



GOOD FRIDAY

March 30, 2018 | 7:30 PM

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Solemn Tenebrae Service in remembrance of the crucifixion of Christ

Good Friday serves, with Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, as one continuous service commemorating the most holy passion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no benediction pronounced until Easter.

The word *tenebrae* is Latin for “shadows” or “darkness,” recalling the apparent triumph of darkness on Good Friday and Matthew’s reference to the increasing darkness that covered the earth as

Jesus hung on the cross. During the service, the sanctuary will progressively darken. As an act of solemnity, the congregation remains seated for the service. The seven candles signify the seven last words of Christ and are extinguished to symbolize the sacrificial death of Jesus for our sins. The concluding drum suggests the earthquake that occurred after Jesus died. The light returned with Jesus’s resurrection on Easter morning and is symbolized with the Christ candle.

Remain seated throughout the service.

Please refrain from speaking upon entering the sanctuary. Hymns will not be announced. A nursery is available on the first floor of Two Park Street for children five years of age and under.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Phil Thorne, Michael Balboni, Julian Linnell, Chris May, Tammy McLeod, Andrea Zvara, Jim Zvara

MUSIC: The Sanctuary Choir; Dan Schmunk, *Director*; Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music & Organist*; Anna Ludwikowska, *Organist*

ACOLYTE: Xenia Matthews

COVER ART: Adrian Johnston

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The congregation gathers in silence

SILENT PROCESSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 53:4

Minister: Surely he has borne our griefs

People: And carried our sorrows,

Minister: Yet we esteemed him stricken,

People: Smitten by God and afflicted.

CONFESSION OF SIN, INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(kneeling or sitting)*

Our Father who art in heaven;

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our coming day's bread;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into trial, but deliver us from the Evil One.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN N^o 247

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

PSALTER READING

Psalm 22, hymnal p. 790

(floor reads regular text, **balcony reads bold text**)

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 10:1–14

ANTHEM

Crucifixus, from Mass in B minor

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato:

He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate

Passus, et sepultus est.

He suffered [death], and was buried.

Note: One of the heresies rejected by council of Nicæa was *Docetism*, the idea that Jesus's physical form (and therefore his suffering) was an illusion. Modern English translations include the word "death" because there is no ambiguity on that point in the original. Only from modern ignorance springs the idea that Jesus could have survived his crucifixion and burial (called the "swoon hypothesis" and developed no earlier than the 18th century).

Words: AD 381 | Nicene Creed

Music: J. S. Bach (1685–1750)



1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
of the mighty conflict sing;
tell the triumph of the victim,
to his cross thy tribute bring.
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer
from that cross now reigns as King.
2. God, his maker, deeply grieving
that the first-made Adam fell
when he ate the fruit of sorrow,
whose reward was death and hell,
noted then this tree, the ruin
of the first tree to dispel.
3. Thirty years among us dwelling,
his appointed time fulfilled,
born for this, he meets his passion,
this the Savior freely willed:
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,
where his precious blood is spilled.
4. He endures the nails, the spitting,
vinegar, and spear, and reed;
from that holy body piercéd
blood and water forth proceed:
earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean,
by that flood from stain are freed.
5. Faithful cross! above all other,
one and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit thy peer may be:
sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
sweetest Weight is hung on thee.
6. Thou alone wast counted worthy
this world's ransom to sustain,
that a shipwrecked race forever
might a port of refuge gain,
with the sacred blood anointed
from the Lamb of sinners slain.
7. Laud and honor to the Father,
 laud and honor to the Son,
 laud and honor to the Spirit,
 ever Three and ever One:
one in love, and one in splendor,
 while eternal ages run.

Words: Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)

Music: Picardy | French folk tune

trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and others

ANTHEM

Agnus Dei, from Requiem

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
dona nobis requiem.
grant us rest.†

Man that is born of a woman
hath but a short time to live,
and is full of misery.

He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower;
he fleeth as it were a shadow.

In the midst of life, we are in death;
of whom may we seek for succor?

†Rev. 14:13 "...Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord...they will rest from their labor." The curse of sin is a sentence to toil and death, removed only through Christ's death on the cross.

Words: from John 1:29, 14:1-2, historic burial services; Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Minister: When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals — one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Luke 23:32-34

People: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Psalm 51:1

Silence. The first candle is extinguished.

Minister: One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:39-43

People: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51:2

Silence. The second candle is extinguished.

Minister: Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

John 19:25–27

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Psalm 51:3

Silence. The third candle is extinguished.

Minister: From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"— which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Matthew 27:45–46

People: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Psalm 51:4

Silence. The fourth candle is extinguished.

Minister: Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

John 19:28–29

People: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Psalm 51:5

Silence. The fifth candle is extinguished.

Minister: When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

John 19:30

People: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Psalm 51:7–9

Silence. The sixth candle is extinguished.

Minister: 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.

Luke 23:44-46

People: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Psalm 51:10-11

*Silence. The seventh candle is extinguished.
The Christ candle is extinguished. The drum sounds.*

THE CONGREGATION DEPARTS IN SILENCE

Feel free to remain to pray.

Easter services are Sunday at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM.



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