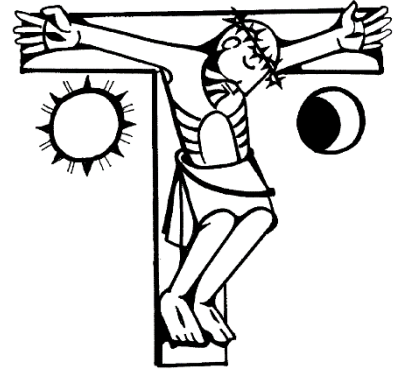


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Good Friday
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The Latin word "Tenebrae" means shadows or darkness. This evening's service is based on the shadows our Lord experienced on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The extinguishing of candles has been placed within the reading of the Passion according to John, the ancient gospel narrative for the day. Rather than "mourning" the dying or dead Jesus on Good Friday, the cross is acclaimed as the sign of the world's redemption.

We stand as the chime tolls.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22:1-11

(read responsively)

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

⁸"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver —
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

¹¹Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

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1 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.

- 2 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.
- 3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
 the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
 for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
 God interceded.
- 4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
 thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
 thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
 for my salvation.
- 5 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.

DRAWN TO THE WORD

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THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:28-40

Peter denies Jesus

²⁸Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

The first candle is extinguished.

O Jesus Christ, you lived among us, healing the sick, proclaiming the good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for all humanity, you sent you Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our nature and suffer death on the cross, giving us his life. Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering and share in his resurrection.
Amen.

My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:1-7

Pilate sentences Jesus

^{19:1}Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

The second candle is extinguished.

You came to loosen the chains of every kind of slavery, friend of the lowly, bread of hungry souls.

Lord God, whose blessed Son, our Savior, gave his body to be whipped and his face spit upon: Give us the grace to accept joyfully the suffering of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:8-16a

Pilate hands Jesus over to be crucified

⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

The third candle is extinguished.

Jesus, master of patience and goodness, forgiving all who see your mercy.

Teach your Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty and to repent and forsake them; that, by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; whose consolation and hope is in our Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN*My Song Is Love Unknown***ELW #343** stanza 3

Sometimes we strew his way
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.

SCRIPTURE READING**John 19:16b-22***The crucifixion of Jesus*

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, calling the weary and the burdened.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us to glory always in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN*My Song Is Love Unknown***ELW #343** stanza 4

We cry out; we will have our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes
that he his foes from thence might free.

SCRIPTURE READING**John 19:23-25a***The soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothing*

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Jesus, you came into the world to serve and to lay down your life. You had nowhere to lay your head; you were betrayed for money, dragged before Pilate, and nailed to the cross.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of mercy on the cross, an instrument of death, that everyone might be welcomed into your saving embrace and the promise of life. Clothe us in your Holy Spirit that, reaching forth with your Word, we may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge of your cross for the honor of your name. **Amen.**

HYMN*My Song Is Love Unknown***ELW #343** stanza 5

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.

SCRIPTURE READING**John 19:25b-42***The death and burial of Jesus*

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A 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. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Jesus, by your resurrection from the dead, you are Lord of all the worlds, alive forever to intercede with your Father and ours.

O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb and rested on the Sabbath day. Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN***My Song Is Love Unknown*****ELW #343 stanza 6**

Here might I stay and sing—no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

The shadows in our sanctuary symbolize the darkness of Christ's three days in the tomb. But like God's love, this light is never entirely extinguished. The everlasting candle is returned to the altar in anticipation of the resurrection. The candle's return concludes the service.

Please depart in silence.

You do not need to wait until an usher dismisses you, but please continue to observe safe social distancing of at least six feet as you leave the sanctuary.

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