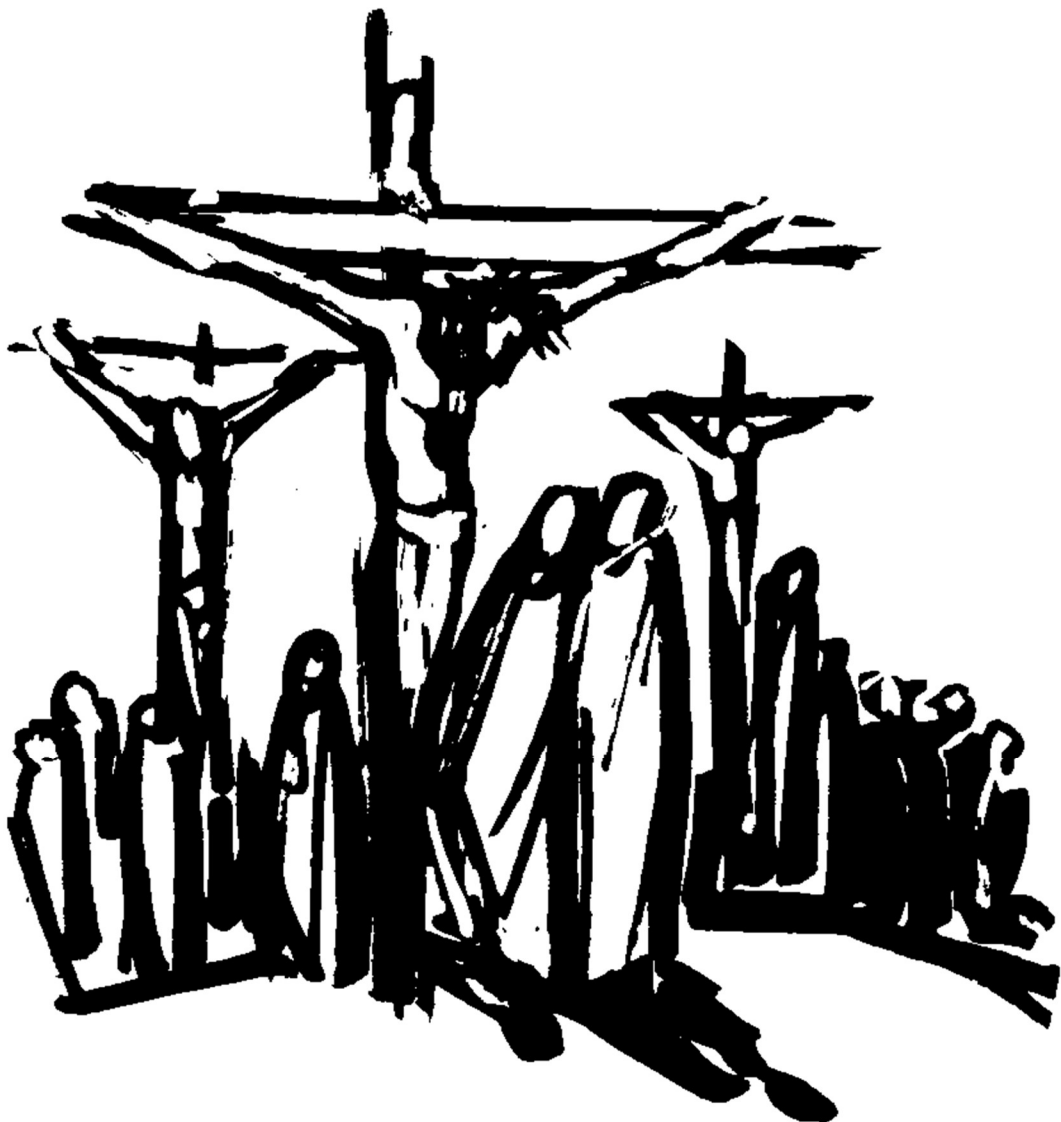


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The Passion According to Mark
Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m.



Introduction

To impress on the minds and hearts of believers the awful consequence of sin and the magnitude of the Savior's sacrifice, the ancient Church held a special service on the last day of Holy Week, called "tenebrae" (a Latin word meaning darkness or shadows).

The Tenebrae service is based on an ancient order dating back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. It comes from the ceremony of extinguishing the candles in the church in succession. The extinguishing of the candles is to remind us of the events that led to the darkness which covered the earth when Jesus hung on the cross.

