

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

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Morris Plains, New Jersey
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Our service this evening is a Tenebrae service—a service of darkness. As it progresses, the lights will slowly go out and the candles will be extinguished. At the end, in the darkness, a loud noise will occur. For younger children, this might be frightening. If your child becomes unsettled, please feel free to use the Cry Room off the right side of the Sanctuary. Our usher would be glad to assist you.

Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

OPENING VERSICLES

Isaiah 53:3-6

P He was despised and rejected by men;

C a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

P and as one from whom men hide their faces

C he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

P Surely he has borne our griefs

C and carried our sorrows;

P yet we esteemed him stricken,

C smitten by God, and afflicted.

P But he was wounded for our transgressions;

C he was crushed for our iniquities;

P upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

C and with his stripes we are healed.

P All we like sheep have gone astray;

C we have turned—every one—to his own way;

P and the LORD has laid on him

C the iniquity of us all.

PRAYER

P Let us pray,

Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body onto the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

- P** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
- C** **For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.**
- P** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- C** **In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.**
- P** Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.
- C** **And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.**

Sit

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436 (st.1-3)

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing

tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,

Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"

griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

✠ THE FIRST WORD ✠

John 19:14-16a; Luke 23:32-34a

¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. [Pilate] 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." ^{16a}So he delivered [Jesus] over to them to be crucified.

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And 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. ^{34a}And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

The first candle is extinguished

HYMN

Upon the Cross Extended

LSB 453 (st. 1, 3, 5)



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.

- 5 Your soul in griefs unbounded,
Your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
You healed my wounds and set me free.

✠ THE SECOND WORD ✠

Luke 23:35-43

³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at [Jesus], saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

The second candle is extinguished

HYMN

Jesus, Remember Me

LSB 767 (sung 3x)



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✠ THE THIRD WORD ✠

John 19:25-27

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 This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

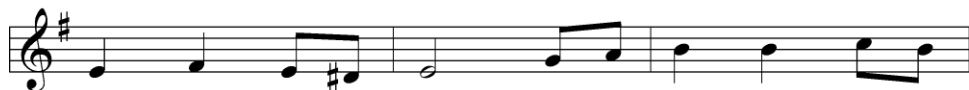
The third candle is extinguished



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.

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✠ THE FOURTH WORD ✠

Matthew 27:45-47

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And 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?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

The fourth candle is extinguished



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



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 ...



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.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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✠ THE FIFTH WORD ✠

John 19:28-29

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

The fifth candle is extinguished





1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
 2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
 4 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
 For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
 Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
 O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
 Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
 Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.
 My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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✠ THE SIXTH WORD ✠

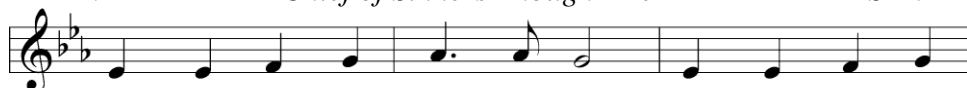
John 19:30a

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished.”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

The sixth candle is extinguished



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,

Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the

to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford
 By Your Spirit and Your Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray,
 Keep me in the narrow way;
 Grace in time of need supply
 While I live and when I die.

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✠ THE SEVENTH WORD ✠

Luke 23:45b-46; Matthew 27:54

^{45b}And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

(Silence for Reflection)

⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

The seventh candle is extinguished



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken Softly)

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.



THE STREPITUS

Strepitus is Latin for “noise”. After the Paschal Candle is removed from the Sanctuary to symbolize the death of Christ, a loud noise is made (the Strepitus). This noise recalls the earthquake that occurred at Christ’s death and the large stone being put into place to seal his tomb. The Paschal Candle is then returned to remind us that, even in death, Christ does not leave us. Once the Strepitus is concluded, the service concludes as follows:

- P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Amen.

The congregation is asked to leave in silence, so that all may reflect on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. No benediction or blessing will be spoken at the conclusion of this service. Good Friday is to be viewed as the second part of the larger three part service known as the Triduum service. The Triduum consists of: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The benediction spoken at the conclusion of worship on Easter Sunday concludes the Triduum.

All Are Asked to Leave in Silence.

***Please join us as we continue our worship
on Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m.***

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