



THERE THEY
CRUCIFIED
HIM,

AND WITH HIM TWO OTHERS, ONE ON EITHER SIDE,
WITH JESUS BETWEEN THEM. JOHN 19:18, NRSV

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

Good Friday

2 April 2021

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Good Friday Thoughts

Tenebrae: Tonight's service of darkness, also known as Tenebrae (*the name means "darkness" or "shadows"*), is a Holy Week devotion that dates back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. and is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses. It is done to symbolize the darkness of our sins that put Him up on that cross. It also reminds us of the three hours of darkness that covered the whole land while Jesus was dying.

The Focus of the service is squarely on the cross of Christ where He suffered the agony of death as full payment for the sins of the world. This service is designed so that you can spend most of this time with eyes upward, looking at the cross, the symbol of Christ's most compelling sacrifice for you.

Because of the Solemnity of the service, you are requested to remain silent while in the nave of the Church (*where we gather together to worship*). It is for this reason – out of respect for Christ's suffering and death – that we do not have any pre-service or post-service music. Use the time of silence in prayer to God and personal reflection. There will be no invocation or benediction on Good Friday because we are continuing the service from Maundy Thursday into Easter Sunday.

Your Offerings may be placed in the offering plates located in the back of the church after the service.

During Lent, Easter, and Rest of Your Days, keep talking to God, asking Him to accomplish in you the work of His salvation so that you may show forth God's glory in the world and experience always the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Pastor Awe

HYMN: "O Perfect Life of Love" #452



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,
 2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;
 3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;
 4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
 His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
 All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.
 Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.

- 5 In perfect love He dies;
 For me He dies, for me.
 O all-atoning Sacrifice,
 I cling by faith to Thee.
- 6 In ev'ry time of need,
 Before the judgment throne,
 Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
 Thy merits, not mine own.
- 7 Yet work, O Lord, in me
 As Thou for me hast wrought;
 And let my love the answer be
 To grace Thy love has brought.

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Sermon Theme: . . .**HOLY NIGHT**: ". . .Sleep in Heavenly Peace!"Sermon Text: **Luke 23:46**

⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

HYMN: "Silent Night, Holy Night" #363



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly



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PRAYER:

P: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; in Jesus' name.

C: Amen

I. LOVE'S FORGIVENESS

HYMN: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" #447 vs. 1-3



1 Je - sus, in Your dy - ing woes, E - ven while Your
 2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue When our sins Your
 3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, Be like You in



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.



life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don for Your foes:
 pangs re - new, For we know not what we do:
 heart and deed, When with wrong our spir - its bleed:

Reader 1: Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you not seven times, but seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:21-22).

Reader 2: *Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Him, along with the criminals – one on His right, the other on His left. Jesus said, "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:32-34).*

Silence for meditation

II. LOVE'S REWARD

HYMN: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" #447 vs.4-6

4 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the thief, who
5 May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and
6 May our hearts to You in - cline And their thoughts Your

near You dies, Prom - is - ing him par - a - dise:
mer - cy claim, Call - ing hum - bly on Your name:
cross en - twine. Cheer our souls with hope di - vine:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

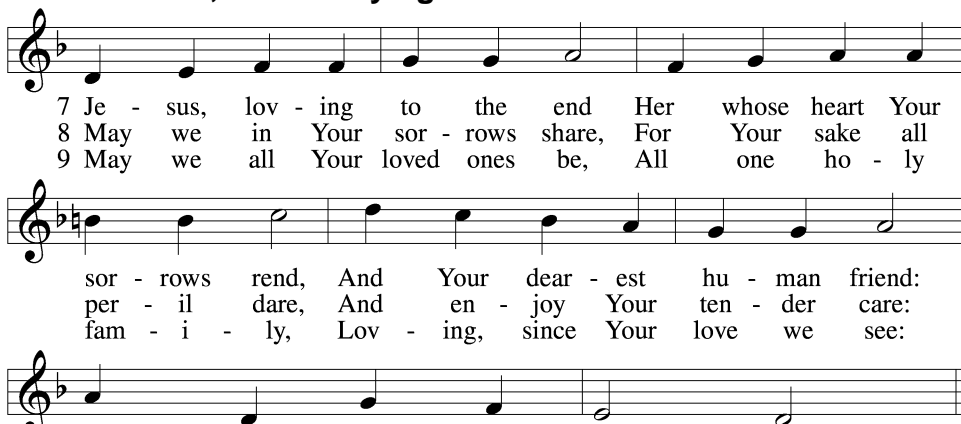
Reader 1: (Jesus said), When the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left. Then the King will say to those on His right: 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:31-34, 40).

Reader 2: ³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him; "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?" ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:39-43)

Silence for meditation

III. LOVE'S CONCERN

HYMN: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" #447 vs.7-9



7 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose heart Your
8 May we in Your sor - rows share, For Your sake all
9 May we all Your loved ones be, All one ho - ly

sor - rows rend, And Your dear - est hu - man friend:
per - il dare, And en - joy Your ten - der care:
fam - i - ly, Lov - ing, since Your love we see:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

