

*Our celebration of Christ's Resurrection  
begins Sunday at 8:30 a.m.*



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## A Tenebrae Service for Good Friday

April 19, 2019

P: Holy Father, on this day You Son Jesus carried the burden of our sin to the cross, there to suffer and die for the darkness of our trespasses. Your love for us is so great that You sacrificed Your only Son in our place. He willingly took the guilt, pain, and punishment that we so rightfully deserve. The darkness of His death gives us the light of salvation through faith. For this we give You the praise, honor, and glory due Your most holy name.  
**C: (Spoken): Amen.**

**Choir: Above All**

*(Extinguishing of first candle)*

**I. Jesus is Condemned. . . .**

**Is. 53:8/Luke 23:13-25**

**Psalm 17:**

*P: Hear, O LORD, my righteous plea; listen to my cry.*

**C: Give ear to my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips.**

*P: May my vindication come from You;*

**C: May Your eyes see what is right.**

*P: Though You probe my heart and examine me at night, though You test me, You will find nothing;*

**C: I have resolved that my mouth will not sin.**

*P: As for the deeds of men—by the word of Your lips*

**C: I have kept myself from the ways of the violent.**

*P: My steps have held to Your paths;*

**C: My feet have not slipped.**

*P: I call on You, O God, for You will answer me;*

**C: give ear to me and hear my prayer.**

Offering and Prayer.

**IX. Jesus is Taken from the Cross. . . .**

**Is. 53:10-11/Mark 15:42-46**

**Psalm 46:**

*P: God is our refuge and strength,*

**C: an ever present help in trouble.**

*P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,*

**C: though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

*P: The LORD Almighty is with us;*

**C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*P: “Be still, and know that I am God;*

**C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”**

*P: The LORD Almighty is with us;*

**C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**X. Jesus is Buried. . . .**

**Is. 53:9/John 19:41-42**

*(Extinguishing of sixth candle)*

**Benediction**

**The congregation softly speaks the Lord’s Prayer.**

*(Extinguishing of seventh candle)*

**Isaiah 53:12**

**Sealing of the Tomb**

**Tolling of the Bell**

**Worshippers are asked to leave the service quietly.**

## VI. Jesus is Stripped....

**Is. 53:6/John 19:23-24**

*(Extinguishing of fourth candle)*

### **Psaln 31:**

*P: In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;*  
**C: deliver me in Your righteousness.**

*P: Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;*

**C: be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

*P: Since You are my rock and my fortress,*

**C: for the sake of Your name lead and guide me.**

*P: Free me from the trap that is set for me,*

**C: for You are my refuge.**

*P: Into Your hands I commit my spirit;*

**C: redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.**

*P: Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;*

**C: my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief.**

*P: My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning;*

**C: my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.**

*P: But I trust in You, O LORD;*

**C: I say, "You are my God."**

*P: My times are in Your hands;*

**C: deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.**

### **Hymn 174.**

## VII. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross....

**Is. 52:10/Mark 15:22-33**

*Minute of silence.*

### **Hymn 172:1-4.**

## VIII. Jesus Dies on the Cross....

**Is. 53:5/John 19:30-37**

*(Extinguishing of fifth candle)*

## II. Jesus Carries His Cross....

**Is. 53:7/John 19:16-17**

*(Extinguishing of second candle)*

### **Psaln 55:**

*P: Listen to my prayer, O God,*

**C: do not ignore my plea;**

*P: hear me and answer me.*

**C: My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught**

*P: at the voice of the enemy, at the stares of the wicked;*

**C: for they bring down suffering upon me and revile me in their anger.**

*P: My heart is in anguish within me;*

**C: the terrors of death assail me.**

*P: Fear and trembling have beset me;*

**C: horror has overwhelmed me.**

*P: I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove!*

**C: I would fly away and be at rest—**

*P: I would flee far away*

**C: and stay in the desert;**

*P: I would hurry to my place of shelter,*

**C: far from the tempest and storm."**

*P: Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you;*

**C: He will never let the righteous fall.**

### **Hymn 143:1-5.**

## III. Jesus Falls Beneath His Cross...

**Is. 53:2-4/Mk. 15:16-20**

### **Psaln 38:**

*P: O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger*

**C: or discipline me in Your wrath.**

*P: For Your arrows have pierced me,*

**C: and Your hand has come down upon me.**

*P: Because of Your wrath there is no health in my body;*  
**C: my bones have no soundness because of my sin.**

*P: My guilt has overwhelmed me*  
**C: like a burden too heavy to bear.**

*P: O LORD, do not forsake me;*  
**C: be not far from me, O my God.**

*P: Come quickly to help me,*  
**C: O Lord my Savior.**

#### IV. Simon Helps Carry the Cross....

**Isaiah 53:1 / Luke 23:26**

*(Extinguishing of third candle)*

#### **Psalms 25:**

*P: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*  
**C: in You I trust, O my God.**

*P: Do not let me be put to shame,*

**C: nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

*P: No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame,*

**C: but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.**

*P: Show me Your ways, O LORD,*

**C: teach me Your paths;**

*P: guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior,*

**C: and my hope is in You all day long.**

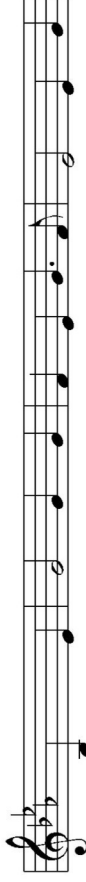
*P: Remember, O LORD, Your great mercy and love,*

**C: for they are from of old.**

*P: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*

**C: according to Your love remember me, for You are good, O LORD.**

#### **Hymn: "Were You There?"**



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 Where 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...



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#### V. Jesus Meets the Women....

**Is. 52:14-15 / Luke 23:27-31**

#### **Psalms 4:**

*P: Answer me when I call to You, O my righteous God.*

**C: Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.**

*P: How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame?*

**C: How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?**

*P: Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself;*

**C: the LORD will hear when I call to Him.**

*P: I will lie down and sleep in peace,*

**C: for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**