



Then they led him out to crucify him.

Mark 15:20

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Welcome to Trinity!
We're glad you're here to worship!

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The Prelude

Service of Darkness (Tenebrae)

The Service of Darkness has its origins in medieval monasticism. It was developed as a special form of the monastic Vespers office, or prayer service, for use during Holy Week. The Service of Darkness presents a series of readings and liturgical texts on our Lord's crucifixion and our repentance over the sin that made it necessary.

The Service of Darkness is prepared for by the solemn stripping of the altar at the close of the Maundy Thursday liturgy. The altar is the most prominent symbol of Christ in the church, and stripping the altar graphically represents the fact that Christ went through his passion absolutely alone. The congregation returns on Good Friday to the altar draped in black.

The Tenebrae candles are lighted.

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

The Gospel According to St. John, the 19th Chapter.

Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “**Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.**”

Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’’’”

Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

They divided my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

So the soldiers did these things.

Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Please be seated

(Hymn 127) - Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Sang by Quartet

The Collection

The Psalms

Psalm 2

All: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

M: Why do the nations conspire

C: *and the peoples plot in vain?*

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together

C: *against the Lord and against his Anointed One.*

M: "Let us break their chains," they say,

C: *"and throw off their fetters."*

M: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

C: *the Lord scoffs at them.*

M: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

C: *"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."*

M: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

C: *He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.*

M: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,

C: *the ends of the earth your possession.*

M: You will rule them with an iron scepter;

C: *you will dash them to pieces like pottery."*

M: Therefore, you kings, be wise;

C: *be warned, you rulers of the earth.*

M: Serve the LORD with fear

C: *and rejoice with trembling.*

M: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

C: *Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*

All: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

The first candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

1 O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken
 That such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?
 Of what great crime have you to make confession--
 What dark transgression?

3 Whence come these sorrows,
 whence this mortal anguish?
 It is my sins for which you, Lord,
 must languish;
 Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you
 inherit,
 This I do merit.

4 What punishment so strange is
 suffered yonder!
 The Shepherd dies for sheep that
 loved to wander;
 The Master pays the debt his servants
 owe him,
 Who would not know him.

The second candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

Psalm 22:1-21

*All: They divide my garments among them and
 cast lots for my clothing.*

M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
C: Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
 M: O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
C: by night, and am not silent.
 M: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
C: you are the praise of Israel.
 M: In you our fathers put their trust;
C: they trusted and you delivered them.
 M: They cried to you and were saved;
C: in you they trusted and were not disappointed.
 M: But I am a worm and not a man,
C: scorned by men and despised by the people.
 M: All who see me mock me;
C: they hurl insults, shaking their heads:
 M: “He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.
C: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”
 M: Yet you brought me out of the womb;
C: you made me trust in you even at my mother’s breast.
 M: From birth I was cast upon you;
C: from my mother’s womb you have been my God.
 M: Do not be far from me,
C: for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
 M: Many bulls surround me;
C: strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
 M: Roaring lions tearing their prey
C: open their mouths wide against me.
 M: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

C: *My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.*

M: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

C: *you lay me in the dust of death.*

M: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me,

C: *they have pierced my hands and my feet.*

M: I can count all my bones;

C: *people stare and gloat over me.*

M: They divide my garments among them

C: *and cast lots for my clothing.*

M: But you, O LORD, be not far off;

C: *O my Strength, come quickly to help me.*

M: Deliver my life from the sword,

C: *my precious life from the power of the dogs.*

M: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;

C: *you have heard me from the horns of the wild oxen.*

*All: They divide my garments among them and
cast lots for my clothing.*

The third candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

Hallelujah

1. A crown of thorns placed on His head, He knew that He would soon be dead.
He said, "Did you forget me Father, did you?"

They nailed Him to a wooden cross, soon all the world would feel the loss
Of Christ the King before us---Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

2. He hung his head, prepared to die, then lifted his face up to the sky.
Said "I am coming home now, Father to you."

A reed which held His final sip was gently lifted to his lips,
He drank his last and gave his soul to glory!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

3. The soldier who had used his sword to pierce the body of our Lord,
Said "Truly this was Jesus Christ our Savior!"

He looked with fear upon his sword, then turned to face his Christ and Lord
Fell to his knees crying "Hallelujah!"

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

4. Took from His head the thorny crown, they wrapped Him in a linen gown,
Then laid him down to rest inside the tomb.

The holes in His hands, His feet and side, now in our hearts we know He died
To save us from ourselves Hallelujah...

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Hallelujah cont...

5. Three days went by again they came to move the stone, to bless the slain
With oil and spice anointing, hallelujah.
But as they went to move the stone, they saw that they were not alone,
But Jesus Christ has risen! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

Psalm 27

All: False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

M: The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?
C: The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?
M: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh,
C: when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.
M: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
C: though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.
M: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:
C: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
M: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
C: he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.
M: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;
C: at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.
M: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord;
C: be merciful to me and answer me.
M: My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”
C: Your face, Lord, I will seek.
M: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.
C: Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.
M: Though my father and mother forsake me,
C: the Lord will receive me.
M: Teach me your way, O Lord;
C: lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.
M: Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
C: for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.
M: I am still confident of this:
C: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
M: Wait for the Lord;
C: be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

All: False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

Hymn 105 vv.1-3

1. O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded,
With thorns your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory
Now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy, to call you mine.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

2. *Men mock and taunt and jeer you,
They smite your countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear you
And flee before your glance.
How pale you are with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
Your eyes with pain now languish
That once were bright as morn!*

3 *Now from your cheeks has vanished
 Their color, once so fair;
From your red lips is banished
 The splendor that was there.
Grim death, with cruel rigor
 Has robbed you of your life;
Thus you have lost your vigor,
 Your strength, in this sad strife.*

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

Golgotha

Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, “The place of a skull.” They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. They crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”**

People who passed by kept insulting him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!”

Those who were crucified with him also insulted him. In the same way the chief priests, experts in the law, and elders kept mocking him. They said, “He saved others, but he cannot save himself. If he’s the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now, if he wants him, because he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”

Jesus said to him, **“Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”**

Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, **“Woman, here is your son!”** Then he said to the disciple, **“Here is your mother!”** And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun was darkened.

At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” which means, “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**”

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah!”

After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “**I thirst.**”

A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “**It is finished!**”

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!**” When he had said this, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hymn 129 vv.1-2

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sov’reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

2. Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Turn off switches 1 & 3

Silence for meditation

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.

Were You There?

Sang by Quartet

The seventh candle is carried from the chancel.

The seventh candle is removed from the sanctuary to symbolize the spirit of Christ departing in death. At the end of the service, the candle is returned to the altar in anticipation of Easter morning.

We always reflect on Jesus’ death in the light of his resurrection.

Turn off the chancel lights (knobs on top and bottom) as the candle is carried from the sanctuary

Video: Are You Amazed?

Candle returns

This is not the end. You are cordially invited to join us for our Easter celebration on Sunday. Our worship services this Sunday start at 6:30 am and 9:00am.