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Solemn Tenebræ 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. Because of the continuity of the service over multiple days, there is no benediction pronounced until Easter.

The word *tenebræ* 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 or kneeling for the service, except during the reading of the Passion Gospel. The seven candles represent the seven last words of Christ and are extinguished to symbolize the sacrificial death of Jesus for our sins. The concluding drum signifies the earthquake that occurred after Jesus died.

¶ *Please refrain from speaking upon entering the sanctuary. Remain seated or kneeling throughout the service, except during the Passion Gospel. The lessons are taken from the English Standard Version.*

SILENT PROCESSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 53:4

¶ *The People kneel with the Ministers, or remain seated.*

Leader Surely he has borne our griefs

People **and carried our sorrows;**

Leader yet we esteemed him stricken,

People **smitten by God, and afflicted.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most

gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

N^o 247 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 22:1-18

per Bible p.16

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

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¶ *The People recite the psalm antiphonally: floor reads regular text, balcony reads bold text.*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Why are you so far from saving me,
from the words of my groaning?**

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

**Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

**To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

**All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**

“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

**Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.**

On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

**Be not far from me,
for trouble is near, and there is none to help.**

Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

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

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;**

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

**For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—**

I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;

**They divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

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

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

**I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

All **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:1-14

pew Bible p.1006

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

Drop, Drop Slow Tears

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

Words: Phineas Fletcher (1582–1650) | Music: 2023, Jeffrey JunkinSmith (b. 1956)

THE GOSPEL

John 18:1–19:37

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵ They answered him,

Choir “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said,

Choir “Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

¹² So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴ It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵ Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the

door, and brought Peter in.¹⁷ The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.”¹⁸ Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹ The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

²⁰ Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.”²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.”²² When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?”²³ Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?”²⁴ Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him,

Choir “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?”

He denied it and said, “I am not.”²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?”²⁷ Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

²⁸ Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover.²⁹ So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?”³⁰ They answered him,

Choir “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.”

³¹ Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” The Jews said to him,

Choir “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.”

³² This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?”³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no

guilt in him. ³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰ They cried out again

People **"Not this man, but Barabbas!"**

Now Barabbas was a robber.

19 Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe.

³ They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him."

⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"

⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

Choir **"Crucify him, crucify him!"**

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷ The Jews answered him,

Choir **"We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God."**

⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin." ¹² From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out,

People **"If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend.
Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."**

¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha.

¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out,

People **"Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"**

Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered,

Choir **"We have no king but Caesar."**

¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

¶ *The People stand.*

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also

wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”²⁰ Many 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.

²¹ So 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.’”²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³ When 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,²⁴ so 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,²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”²⁹ 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.³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

¶ *The People kneel, or may sit. Silence is kept.*

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away.³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him.

³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe.³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

¶ *The People sit. Silence is kept.*

HYMN

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

PICARDY




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

THE SERMON

Mark Booker

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

 *The People kneel.*

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, for ever. Amen.

THE ANTHEM

Chorus *from Messiah*

Behold the Lamb of God,

that taketh away the sin of the world.

Words: John 1:29 | Music: G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Minister 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." And they cast lots to divide his garments. *Luke 23:33-34*

People **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Psalm 51:1

Silence. The first candle is extinguished.

Minister 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. *Luke 23:39-43*

People **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

Psalm 51:2

Silence. The second candle is extinguished.

Minister 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. *John 19:25–27*

People **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.** *Psalm 51:3*

Silence. The third candle is extinguished.

Minister 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?” *Matthew 27:45–46*

People **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.** *Psalm 51:4*

Silence. The fourth candle is extinguished.

Minister 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. *John 19:28–29*

People **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.** *Psalm 51:5*

Silence. The fifth candle is extinguished.

Minister When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. *John 19:30*

People **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.** *Psalm 51:7–9*

Silence. The sixth candle is extinguished.

Minister 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. *Luke 23:44–46*

People **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.** *Psalm 51:10–11*

Silence. The seventh candle is extinguished. The drum sounds. The Ministers process out.

¶ *After the Ministers depart, the People depart the church in silence, or may remain to pray.*



SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*
Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music & Organist*

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*
12:00 Leonard Mosiah, *Minister to Youth*
7:30 Adam Herndon, *Minister of Discipleship*

MUSICIANS

Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*
12:00 The Chamber Choir
7:30 The Sanctuary Choir

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UPCOMING SERVICES

EASTER DAY
April 20

9:00 am & 11:00 am | Music by choir & orchestra
4:00 pm | Music by Sunday Night Band

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