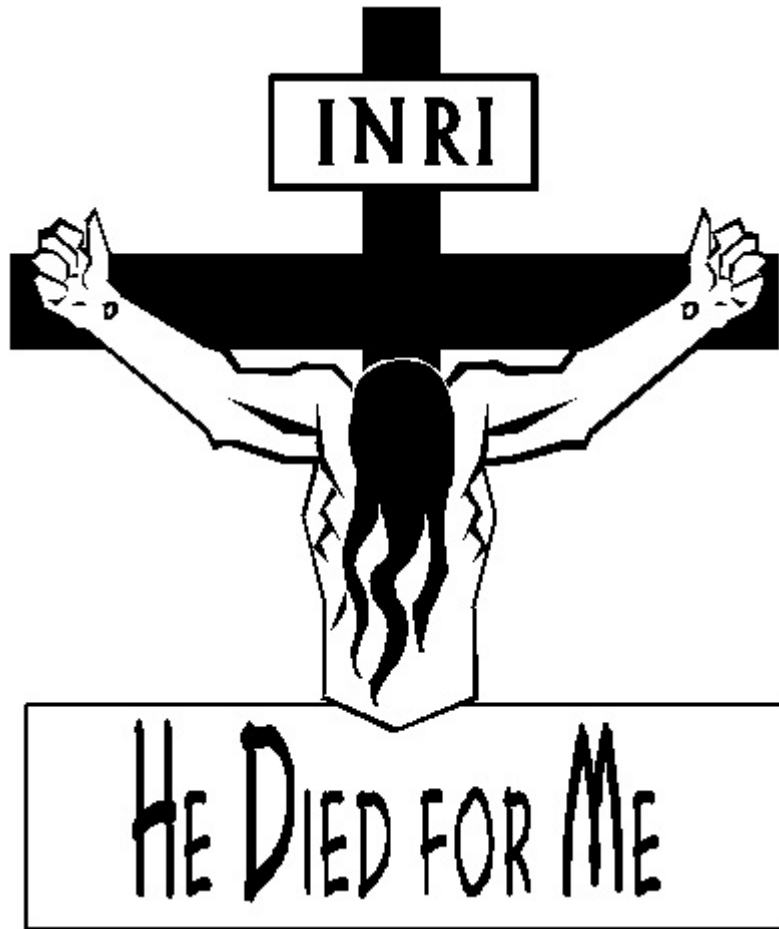


# +Service of Darkness (Tenebrae)+ Good Friday



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The Tenebrae candelabra is lighted.

Hymn - #436: 1, 2 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

- 1) Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2) Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.



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Stand

**GOSPEL-** John 18:1-27

Be seated

Hymn of Response - #449 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

- 1) O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.
- 2) What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.
- 3) What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.
- 4) Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die;  
Remind me of Thy passion When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.



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### Psalm 2

P: The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together,

**C: Against the LORD and against His Anointed**

P: Why do the nations rage,

**Congregation: And the people plot a vain thing?**

P: The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together,

**C: Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,**

P: "Let us break Their bonds in pieces

**C: And cast away Their cords from us."**

P: He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;

**C: The LORD shall hold them in derision.**



P: Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,

**C: And distress them in His deep displeasure:**

P: "Yet I have set My King

**C: On My holy hill of Zion."**

P: "I will declare the decree:

**C: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son,  
Today I have begotten You.**

P: Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance,

**C: And the ends of the earth for Your possession.**

P: You shall break them with a rod of iron;

**C: You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."**

P: Now therefore, be wise, O kings;

**C: Be instructed, you judges of the earth.**

P: Serve the LORD with fear,

**C: And rejoice with trembling.**

P: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way,  
When His wrath is kindled but a little.

**C: Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."**

P: The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together,

**C: Against the LORD and against His Anointed**

The first candle is extinguished.

*The Lord's Prayer Is Whispered  
Silence for meditation*

*Stand*

**GOSPEL-** John 18:28-19:16

*Be seated*

Hymn- #456:1-2 "Were You There"

1) 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?

2) 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?

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

**Psalm 27**

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

**C: The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?**

P: When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh,

**C: My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.**

P: Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear;

**C: Though war should rise against me, In this I will be confident.**

P: One thing I have desired of the LORD,

**C: That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD,  
And to inquire in His temple.**

P: For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion;

**C: In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me;  
He shall set me high upon a rock.**

P: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me;

**C: Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle;  
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.**

P: Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice!