Another feature of the Tenebrae service is the "strepitus" pronounced STREP-eee-tuse). Strepitus is another Latin word which means "loud noise." A loud noise will be played during the service, after the Christ candle is removed, to symbolize the tomb slamming shut. After silence and prayers, the Christ candle will be returned to the altar to symbolize the promise of resurrection.

Tonight's service is divided into seven parts using readings from the Passion According to Mark with accompanying prayers and music.

Prelude

Oblivion Astor Piazzolla arr. Ryuji Kunimatsu

Bob Lowden, guitar

The Lenten Sentences

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Behold, now is the acceptable time;

C now is the day of salvation.

P Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C that the light of your face may shine on us.

P May your justice shine like the sun;

C and may those who sorrow over sin be lifted up.

P In the steps our Savior trod, let us follow faithfully,

C where the sinless Son of God went to set us sinners free.

P Mark each footstep in the strife

C of the Way, the Truth, the Life.

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,

who in your tender love towards the human race

sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ

to take upon him our flesh

and to suffer death upon the cross:

grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,

and also be made partakers of his resurrection;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Hymn vs. 1, 4

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.

Passion Reading #1: Mark 14:26, 32-50 Betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane Darla Wolf
Silence



Hymn v. 1

Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we 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 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Prayer

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

First candle is extinguished.

Passion Reading #2: Mark 14:53-65 Trial Before the High Priest

Sue Scheulen

Silence

Hymn *Ah, Holy Jesus, vs.2*

Prayer

Lord Jesus, bearing our shame, as you are stripped of your dignity:

we remember all those exposed to ridicule—battered wives, victims of abuse and violence, and all exploited because of race, gender, or sexual orientation.

Clothe them with your mercy and bestow on them dignity that belongs to them as children of God. **Amen**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

Second candle is extinguished.

Passion Reading #3: Mark 67-72

Denial by Peter

Anne Vermillion

Silence

Hymn *Ah, Holy Jesus, v. 3*

Prayer

O Lord, you are our refuge and our strength. You are our ever-present help in times of trouble. When it seems like our world is crumbling around us and we are thrown around by the storms of our lives, take away our fear. When we are tempted to deny our faith in you, bring us back into your light and courage in our witness. As you forgave Peter, forgive us when we falter and fail in showing our love for you. Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

Third candle is extinguished.

Passion Reading #4: Mark 15:1-15

Trial Before Pilate

Hilda Painter

Silence

Hymn *Ah, Holy Jesus, v. 4*

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you were innocent, though condemned to death for political expediency: be with those who are imprisoned for the convenience of the powerful.

You were the victim of unbridled injustice:

change the minds and motivations of oppressors and exploiters to your way of peace. Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

Fourth candle is extinguished.

Passion Reading #5: Mark 15:16-21

Simon Carries Cross

Dan Painter

Silence

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you were worn down by pain and weakened by exhaustion:

be with those from whom life drains all energy. You needed the help of a passing stranger:

give us the humility to give and receive aid from others. Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

Fifth candle is extinguished.

Passion Reading #6: Mark 15:22-41

Death on the Cross

Pat Godding

Silence

Hymn *Ah, Holy Jesus, v. 5*

Prayer

Lord Jesus, source of infinite life: you were wounded for our broken world, we remember all who suffer unjustly. We mourn the ways our earth has been tortured and abused. Bring us to your cross and preserve us until the resurrection. Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

Sixth candle is extinguished.

Silence

Hymn *Were You There?* v. 1, 5



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

Prayer

O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, 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 for ever and ever. **Amen** .

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Silence while the Christ candle is removed

The Act of Contrition

P God of infinite mercy,

I am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against you. I desire to love you with my whole heart, soul, mind and strength. May I never again offend you. May I love you without ceasing, and delight in all things to do your holy will. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *whispered*

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.

Jesus Christ, lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

*The sound of the **strepitus** is heard, signifying the closing of the tomb. After a period of silence, the Christ candle is returned to the altar signifying the resurrection promise.*



Source of select prayers: Stations of the Cross for Children and Families, *Adapted from the Book of Occasional Services 2018* for use at St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford, CT by Margie Baker.

Source of select prayers: **The Way of the Cross, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, ELCA 2016**

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