



# Good Friday

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**Luke 23:33**

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## Tenebrae Service of Darkness

April 10, 2020

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### BEFORE WORSHIP

Our Holy Week worship began last evening, as we remembered the Last Supper, and the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. These sacred and somber events were but a prelude to what took place on the awful, awesome day of Good Friday.

Tonight, we picture the scene of Christ's crucifixion in our minds, and reflect on the meaning of his death in our hearts. As we watch the light slowly fade, we are mindful of the depth of our Savior's love for us.

*"Jesus, I will ponder now on your holy Passion;  
Let your Spirit now endow me for meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish  
Of your suffering, pain, and death, that I may not perish." (LBW 114, vs. 1)*

### WELCOME

### GOOD FRIDAY VERSICLES

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

**C: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

**P:** In you our fathers trusted;

**C: They trusted, and you delivered them.**

**P:** To you they cried and were rescued;

**C: In you they trusted and were not put to shame.** *(Psalm 22:2-5)*

## CONFESSION OF SINS & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**P:** Let us pray, with sincere repentance, for God's forgiveness. We plead for mercy in the name of Jesus, whose blood pays for our debts of wrong.

*Silence for personal confession*

**P:** Lord Jesus, our crucified Savior, we stand before your cross. Hear our prayer of confession.

**C:** **O Lamb of God, I confess my sins to you freely and humbly. I confess my rebellion and my disobedience, my waywardness and my defiance.. I acknowledge, Lord Jesus, that it was my sins that nailed you to the cross. It was my failure to love you with all my heart, soul, and mind that caused you to be forsaken by your loving heavenly Father. It was my idle gossip, angry words, and callous remarks that caused you to be silent as a lamb before its shearers. It was my failure to love my neighbor as myself that caused you to love me even to death. Blessed Savior, have mercy on me, and forgive me. While I know that my sins caused your crucifixion, grant me the assurance that your death has been the cause of my salvation.**

**P:** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus, who gave his life for you, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who believe him.

## THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:33-34)

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." (Luke 23:39-43)

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, "Woman, behold your son. Behold, your mother." (John 19:25-27)

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, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:45-46)

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." (John 19:28)

When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished." (John 19:30)

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, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

## **MUSIC SELECTION**

*"The Old Rugged Cross"*  
Rob Varner

## **SERMON**

"What's So Good?"  
Pastor Lew Upchurch

## **GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER**

**P:** Jesus, Son of God and Redeemer of the world,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

**P:** Jesus, betrayed by a friend with a kiss, accused by false witnesses, and sentenced to death,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

**P:** Jesus, whipped and bruised for our sins, stripped of your garments, and nailed to the cross,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

**P:** Crucified Savior, you carried our sins in your own body on 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, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

**C: Have mercy on us.**

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**C: Have mercy on us.**

**P:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

**C: Grant us your peace. Amen.**

### THE 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.**

## ✠ THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE ✠

### ACCUSATION

**Mark 15:1-5**

**15** And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. **2** And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." **3** And the chief priests accused him of many things. **4** And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." **5** But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

### ***Two candles are extinguished***

*Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in you my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.*

## REJECTION

Mark 15:6-11

<sup>6</sup> Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup> And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup> And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup> And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup> For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead.

### ***Two candles are extinguished***

*In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me,  
Lest by base denial I depart from thee.  
When thou seest me waver, with a look recall;  
Nor from fear or favor suffer me to fall.*

## SENTENCE

Mark 15:12-15

<sup>12</sup> And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup> And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup> And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

### ***Two candles are extinguished***

*Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!  
This is Christ, by man rejected; Here, my soul, your Savior see.  
He's the long-expected prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord.  
Proofs I see sufficient of it: He's the true and faithful Word.*

## MOCKING

Mark 15:16-20

<sup>16</sup> And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup> And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup> And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

## **Two candles are extinguished**

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.*

### **CRUCIFIXION**

**Mark 15:21-32**

<sup>21</sup> And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup> And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup> And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup> And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup> And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup> save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup> So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup> Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

## **Two candles are extinguished**

*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?*

### **DEATH**

**Mark 15:33-41**

<sup>33</sup> And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup> And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup> And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." <sup>36</sup> And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup> And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

<sup>40</sup> There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup> When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

### **Two candles are extinguished**

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the price of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

### **BURIAL**

**Mark 15:42-47**

<sup>42</sup> And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup> Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup> Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup> And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. <sup>46</sup> And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup> Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

### **THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED**

### **THE STREPITUS**

### **THE BLESSING**

*The service ends in silence and mourning, as we grieve the death of our Savior.  
We gather again on Easter Morning to celebrate Christ's resurrection.*



### **Easter Sunday (April 12 , available after 6:30AM)**

Hope's celebration of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead will remind us all of the meaning and power of Easter for our everyday living as God's people.