



**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE
6:30 P.M.
APRIL 10, 2020**



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Service of Tenebrae

Officium Tenebrae

On Good Friday the Church remembers the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. This remembrance is solemn, but not depressing or melancholy. Christians worship on Good Friday to adore the Son of God who offered his life as the Lamb of God.

The Service of Darkness (Latin: *Officium Tenebrae*) began in the medieval church and was added to the worship patterns of Holy Week. The Service of Darkness should not be thought of as a “funeral” for Jesus, but as an austere service of meditation, prayer, adoration, and confession. In lessons and music, we reverently recall the Savior’s last hours on the cross. We confess the sins that caused his suffering and ponder the miracle of divine love that brought about our redemption and forgiveness of sins.

Symbolism in the Service

The progressive darkness recalls the darkness that covered the earth from noon until 3:00 on Good Friday.

The progressive extinguishing of candles recalls the ebbing of the Savior’s life. Note well that the Pascal candle is lit and returns to the chancel on Sunday: this Savior will live again!

Music

Music for this service is by recording of the cantata for Good Friday Tenebrae
Service by Jeremy S. Bakken 2013

WELCOME AND EXPLANATION OF THE SERVICE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

P: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

READING: ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely;
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.
¹⁴ *Just as there were many who were appalled at him—
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man
and his form marred beyond human likeness—*
¹⁵ so will he sprinkle many nations,
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.
For what they were not told, they will see,
and what they have not heard, they will understand.

53 *Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ *He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
Like one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.

⁵ *But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.*

- ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
- ⁷ *He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.*
- ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
And who can speak of his descendants?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was stricken.
- ⁹ *He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.*
- ¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.
- ¹¹ *After the suffering of his soul,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous
servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.*
- ¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

MEDITATION

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

"Victorious Trust"

The Service of Tenebrae

The Seven "Words" from The Cross

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:26-34

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

First Candle Extinguished

CHOIR

The First Word

"Crucify him, crucify!" the cry, Calling for the Holy One to die.
Giving in to anger, fear, distrust Joining in the crowd's bloodthirsty lust.

Refrain: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Coldly leading men to certain death—
Thoughtlessly they rob them of their breath;
Cruelly scourging, mocking, driving nails,
Gladly casting lots for blood-stained clothes.

Refrain

Mob of hatred, soldiers cold at heart—Our sins also that day did their part.
Even we, like they, are cruel and cold As we with contempt our Savior hold.

Refrain

But in love and grace Christ pleads for us, For our lives before his Father just—
Recognizing our blind, sinful state, Holding out his sacrifice complete.

Refrain

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:38-43

"I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Second Candle Extinguished

CHOIR

The Second Word

Dying there beside him, Justly meeting death,
Soul in deepest anguish, Let alone the flesh,
He turns to the Savior, Hung unjustly by,
Asks to be remembered When he reigns on high.

Refrain: "Today, today you will be with me in Paradise."

In your darkest moment Facing sins' grim wage,
Soul in fear and torment, Heart in disarray,
With the dying sinner, We, too, make the plea
And receive the answer to which faith clings!

Refrain

Fainting soul, take courage, Moment's trouble light,
Though right now you suffer, Soon all will be right.
In a sudden instant, In a twinkling eye
Promised rest once distant Will be this day's sight!

Refrain

SCRIPTURE: John 19:25-27

"Woman, here is your son...Here is your mother."

Third Candle Extinguished

CHOIR

The Third Word

So long ago in a barn in Bethlehem, she first held him.
He was in essence God, and yet, her fragile newborn son.
And though the prophecy foretold One day a sword would pierce her soul,
Mary was not fully prepared, And in a moment of despair
Needed to hear what Jesus said:

Refrain: "Dear woman, here is your son; and son, here is your mother."

For three long years, he had followed faithfully, right to the end,
This humble man, the Son of God who deigned to call John "friend."
And though he'd spoke of death to come, Blood shed to usher in new love,
John could no longer plainly see What Jesus wanted him to be.
Knowing John's need, then Jesus said:

Refrain

Now looking back at Jesus' love for them, midst agony—
A love so selfless, kind, bearing both sin and earthly need.
His promise is for us as well; His giving hand with us will dwell.
Our purpose also has not changed: To care for others in his name.
We're moved by what our Savior said:

Refrain

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27:45-40

"Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"

Fourth Candle Extinguished

CHOIR

The Fourth Word

The darkened sky that gathered there Could not begin to e'en compare
To Jesus' sin-soaked soul's despair And naught but all of hell's cold stare.

Refrain: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

The hour of sin's grim wage had come, The punishment for all wrong done,
Willingly met by God's own Son. Now fully cast away by God.

Refrain

For me, the Father ignored his Son's plea. For me, he punished Jesus to make
peace.

He cut off his own Son that day, So I would never have need to say:

Refrain

SCRIPTURE: John 19:28,29

"I am thirsty."

Fifth Candle Extinguished

CHOIR

The Fifth Word

Word made flesh, Nearing death.

Word made flesh, God immortal and eternal,

Nearing death, human-bound, by choice, now mortal.

He, the well of living water Who became the woman's seed.

He, who welcomes thirsting sinners Now with deepest fleshly need.

Tortured and beaten, thorn-pierced brow,

Slowly he suffers, blood flowing down.

Though fully God, of flesh also he; Wonder not whether he human be.

"I thirst."

SCRIPTURE: John 19:30

"It is finished!"

Sixth Candle Extinguished

CHOIR

The Sixth Word

Having received the drink, he stirred; It seemed he'd speak some simple word.

Would it be a curse? Would he shout dismay? Or could he only cry?

But so that those who followed him would know,

Hope was not lost; they need not fear failure.

And so that all of hell knew certainly,

That though this moment they sensed victory,

Jesus indeed had crushed the Serpent's head,

And freed his own from sin, death, shame and dread.

He did not curse, nor cry, nor voice defeat;

Instead proclaimed this final certainty: "It is finished!"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:44-46

"Father, into Your hands I entrust My spirit."

Pascal Candle lit/Seventh Candle Extinguished

CHOIR

The Seventh Word

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

SCRIPTURE: John 19:31-42 *The Burial of Jesus*

SILENT PRAYER & DEPARTURE

EASTER DAY FESTIVAL Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (Special time)

Acknowledgments

Worship leaders: Pastor Jack Kelly. Pastor Justin Heise

Choir: Saint Peter Lutheran Senior Choir (recorded previously)

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