

# Good Friday Tenebrae

March 29, 2024

*The Office of Tenebrae (darkness) is traditionally spoken in Holy Week to impress upon us the awesome consequences of our sin and the magnitude of Jesus' suffering. The candles and other lights are gradually extinguished until the entire sanctuary is cast into darkness, a fitting expression of our spirit on this day of reflection and sorrow. The removal of the light symbolizes Jesus' death and burial. After the final Collect, a time of silence is broken by the sound of a closing book (called STREPITUS in Latin), symbolic of the earthquake at Jesus' death, the emptiness and confusion which exist in life without Christ, and a reminder of the inevitability of our own deaths. The return of the light to the altar foreshadows Jesus' Resurrection.*

*Stand*

## Opening Versicles

*Psalm 51:5; Psalm 70:1*

- 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.

## Psalm 51

*Psalm 51:1–12*

- P** Have mercy on me, O God,  
**C** according to your steadfast love;  
**P** according to your abundant mercy  
**C** blot out my transgressions.  
**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**C** and cleanse me from my sin!  
**P** For I know my transgressions,  
**C** and my sin is ever before me.  
**P** Against you, you only, have I sinned  
**C** and done what is evil in your sight,  
**P** so that you may be justified in your words  
**C** and blameless in your judgment.  
**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.  
**P** Cast me not away from your presence,  
**C** and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
**P** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## Prayer

- P** Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered 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.

*Sit*

## 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer

- A** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.
- A** Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.
- A** Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:
- P** Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

- A** Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:
- P** O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially President Biden; the Congress of the United States; Governor Kelly; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.
- A** Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.
- A** Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.
- A** Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.
- A** Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:
- P** O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

- A** Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:
- P** O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

## 456 Were You There

### The Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross

#### First Word

*Luke 23:32-34*

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 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.

- P** Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered 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.

#### 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

Jesus, in Your dying woes, Even while Your lifeblood flows,  
Craving pardon for Your foes: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Savior, for our pardon sue When our sins Your pangs renew,  
For we know not what we do: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Oh, may we, who mercy need, Be like You in heart and deed,  
When with wrong our spirits bleed: Hear us, holy Jesus.

#### Second Word

*Luke 23:39-43*

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.”

**P** Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered 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.

#### **447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes**

Jesus, pitying the sighs Of the thief, who near You dies,  
Promising him paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and mercy claim,  
Calling humbly on Your name: Hear us, holy Jesus.

May our hearts to You incline And their thoughts Your cross entwine.  
Cheer our souls with hope divine: Hear us, holy Jesus.

#### **Third Word**

*John 19:26-27*

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.

**P** Lord Jesus, while You suffered the agony of the cross, You remembered in love Your sorrowing mother. With that same love and pity bless all parents, especially those whose hearts are torn by the loss of loved ones or burdened with worry over their children. In Your mercy, gather all within the peace of Your cross, so that parent and child will love each other as they love You.

**C** Amen.

#### **447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes**

Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,  
And Your dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we in Your sorrows share, For Your sake all peril dare,  
And enjoy Your tender care: Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we all Your loved ones be, All one holy family,  
Loving, since Your love we see: Hear us, holy Jesus.

## Fourth Word

*Matthew 27:45-47*

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?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

**P** Heavenly Father, Your Son cried “Why have You forsaken me?” In time of trial and suffering, do not turn away from us, but give us Your presence and Your power that enable us to endure whatever may be set before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, With our evil left alone,  
While no light from heav’n is shown: Hear us, holy Jesus.

When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems far away,  
In the darkness be our stay: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Though no Father seem to hear, Though no light our spirits cheer,  
May we know that God is near: Hear us, holy Jesus.

## Fifth Word

*John 19:28–29*

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.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing that only You can provide. Strengthen us to carry our burdens and to endure our sufferings by the grace of Your holy example, always giving You thanks for Your love.

**C** Amen.

## 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

Jesus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,  
Thirsting more our love to gain: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Thirst for us in mercy still; All Your holy work fulfill;  
Satisfy Your loving will: Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our sin and woe  
Where the healing waters flow: Hear us, holy Jesus.

## Sixth Word

*John 19:30. Heb. 9:11-12, 27-28 NLT.*

So, Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. Complete in us everything You intend for us so that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for His glory.

**C** Amen.

## 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

Jesus, all our ransom paid, All Your Father’s will obeyed;  
By Your suff’rings perfect made: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Save us in our soul’s distress; Be our help to cheer and bless  
While we grow in holiness: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Brighten all our heav’nward way With an ever holier ray  
Till we pass to perfect day: Hear us, holy Jesus.

## Seventh Word

*Luke 23:44–46*

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.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.

**C** Amen.

## **Dignus Est Agnus**

*Revelation 5:12*

**P** Worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing. Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne; and unto the lamb forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

## **Concluding Collect**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who has willed that your son should bear for us the pains of the cross, so that you might remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion, that we may obtain remission of our sins and redemption from everlasting death; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Streptitus**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*The congregation leaves in silence and minimal light.*

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## **Easter Sunday, March 31**

9 am worship with Communion

10 am Breakfast served by ILC Youth

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# HYMNS

## 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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# 456 Were You There

*Luke 22:33, 53 {2}; Matthew 28:6 {1}; Romans 6:3-4 {3}*



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you  
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you  
 4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...  
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...  
 there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
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## 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes



1 Je - sus, in Your dy - ing woes, E - ven while Your  
 2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue When our sins Your  
 3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, Be like You in  
 4 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the thief, who



life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don for Your foes:  
 pangs re - new, For we know not what we do:  
 heart and deed, When with wrong our spir - its bleed:  
 near You dies, Prom - is - ing him par - a - dise:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

May we in our guilt and shame  
 Still Your love and mercy claim,  
 Calling humbly on Your name:  
 Hear us, holy Jesus.

May our hearts to You incline  
 And their thoughts Your cross entwine.  
 Cheer our souls with hope divine:  
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Third Word: John 19:26–27  
 Jesus, loving to the end  
 Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,  
 And Your dearest human friend:  
 Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we in Your sorrows share,  
 For Your sake all peril dare,  
 And enjoy Your tender care:  
 Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we all Your loved ones be,  
All one holy family,  
Loving, since Your love we see:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Fourth Word: Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34  
Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,  
With our evil left alone,  
While no light from heav'n is shown:  
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And our hope seems far away,  
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Though no light our spirits cheer,  
May we know that God is near:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Fifth Word: John 19:28  
Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,  
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,  
Thirsting more our love to gain:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Thirst for us in mercy still;  
All Your holy work fulfill;  
Satisfy Your loving will:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we thirst Your love to know.  
Lead us in our sin and woe  
Where the healing waters flow:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Sixth Word: John 19:30  
Jesus, all our ransom paid,  
All Your Father's will obeyed;  
By Your sufferings perfect made:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Save us in our soul's distress;  
Be our help to cheer and bless  
While we grow in holiness:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Brighten all our heav'nward way  
With an ever holier ray  
Till we pass to perfect day:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Seventh Word: Luke 23:46  
Jesus, all Your labor vast,  
All Your woe and conflict past,  
Yielding up Your soul at last:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

When the death shades round us low'r,  
Guard us from the tempter's pow'r,  
Keep us in that trial hour:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May Your life and death supply  
Grace to live and grace to die,  
Grace to reach the home on high:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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