<sup>8</sup> **“Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”**

<sup>9</sup> Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

<sup>10</sup> **I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.**

<sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup> **Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

<sup>13</sup> They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup> **I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

<sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup> **Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet.**

<sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

<sup>18</sup> **They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup> But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

<sup>20</sup> **Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup> **I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> **For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup> Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

<sup>30</sup> **Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup> They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

**LESSON:** Hebrews 10:16-25

**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.

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



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## 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.

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;



how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!



Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;



mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.

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## 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.

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,



for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?



Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,



Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

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## *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.

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

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## 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.

### Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,". The second staff continues the melody: "pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for-sak - en in your suf - f'ring:". The third staff continues: "from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us." The fourth staff concludes with: "1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus." The music ends with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,  
pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for-sak - en in your suf - f'ring:  
from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.  
1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.

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## *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.

### Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless



Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,



pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring:



from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.



2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.

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## *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.

### Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless



Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,



pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring:



from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.



3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - men.

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**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.**

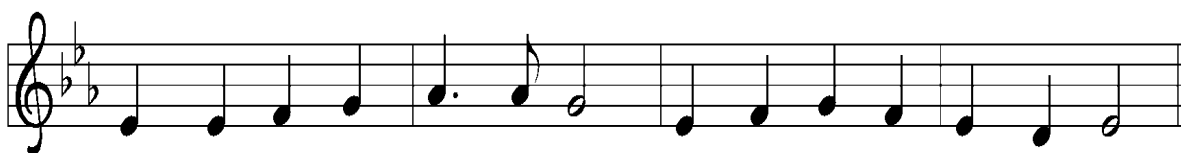
## Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901