



Good Friday

TENEBRAE VESPERS

April 22, 2011

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

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Please consider joining us for our Easter Divine Service on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

About the Service

The service of worship tonight is taken from an early Christian service called Tenebrae. The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." Tonight we will experience only a small portion of Christ's pain and suffering the day of His crucifixion. One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. As it gets darker and darker we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. Toward the end of the service, the Christ candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. At the very end, a loud noise is made (called the *strepitus*), symbolizing the earthquake at the time of his death (Matthew 27) and his resurrection (Matthew 28:2). The **hidden candle** is then restored to its place, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. By this single light we all depart this service in silence.

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440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440 sts. 1, 4–5

**1 Jesus, I will ponder now
 On Your holy passion;
 With Your Spirit me endow
 For such meditation.
 Grant that I in love and faith
 May the image cherish
 Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
 That I may not perish.**

**4 Grant that I Your passion view
 With repentant grieving.
 Let me not bring shame to You
 By unholy living.
 How could I refuse to shun
 Ev'ry sinful pleasure
 Since for me God's only Son
 Suffered without measure?**

**5 If my sins give me alarm
 And my conscience grieve me,
 Let Your cross my fear disarm;
 Peace of conscience give me.
 Help me see forgiveness won
 By Your holy passion.
 If for me He slays His Son,
 God must have compassion!**

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Stand

Opening Versicles

**P O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
 Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

Sit

Psalmody

Psalms 31:9-16



⁵Into your hand I commit my / spirit; *
you have redeemed me, O Lord, / faithful God.

⁹Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am / in distress; *
my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body / also.

¹⁰**For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with / sighing; *
my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones / waste away.**

¹¹Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my ac- / quaintances; *
those who see me in the street / flee from me.

¹²**I have been forgotten like one / who is dead; *
I have become like a broken / vessel.**

¹³For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on / every side!— *
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to / ta ke my life.

¹⁴**But I trust in you, / O Lord; *
I say, “You / are my God.”**

¹⁵My times are / in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse-
/ cutors!

¹⁶**Make your face shine on your / servant; *
save me in your / steadfast love!**

⁵Into your hand I commit my / spirit; *
you have redeemed me, O Lord, / faithful God.

A candle is extinguished.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 450 sts. 1–3

- 1 O sacred Head, now wounded,
 With grief and shame weighed down,
 Now scornfully surrounded
 With thorns, Thine only crown.
 O sacred Head, what glory,
 What bliss, till now was Thine!
 Yet, though despised and gory,
 I joy to call Thee mine.

Women and Children - stanza 2

- 2 How pale Thou art with anguish,
 With sore abuse and scorn!
 How doth Thy face now languish
 That once was bright as morn!
 Grim death, with cruel rigor,
 Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
 Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor,
 Thy strength, in this sad strife.
- 3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
 Was all for sinners' gain;
 Mine, mine was the transgression,
 But Thine the deadly pain.
 Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
 Look on me with Thy favor,
 And grant to me Thy grace.

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P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

Passion Reading

John 19:1–15

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate 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." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold

the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So 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?" ¹¹Jesus 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."

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³So 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. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

A candle is extinguished.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 450 sts. 4–7

**4 My Shepherd, now receive me;
 My Guardian, own me Thine.
 Great blessings Thou didst give me,
 O Source of gifts divine.
 Thy lips have often fed me
 With words of truth and love;
 Thy Spirit oft hath led me
 To heav'nly joys above.**

**5 What language shall I borrow
 To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
 For this Thy dying sorrow,
 Thy pity without end?
 O make me Thine forever!
 And should I fainting be,
 Lord, let me never, never,
 Outlive my love for Thee.**

Men

- 6 My Savior, be Thou near me
 When death is at my door;
 Then let Thy presence cheer me,
 Forsake me nevermore!
 When soul and body languish,
 O leave me not alone,
 But take away mine anguish
 By virtue of Thine own!**
- 7 Be Thou my consolation,
 My shield, when I must die;
 Remind me of Thy passion
 When my last hour draws nigh.
 Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
 Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
 My heart by faith enfold Thee.
 Who dieth thus dies well.**

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Passion Reading

John 19:16–27

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

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰Many 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. ²¹So 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.’” ²²Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³When 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, ²⁴so 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, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A candle is extinguished.

Choral Response

"Cross of Jesus"

Stand

Passion Reading

John 19:28–42

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

³¹Since 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. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

³⁸After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Reading Response

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A candle is extinguished.

Responsory

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

- C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Sit

Sermon

Stand

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

LSB 439

- 1 **O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?**
- 2 **They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.**

Women and children

- 3 **Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.**

Men

- 5 **The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
God is committed.**

15 **And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
I, too, shall praise Thee.**

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A candle is extinguished.

Stand

Prayers

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

C **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 daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom
our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and deliv-
ered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the
cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

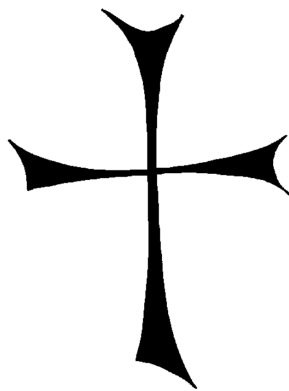
Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son
should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from
us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and
give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive for-
giveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

The seventh (Christ) candle is hidden for a time, and then returned.

All leave in silence and minimal light.



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