**C: Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.**

P: When You said, "Seek My face,"

**C: My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."**

P: Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger;

**C: You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me,  
O God of my salvation.**

P: When my father and my mother forsake me,

**C: Then the LORD will take care of me.**

P: Teach me Your way, O LORD,

**C: And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.**

P: Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries;

**C: For false witnesses have risen against me,  
And such as breathe out violence.**

P: I would have lost heart, unless I had believed

**C: That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.**

P: Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart;

**C: Wait, I say, on the LORD!"**

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

The second candle is extinguished

*The Lord's Prayer Is Whispered  
Silence for meditation.*

*Stand*

**GOSPEL-** John 19:17-19:27

*Be seated*

Hymn - #428 "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"

1) 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!

2) 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.

3) O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!  
Very God Himself is bearing All the sufferings of time!

- 4) 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!

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**Psalm 22:1-21**

P: They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots..

P: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

**C: Why are You so far from helping Me,  
And from the words of My groaning?**

P: O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;

**C: And in the night season, and am not silent.**

P: But You are holy,

**C: Enthroned in the praises of Israel.**

P: Our fathers trusted in You;

**C: They trusted, and You delivered them.**

P: They cried to You, and were delivered;

**C: They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.**

P: But I am a worm, and no man;

**C: A reproach of men, and despised by the people.**

P: All those who see Me ridicule Me;

**C: They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,**

P: "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him;

**C: Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"**

P: But You are He who took Me out of the womb;

**C: You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts.**

P: I was cast upon You from birth.

**C: From My mother's womb You have been My God.**

P: Be not far from Me, For trouble is near;

**C: For there is none to help.**

P: Many bulls have surrounded Me;

**C: Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.**

P: They gape at Me with their mouths,

**C: Like a raging and roaring lion.**

P: I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint;

**C: My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.**

P: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws;

**C: You have brought Me to the dust of death.**

P: For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me

**C: They pierced My hands and My feet;**

P: I can count all My bones.

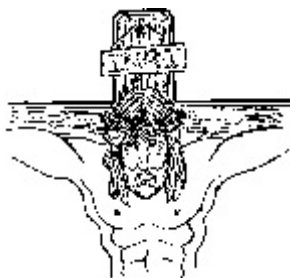
**C: They look and stare at Me.**

P: They divide My garments among them,

**C: And for My clothing they cast lots.**

P: But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;

**C: O My Strength, hasten to help Me!**



P: Deliver Me from the sword,

**C: My precious life from the power of the dog.**

P: Save Me from the lion's mouth

**C: And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.**

P: They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

Hymn - #432 "In Silent Pain the Eternal Son"

- 1) In silent pain the eternal Son Hangs derelict and still;  
In darkened day His work is done, Fulfilled, His Father's will.  
Uplifted for the world to see He hangs in strangest victory,  
For in His body on the tree He carries all our ill.
- 2) He died that we might die to sin And live for righteousness;  
The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us into peace.  
For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Himself to save the lost;  
He loved us to the uttermost And paid for our release.
- 3) For strife He came to bring a sword, The truth to end all lies;  
To rule in us, our patient Lord, Until all evil dies:  
For in His hand He holds the stars, His voice shall speak to end our wars,  
And those who love Him see His scars And look into His eyes.

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The third candle is extinguished.

*The Lord's Prayer Is Whispered*

**Silence for meditation.**

The Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 52:13- 53:12**

P: "Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently;

**C: He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.**

P: Just as many were astonished at you,

**C: So His visage was marred more than any man,**

**And His form more than the sons of men;**

P: So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;

**C: For what had not been told them they shall see,**

**And what they had not heard they shall consider."**

P: "Who has believed our report?"

**C: And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?**

P: For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,

And as a root out of dry ground.

**C: He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him,  
There is no beauty that we should desire Him.**

P: He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

**C: And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised,  
and we did not esteem Him.**



P: Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;

**C: Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.**

P: But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;

**C: The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,  
And by His stripes we are healed.**

P: All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way;

**C: And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

Hymn- #453 "Upon the Cross Extended"

- 1) Upon the cross extended See, world, your Lord suspended,  
Your Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself hath freely given To shame and blows and bitter death.
- 2) Come, see these things and ponder, Your soul will fill with wonder  
As blood streams from each pore. Through grief beyond all knowing  
From His great heart came flowing Sighs welling from its deepest core.
- 3) Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so sore abused You  
And caused You all Your woe? We all must make confession  
Of sin and dire transgression While You no ways of evil know.
- 4) I caused Your grief and sighing By evils multiplying  
As countless as the sands. I caused the woes unnumbered  
With which You soul is cumbered, Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.
- 5) 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.
- 7) Your cross I place before me; Its saving pow'r restore me,  
Sustain me in the test. It will, when life is ending,  
Be guiding and attending My way to Your eternal rest.

