



Tenebrae Service

**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IS REMOVED**

**THE STREPITUS** (*The stone is rolled in front of the tomb.*)

**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST RETURNS**

*You are asked to leave in silence anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday. Your offering may be placed in the basket as you leave.*

**SALVATION**  
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found  
in  
no  
one  
else."  
ACTS 4:12, NIV

**People:** "Woman, behold, your son!"

Pastor: Then He said to the disciple,

**People:** "Behold, your mother!"

Pastor: And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),

**People:** "I thirst."

Pastor: 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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said,

**People:** "It is finished,"

Pastor: and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

**HYMN** *Were You There? LSB 456 vv. 1-3*

*Congregation*

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

Pastor: 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. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. 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. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of His bones will be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They will look on Him whom they have pierced."

*The seventh candle is extinguished.*

**CHOIR** *Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word*

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**Tenebrae Service**

April 2, 2021

Fri. 6:30 p.m.

**OPENING SENTENCES:**

Pastor: O Savior of the world, by Your cross and precious blood You redeemed the world.

**People: Save us and help us, we humbly implore You, O Lord.**

Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

**People: have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

**People: have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

**People: grant us peace.**

**HYMN** *Go to Dark Gethsemane LSB 436 vv. 1-3*

*Congregation*

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

*The first candle is extinguished.*

**READING** *Isaiah 52:13–53:3* (God's Suffering Servant is described.)

Pastor: Behold, My servant shall act wisely;

**People: He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.**

Pastor: As many were astonished at you—

**People: His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—**

Pastor: so shall He sprinkle many nations;  
**People: kings shall shut their mouths because of Him;**  
 Pastor: for that which has not been told them they see,  
**People: and that which they have not heard they understand.**  
 Pastor: Who has believed what they heard from us?  
**People: And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?**  
 Pastor: For He grew up before Him like a young plant,  
**People: and like a root out of dry ground;**  
 Pastor: He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him,  
**People: and no beauty that we should desire Him.**  
 Pastor: He was despised and rejected by men;  
**People: a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;**  
 Pastor: and as one from whom men hide their faces;  
**People: He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.**

**HYMN** Lamb Of God LSB 550 *Congregation*

1. Your only Son no sin to hide but You have sent Him from Your side  
 To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God

**Refrain:** O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God  
 O wash me in His precious blood my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

2. Your gift of love they crucified they laughed and scorned Him as He died  
 The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God **(Refrain)**

3. I was so lost I should have died but You have brought me to Your side  
 To be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God **(Refrain)**

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*The second candle is extinguished.*

**PASSION** John 19:19–22 (The title over the cross)

Pastor: Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." 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. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,  
**People: "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"**  
 Pastor: Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

**CHOIR** *The Holy Heart*

*The third candle is extinguished.*

**PASSION** John 19:23–24 (Soldiers divide Jesus' clothes.)

Pastor: 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, so they said to one another,  
**People: "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be."**

Pastor: This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,  
 "They divided My garments among them,  
 and for My clothing they cast lots."

**HYMN** *When Peace, like a River* LSB 763 vv. 1-3 *Choir/Congregation*

1 Choir

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
 Let this blest assurance control,  
 That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

**Refrain:** It is well (It is well)  
 with my soul, (with my soul),  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
 My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
 Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **(Refrain)**

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

**PSALM** Psalm 22:1, 7–8, 14–18 (A prophetic description of Jesus' death.)

Pastor: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?  
**People: Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?**  
 Pastor: All who see Me mock Me;  
**People: they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;**  
 Pastor: "He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him;  
**People: let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"**  
 Pastor: I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint;  
**People: My heart is like wax; it is melted within My breast;**  
 Pastor: My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
**People: and My tongue sticks to My jaws; you lay Me in the dust of death.**  
 Pastor: For dogs encompass Me; a company of evildoers encircles Me;  
**People: they have pierced My hands and feet—**  
 Pastor: I can count all my bones—  
**People: they stare and gloat over Me;**  
 Pastor: they divide My garments among them,  
**People: and for My clothing they cast lots.**

**CHOIR** *My Savior and My God*

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

**PASSION** John 19:25–42 (The death and burial of Jesus.)

Pastor: 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,