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Good Friday Tenebrae Service

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[In reverent respect worshipers are asked to observe a time of silence leading up to the start of worship]

The "Order of Tenebrae" is an early Christian order of worship traditionally utilized in the observance of Good Friday. Tenebrae is Latin for "darkness" or "in the shadows", and the service is characterized by the gradual removal of light from the sanctuary as the scriptural accounts approach the moment of death of our Lord. This a very somber service as we examine what Christ willingly suffered in our place. This is not a funeral service for Jesus. It is a day for repentance over sin while looking forward to what Christ's death will accomplish for all men, and what His resurrection on Easter affirms in the lives of all who believe.

The 12 candles on the altar are lit

Please Stand as able

Opening Vesicles:

P: O Lord, open my lips

C: and my mouth will declare your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

Praise to You; O Christ, Lamb of our salvation

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31:1-16

- **P:** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!
- C: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
- **P:** For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
- C: you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
- **P:** Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- C: I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.
- **P:** I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul,
- C: and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.
- **P:** Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.
- C: For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.
- P: Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my those who see me in the street flee from me.
- C: I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.
- **P:** For I hear the whispering of many--- terror on every side!-- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

C: But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

P: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

- C: Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!
- **P:** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!
- C: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

Collect of the Day:

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed and delivered in to the hands of sinful men to suffer upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

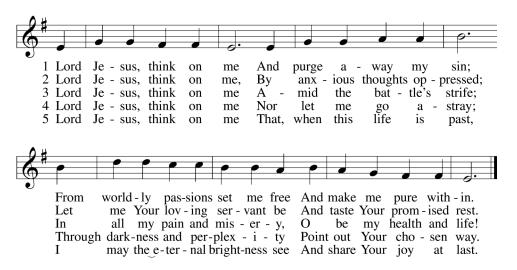
Congregation may be seated

Good Friday Homily

Scripture Readings and Hymns of Christ's Passion

The 12 Candles on the altar represent the 11 remaining Disciples and Christ Himself. Interspersed in between Scripture readings that describe Jesus' suffering and death, and the appropriate hymnody, one by one the 11 candles are extinguished representing the abandonment of Christ as He was left to suffer the punishment for our sins alone on the cross. The service ends with the final 12th candle-the Christ Candle being removed from the altar, carried out of the Sanctuary and then back in again, and placed behind the altar; representing His body resting in the tomb. After a reflective pause, the "Strepitus": a loud harsh sound is heard symbolizing the closing of His tomb and the earthquake that followed His death.

LSB #610 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"



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Isaiah 52:13 – 53:10a He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at

you--- his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind---¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

¹Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned---every one---to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him:

LSB #430 "My Song is Love Unknown" vs 1-6



In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

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The first candle is extinguished

Mark 15:1-20

Jesus Delivered to Pilate

¹And 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. ⁴And 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.

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

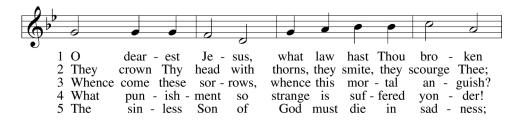
⁶ Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷ And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸ And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them.

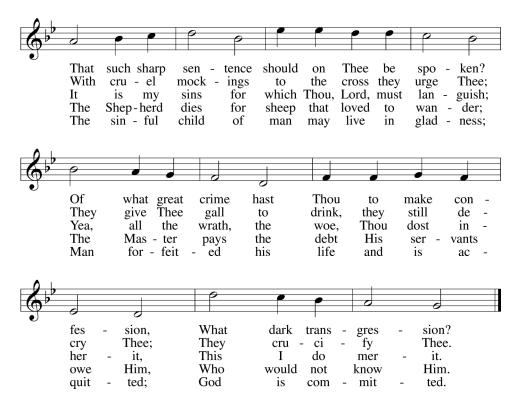
⁹ And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹² And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³ And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴ And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Jesus Is Mocked

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

LSB #439
"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Has Thou Broken" [v1-6]





There was no spot in me by sin untainted; Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted; My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me, Such woe it wrought me.

The second candle is extinguished

John 19:16b-17

^{16b}So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

Luke 23:26

²⁶ And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.

LSB #439

"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Has Thou Broken" [(v7-, 9-12)

- O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
 That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
 All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying While Thou wert dying.
- 9 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder—
 Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.
 Oh, how should I do aught that could delight
 Thee!
 Can I requite Thee?
- 10 Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee; I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly All fires unholy.

- But since my strength will nevermore suffice me
 To crucify desires that still entice me,
 To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me
 And reign within me!
- 12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
 To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor
 Henceforth forever.

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The third candle is extinguished

Luke 23:27-31

²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

LSB #449 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



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The fourth candle is extinguished

Mark 15:22-23

²² And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.