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P: He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth;  
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,

**C: And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
So He opened not His mouth.**

P: He was taken from prison and from judgment,  
And who will declare His generation?

**C: For He was cut off from the land of the living;  
For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.**

P: And they made His grave with the wicked; But with the rich at His death,

**C: Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.**

P: Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief.

**C: When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed,  
He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD  
shall prosper in His hand.**

P: He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.

**C: By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,  
For He shall bear their iniquities.**

P: Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil  
with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death,

**C: And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin  
of many, And made intercession for the transgressors."**

The fourth candle is extinguished.

*The Lord's Prayer Is Whispered*  
**Silence for meditation.**

*Stand*

Hymn - #451 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

- 1) Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.
- 2) Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?  
Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;  
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.
- 3) Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
- 4) Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost:  
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

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*Be seated*

P: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet.

**Lamentations 1:1-5**

P: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!



Congregational response (Sung) #434 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

1. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

P: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet.

**Lamentations 1:6-9**

P: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!



Congregational response #434 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

2. Lamb of God, pure and holy. Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

P: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet.

**Lamentations 1:10-14**

P: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!



Congregational response #434 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

3. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus! Amen

SERMON: "Father, Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit!"

Luke 23: 44-49

The fifth candle is extinguished.

**The Lord's Prayer Is Whispered**

**Silence for meditation**

Stand

P: Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross.

**C: Therefore God has exalted Him to the highest place  
and given Him the name that is above every name.**

**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.**



**Psalm 51**

Psalm 51 is prayed by the minister.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

**GOSPEL- John 19:28-42**

The Christ candle is extinguished and carried from the chancel. (Be seated)

Hymn - #447:19-21 "Jesus, In Your Dying Woes - Seventh Word: Luke 23:46"

19) Jesus, all Your labor vast, All Your woe and conflict past,  
Yielding up Your soul at last: Hear us, holy Jesus.

20) When the death shades round us low'r, Guard us from the tempter's pow'r,  
Keep us in that trial hour: Hear us, holy Jesus.

21) May Your life and death supply Grace to live and grace to die,  
Grace to reach the home on high: Hear us, holy Jesus.

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Stand

**PRAYER OF THE DAY :** God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Deut: "Tis Finish 'd"

**Silence for meditation.**

A loud noise representing the rending of Christ's tomb is heard  
and the Christ candle is returned to burn in the chancel.

*The congregation disperses in silence.*

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On Good Friday The Church remembers the crucifixion of her Lord. Her remembrance, while solemn, is not a message of gloom, but a service of adoration of the Son of God as he offers up His life as the Lamb of God. Good Friday is part of the larger celebration of the mystery of salvation begun Maundy Thursday and culminating in the Easter Proclamation of the Easter Vigil. The connected nature of the services of the Triduum or Three Holy Days should be savored. Good Friday Service of Darkness (Tenebrae) is not a liturgical "funeral" for Jesus, but an austere service of reflection, intercession, adoration of the Lamb, and quiet meditation. Christians gather to celebrate the sacrifice of the cross.

**"It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him  
who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,  
who was delivered up because of our offenses,  
and was raised because of our justification."**

Romans 4:24-25



**The chastisement of peace.** Peter treats this passage (1 Peter 2:24). *Christ is not so much a judge and an angry God but one who bears and carries our sins, a mediator.* Away with the papists, who have set Christ before us as a terrible judge and have turned the saints into intercessors! There they have added fuel to the fire. By nature we are already afraid of God. **Blessed therefore are those who as uncorrupted young people arrived at this understanding, that they can say: “I only knew Jesus Christ as the bearer of my sins.”** The name of Christ, then, is most agreeable. *The chastisement, or punishment, of our peace,* that is, His chastisement is the remedy that brings peace to our conscience. Before Christ there is nothing but disorder. But He was chastised for the sake of our peace. **Note the wonderful exchange; One man sins, another pays the penalty; one deserves peace, the other has it. The one who should have peace has chastisement, while the one who should have chastisement has peace.** It is a difficult thing to know what Christ is. Would that our Enthusiasts saw this clearly! **And with His stripes we are healed.** See how delightfully the prophet sets Christ before us. It is a remarkable plaster. His stripes are our healing. The stripes should be ours and the healing in Christ. Hence this is what we must say to the Christian: ***“If you want to be healed, do not look at your own wounds, but fix your gaze on Christ.”***

