



# good FRIDAY

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE  
APRIL 15, 2022  
7:30 p.m.

*“He himself bore our sins  
in his body on the cross,  
so that, free from sins,  
we might live for righteousness.  
By his wounds you have been healed.”*

1 Peter 2:24



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# GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

Asterisks (\*) indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.

## SOLEMN PROCESSION

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and see the beloved Son of God.

**He is high and lifted up.**

Come and see the Ruler of the nations.

**He is high and lifted up.**

Come and see the Savior of the world.

**He is high and lifted up—upon a cross**

### \* HYMN 286

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to You, our Lord and Savior,  
that we have betrayed and denied You,  
forgotten and doubted You.

When our faith is tested,  
we wonder where You are.

When we see injustice in the world,  
we often stand by,  
we turn our backs,  
we ignore the cries of others.

We confess that again and again  
we deny You and betray You with our silence  
when we fail to proclaim Your Good News,  
when we fail to live out Your teachings  
and love our neighbor as ourselves.

Forgive us, O God,  
and help us to truly repent.

Help us to remember Your sacrifice, Your love,  
and to know Your forgiveness.

In the name of the One who lived,  
who was crucified,  
and who lives again,  
Jesus the Messiah,  
we pray.

Amen.

# A SERVICE OF DARKNESS

## I. Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

Luke 23:26-34

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

But Jesus turned to them and said,

“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

For the days are surely coming when they will say,

‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’

Then they will begin to say to the mountains,

‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’

For if they do this when the wood is green,

what will happen when it is dry?”

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull,

they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them;

for they do not know what they are doing.”

And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

## Anthem

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

John Stainer

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,  
where the blood of Christ was shed,  
perfect man on thee did suffer,  
perfect God on thee has bled!

Here the King of all the ages,  
throned in light ere worlds could be,  
robed in mortal flesh is dying,  
crucified by sin for me.

William J. Sparrow-Simpson

## Extinguish First Candle

## Silent Meditation

## **II. Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.**

**Luke 23:35-43**

And the people stood by, watching;  
but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,  
“He saved others;

let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,  
“If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

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

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,  
“Are you not the Messiah? 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 have been condemned justly,

for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds,  
but this man has done nothing wrong.”

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

He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

**Anthem**

Alone Thou Goest Forth

Harmony of Zion

Alone thou goest forth, O Lord,  
in sacrifice to die;  
is this thy sorrow nought to us  
who pass unheeding by.

Our sins, not thine, thou bearest Lord;  
make us thy sorrow feel,  
till through our pity and our shame  
love answers love's appeal.

This is earth's darkest hour,  
but thou dost light and life restore;  
then let all praise be given thee  
who livest evermore.

Grant us with thee to suffer pain that,  
as we share this hour,  
thy cross may bring us to thy joy  
and resurrection power.

Peter Abelard tr. F. Bland Tucker

**Extinguish Second Candle**

**Silent Meditation**

### **III. Woman, Behold thy Son! Behold thy mother!**

**John 19:26-27**

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her,  
he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son."  
Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."  
And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**Anthem**

At the Cross Her Vigil Keeping

Stabat Mater Dolorosa

At the cross her vigil keeping,  
stood the mournful mother weeping,  
where he hung, the dying Lord:  
there she waited in her anguish,  
seeing Christ in torment languish,  
in her heart the piercing sword.

With what pain and desolation,  
with what grief and resignation,  
Mary watched her dying son.

Deep the woe of her affliction,  
when she saw the crucifixion  
of the sole-begotten one.

Him she saw for our salvation  
mocked with cruel acclamation,  
scourged, and crowned with thorns entwined;  
saw him then from judgment taken,  
and in death by all forsaken,  
till his spirit he resigned.

Who, on Christ's dear mother gazing,  
pierced by anguish so amazing,  
born of woman, would not weep?

Who, on Christ's dear mother thinking,  
such a cup of sorrow drinking,  
would not share her sorrows deep?

Jesus, may her deep devotion  
stir in me the same emotion,  
Fount of love, Redeemer kind;  
that my heart fresh ardor gaining,  
and a purer love attaining,  
may with thee acceptance find.

Latin, 13th cent.

**Extinguish Third Candle**

**Silent Meditation**

#### **IV. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

**Matthew 27:45-49**

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.  
And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,  
"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"  
When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

"This man is calling for Elijah."

At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine,  
put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.

But the others said,

"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

**Anthem**

**O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done**

Isaac B. Woodbury

O Love divine, what hast thou done?  
The immortal God hath died for me!  
The Father's coeternal Son  
    bore all my sins upon the tree.  
The immortal God for me hath died:  
    my Lord, my Love, is crucified!  
Is crucified for me and you,  
    to bring us rebels back to God.  
Believe, believe the record true,  
    ye all are bought with Jesus' blood.  
Pardon for all flows from his side;  
    my Lord, my Love, is crucified!  
Behold him, all ye that pass by,  
    the bleeding Prince of life and peace!  
Come, sinners, see your Savior die,  
    and say, "Was ever grief like his?"  
Come, feel with me his blood applied:  
    my Lord, my Love is crucified!

Charles Wesley

**Extinguish Fourth Candle**

**Silent Meditation**

#### **V. I thirst.**

**John 19:28-29**

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished,  
    he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."  
A jar full of sour wine was standing there.  
So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

**Anthem****Ah, Holy Jesus**

Johann Crüger

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted!  
Who was the guilty?  
Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!  
'Twas I Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.  
For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.  
Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

Johann Heermann

**Extinguish Fifth Candle****Silent Meditation****VI. It is finished.****John 19:30**

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

**Anthem****He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word**

Spiritual / Arr. Moses Hogan

Wasn't it a pity and shame?  
And he never said a mumbalin' word,  
not a word.  
They pierced him in the side,  
and he never said a mumbalin' word,  
not a word.  
His blood came trickling down,  
and he never said a mumbalin' word,  
not a word.  
He bowed his head and died,  
and he never said a mumbalin' word,  
not a word.

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**Extinguish Sixth Candle****Silent Meditation**

## VII. Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon,

and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,  
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 commend my spirit."

Having said this, he breathed his last.

**Anthem**

"Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies

William B. Bradbury

"Tis finished!

The Messiah dies, cut off for sins,  
but not his own.

Accomplished is the sacrifice,  
the great redeeming work is done.

The veil is rent;

in Christ alone the living way to heaven is seen;  
the middle wall is broken down,  
and all the world may enter in.

"Tis finished!

All my guilt and pain,  
I want no sacrifice beside;  
for me the Lamb is slain;  
'tis finished!

I am justified.

The reign of sin and death is o'er,  
and all may live from sin set free;  
Satan hath lost his mortal power;  
'tis swallowed up in victory.

Charles Wesley

## GOING OUT IN DARKNESS

### CLOSING PRAYER

\* HYMN 288

Were You There

### BENEDICTION

### EXTINGUISH SEVENTH CANDLE

### SILENT RECESSIONAL

*Following the recessional, all are welcome to leave in silence. Those who wish are welcome to stay in an attitude of prayer, to come forward as you wish to the altar rail or to kneel before the cross.*

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Liturgists:* Reverend Taylor Fuerst, Reverend Cathy Stone, and Dr. Brad King

*Music Director/Organist:* Scott Davis

*Cantors:* Chelsea DeLorenz and Christina Whitford