John 19:18-24

¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. 21 So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots

LSB #440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

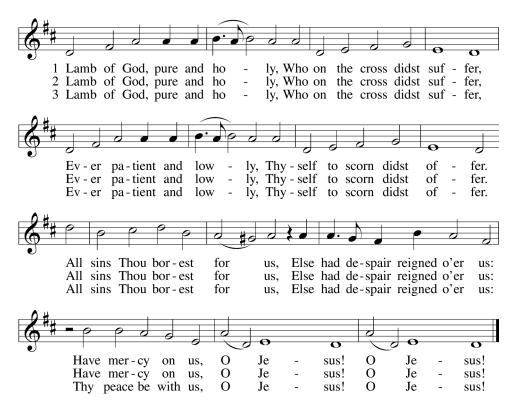
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The fifth candle is extinguished

Jesus' First Word from the Cross:

And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "He was numbered with His transgressors." And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

LSB #434 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"



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The sixth candle is extinguished

Jesus' Second Word from the Cross

Those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads. And those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him. One of the criminals who were hanged cursed 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 for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

LSB #767 Jesus, Remember Me [Sung 3X]



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The seventh candle is extinguished

Jesus' Third Word from the Cross

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 to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then to the disciple "Behold, your mother!"

LSB #451 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"



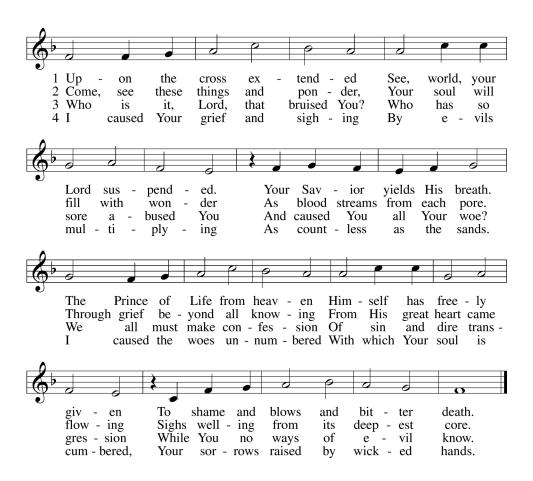
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The eighth candle is extinguished

Jesus' Fourth Word from the Cross

And when the sixth hour had come there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

LSB #453 "Upon the Cross Extended" vs 1-6



The hymn continues on next page.

- 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.
- 6 Your cords of love, my Savior,
 Bind me to You forever,
 I am no longer mine.
 To You I gladly tender
 All that my life can render
 And all I have to You resign.

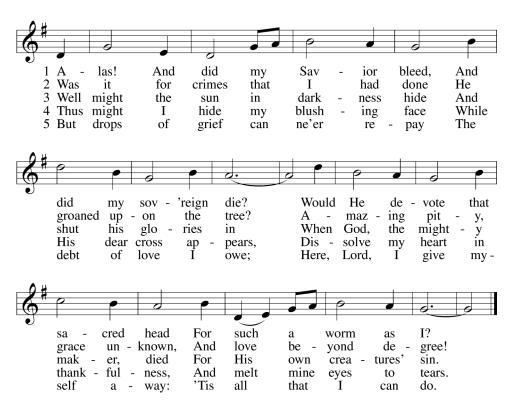
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The ninth candle is extinguished

Jesus' Fifth Word from the Cross

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

LSB # 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



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The tenth candle is extinguished

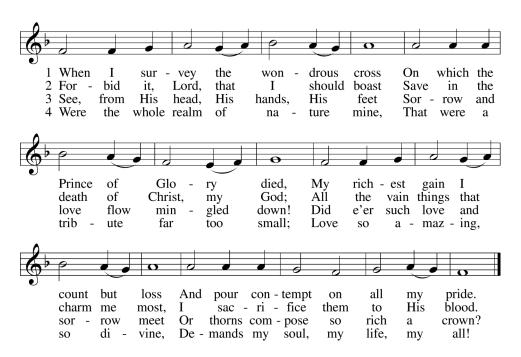
Jesus' Sixth Word from the Cross

And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, "Wait, lets see whether Elijah will come to take Him down." When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished."

Jesus Seventh Word from the Cross

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and rocks were split. When 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!" Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"

LSB #425 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"



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The eleventh candle is extinguished

The Last Word

And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, 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. Pilate was surprised to hear that He should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph brought 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 great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

We Whisper the Lord's Prayer:

All: 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 Christ Candle is symbolically placed in the tomb:

Anthem LSB #456 "Were You There" [v1-3]

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?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh . . .

Sometimes it causes me to tremble,

tremble,

tremble.

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh...

Sometimes it causes me to tremble,

tremble.

tremble.

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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The Christ candle is carried from the altar through the Sanctuary, out into the Narthex, back into the Sanctuary, and back up to the altar. It is placed on the floor behind the altar to symbolize Jesus' body being laid to rest in the tomb

We observe a period of silence to contemplate Christ's suffering and death

The Strepitus is heard