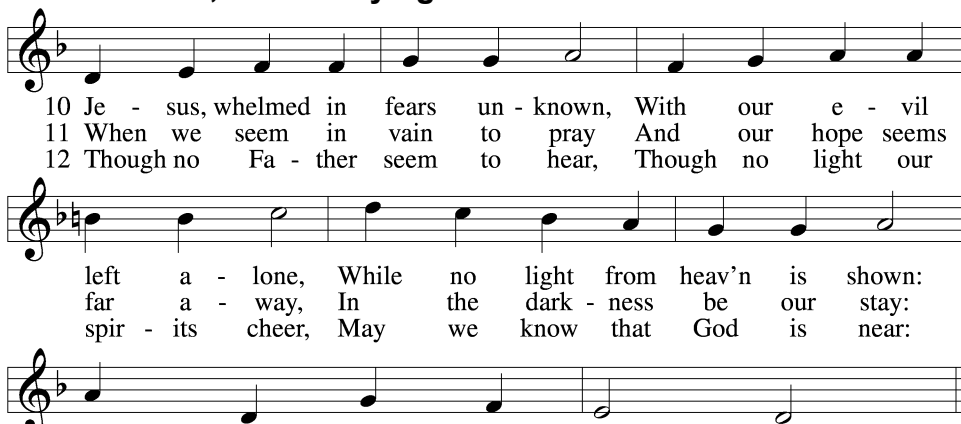
Reader 1: ⁴⁶While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷Someone told him, 'Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.' ⁴⁸He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. ⁵⁰For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:46-50).

Reader 2: ²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple who he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," ²⁷and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. (John 19:25-27).

Silence for meditation

IV. LOVE'S PRESENCE

HYMN: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" #447 vs.10-12



10 Je - sus, whelmed in fears un - known, With our e - vil
11 When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems
12 Though no Fa - ther seem to hear, Though no light our

left a - lone, While no light from heav'n is shown:
far a - way, In the dark - ness be our stay:
spir - its cheer, May we know that God is near:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Reader 1: ¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20)

Reader 2: ³³At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" – which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:33-34).

Silence for meditation

V. LOVE'S NEED

HYMN: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" #447 vs.13-15



13 Je - sus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your
14 Thirst for us in mer - cy still; All Your ho - ly
15 May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our



life - blood drain, Thirst - ing more our love to gain:
work ful - fill; Sat - is - fy Your lov - ing will:
sin and woe Where the heal - ing wa - ters flow:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Reader 1: ³⁷On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." (John 7:37-38).

Reader 2: ²⁸Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. (John 19:28-29).

Silence for meditation

VI. LOVE'S COMPLETION

HYMN

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

#447 vs.16-18



16 Je - sus, all our ran - som paid, All Your Fa - ther's
17 Save us in our soul's dis - tress; Be our help to
18 Bright - en all our heav'n - ward way With an ev - er

will o - beyed; By Your suf - f'rings per - fect made:
cheer and bless While we grow in ho - li - ness:
ho - lier ray Till we pass to per - fect day:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Reader 1: ³¹Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³²He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. ³³On the third day he will rise again.” ³⁴The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about. (Luke 18:31-34).

Reader 2: ³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” (John 19:30a).

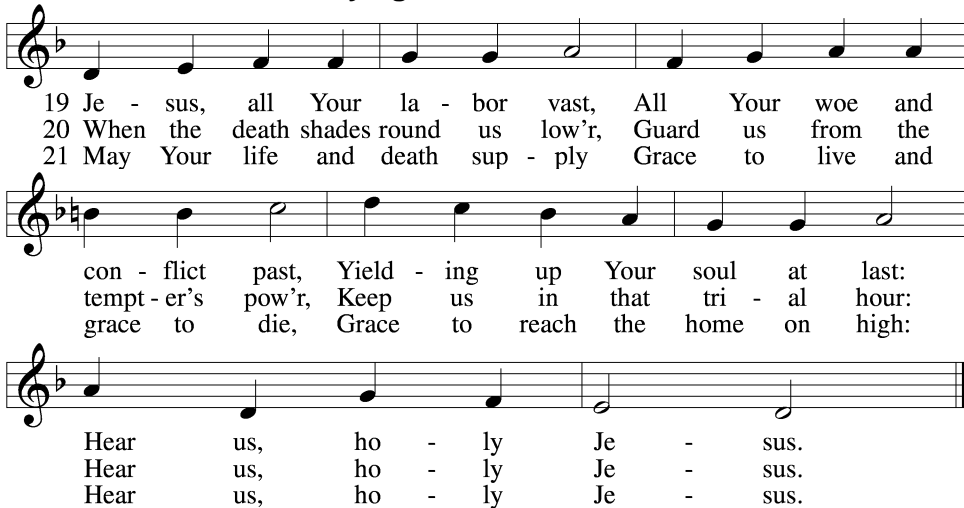
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VII. LOVE'S INVITATION

HYMN

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

#447 vs.19-21



19 Je - sus, all Your la - bor vast, All Your woe and
20 When the death shades round us low'r, Guard us from the
21 May Your life and death sup - ply Grace to live and
con - flict past, Yield - ing up Your soul at last:
tempt - er's pow'r, Keep us in that tri - al hour:
grace to die, Grace to reach the home on high:
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

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Reader 1: ²⁵At that time Jesus said, ²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:25a, 28-30).

Reader 2: ⁴⁴*It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last. (Luke 23:44-46)*

Silence for meditation

THE TEARING OF THE CURTAIN:

This is to remind us of when the curtain of the temple was torn it two - from top to bottom – the moment Jesus gave up His spirit.

THE EARTHQUAKE:

This is to remind us of the earthquake that caused the earth to shake and rocks to split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people were raised to life.

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL:

It is rung 33 times, each time for one year of Jesus' life here on earth. Ponder and meditate upon the life, ministry, suffering, domination, and death of Christ. Meditate on Christ's final words as He hung on the cross.

THE ROLLING OF THE STONE:

This is to indicate the death of the Son of God and the closing of the tomb as He was buried in the grave.

HYMN

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

#422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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THE CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT:

This is done in anticipation of our Lord's imminent resurrection.

(Everyone may leave silently in respect for the suffering and death of our Savior. We mediate on the price paid throughout the Passion of Jesus with our eyes pointed toward His resurrection.)

