



Good
Friday

Triangle Grace Church

April 18, 2025

Good Friday

Solemn Tenebrae Service in Remembrance of the Crucifixion of Christ

Good Friday serves, with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, as one continuous service commemorating the most holy passion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no benediction pronounced until Easter.

The word "Tenebrae" is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness," recalling the apparent triumph of darkness on Good Friday and Matthew's reference to the increasing darkness that covered the earth as Jesus hung on the cross. During

the service, the sanctuary will progressively darken.

As an act of solemnity, the congregation remains seated for the service. The seven candles signify the seven last words of Christ and are extinguished to symbolize the sacrificial death of Jesus for our sins.

The light returns with Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning and is symbolized with the Christ candle, the last to be extinguished.

Remain seated throughout the service.

Please refrain from speaking upon entering the sanctuary.

Hymns will not be announced.

Silent Procession

Call to Worship Isaiah 53:4

Minister: Surely he has borne our griefs,

People: And carried our sorrows,

Minister: Yet we esteemed him stricken,

People: Smitten by God and afflicted.

Confession of Sin, Intercession & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from Evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

"Ah Holy Jesus"

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

6
judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
treason, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,
dore thee, and will ev - er pray Thee; think on thy pi - ty

11
by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied Thee!
while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:13–53:12

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up, and shall
be exalted.

¹⁴ As 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.

53 Who has believed what he has heard f
rom us? And to whom has the arm of
the LORD been revealed?

² For 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.

³ He 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.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows; yet we steemed
him stricken, smitten by God, and
afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities; upon

him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds 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.

⁷ He 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.

⁸ By 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?

⁹ And 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.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an
offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall
prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper
in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be
satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous
one, my servant, make many to be accounted
righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death and was
numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the
sin of many, and makes intercession for the
transgressors.

Antiphonal Reading Psalm 22

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

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

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

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

In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;

Let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

From birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass me;

a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet –

I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;

they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs!

Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 10:1–14

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Solo*“He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word”**Lori Hicks*

Gospel Reading

John 19:16-30

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.¹⁸ There 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."

²³ When 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,²⁴ so 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."

So the soldiers did these things,²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Minister: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Meditation

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down, now
 2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ner's gain; mine,
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend, for

scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns thine on - ly crown. How
 mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain. Lo,
 this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end? O

pale thou art, with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn! How
 here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place; look
 make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be, Lord,

does that vis - age lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 on — me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
 let — me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Minister

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.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Luke 23:32–34

People

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Psalm 51:1

Silence. First candle is extinguished.

Minister

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

Luke 23:39–43

People

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51:2

Silence. The second candle is extinguished.

Minister

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

John 19:25–27

People

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Psalm 51:3

Silence. The third candle is extinguished.

Minister

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About 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?" Matthew 27:45–46

People

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Psalm 51:4

Silence. The fourth candle is extinguished.

Minister

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A 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

People

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Psalm 51:5

Silence. The fifth candle is extinguished.

Minister

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." John 19:30

People

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Psalm 51:7–9

Silence. The sixth candle is extinguished.

Minister

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus 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

People

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Psalm 51:10–11

Silence. The seventh candle, the Christ candle is extinguished.

Solo

"Were You There"

Lori Hicks

The Congregation departs in silence. Feel free to remain to pray.

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