



It Is Finished!

Good Friday
March 29, 2024

Service of Tenebrae

Tenebrae is the Latin word for 'darkness.' This type of service goes back 1,000 years in the Christian tradition. A series of candles are extinguished during the service as the life of the Son of God grows closer and closer to its end. The last candle is re-lit at the conclusion to remind us that even in death Jesus is the Light of the world—a light no darkness can overcome.

HYMN

O Sacred Head Now Wounded | #334: congregation
#335: choir

STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

OFFERING

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FIRST WORDS

Luke 23:32–34

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

ANTHEM

All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray

*All we like sheep have gone astray,
We have turned ev'ry one to his own way.*

And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

SECOND WORDS

Luke 23:35–43

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

ANTHEM

The Power of the Cross

*O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.*

*O to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed, crowning your blood stained brow.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.*

*Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, 'Finished!' the vict'ry cry.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.
This the pow'r, this the pow'r of the cross, of the cross: Son of God, Christ was slain for us.*

*O to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through your selfless love!
This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost; we stand forgiven at the cross.
What a love, what a cost; we stand forgiven at the cross.*

THIRD WORDS

John 19:25–27

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

HYMN

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted | #297

FOURTH WORDS

Mark 15:33–36

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

ANTHEM

The Holy Heart

*The Holy Heart was broken, sent from the Father’s side;
The Son of God forsaken, the Holy Sacrifice.
For me he was forsaken, for me he died alone,
My sin forever taken, that I might be his own.*

*The Holy Lamb was stricken, abandoned and alone,
He bore the world’s affliction, he bore it as his own.
And when my heart is broken, torn by my sin and pride,
The Son of God now risen, now risen will draw me to his side.*

*For me he was forsaken, for me he died alone, my sin forever taken,
That I might be his own. And now I am his own.*

FIFTH WORDS

John 19:28–29

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ 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.

HYMN

O Darkest Woe | #332

SIXTH WORDS

John 19:30

³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

ANTHEM

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

SEVENTH WORDS

Luke 23:44–46

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Thine Image | #593

THE DEATH AND BURIAL OF JESUS

Matthew 27:51–60

⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵ Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

⁵⁷ As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹ Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

Here our worship service pauses until Easter Sunday morning. There is no benediction, because this is not the end. Please leave in silence and return on Easter morning to celebrate the rest of the story in the resurrection of our Lord.

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