

*And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there
the three disciples saw the cross: and the bodies were crucified
thereon: and they were crucified together with him.*

Father, forgive them

Verily, I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

And he said unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son.

Woman, behold thy son

*And about the sixth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice,
My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?*

*After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now
accomplished, that the scriptures might be fulfilled, said,*

I thirst

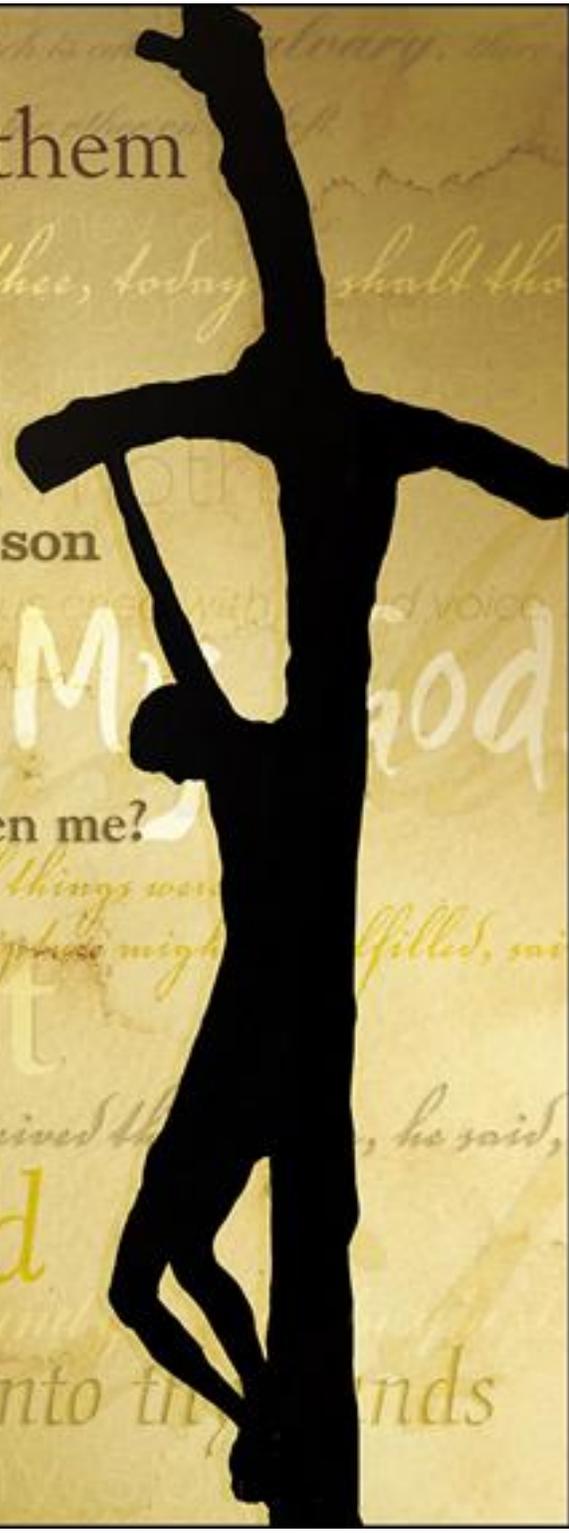
When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said,

It is finished

and he bowed his head and said,

Father, into thy hands

I commend my spirit:



**Good Friday
Tenebrae Service**

April 19, 2019

12:00pm

** indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.
Bold text indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Today, God makes common cause with our human suffering.

**We read the Scriptures, sing the hymns,
feel the feelings of the day Christ died.**

Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

But in the cross, God meets us in our suffering.

From this day forward,

we know that there is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

Opening Prayer

**We stand near the cross, O God – disturbed, distraught,
discouraged. Yet we gather here as disciples, those whom Jesus
loves. In the face of such suffering, show us the face of our Savior.
In the shadow of such evil, show us the light of your grace. On this
day of great solemnity, let us stand as witnesses to your great love
for all the world, revealed to us in the outstretched arms of Jesus
Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***Hymn #101 (blue)**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Invitation to Confession

The promise of our faith is that if we call on the name of the Lord, our God will remember our sin no more. Therefore, let us confess our wrongdoing.

Prayer of Confession

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

This is the cross that held the Savior of the world.

Come, let us worship God.

...but you have made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Take heart, for our Lord Jesus Christ, the son of God, understands our human experience, felt the depth of our pain, and sympathizes with our weakness. He deals gently with the ignorant and the wayward and is the source of our eternal salvation.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The Seven Last Words of Christ

The First Word

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Prayer

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

Blessed is the name of the Lord.

The Second Word

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Prayer

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

Blessed is the name of the Lord.

The Third Word

John 19:26-27

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Prayer

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

Blessed is the name of the Lord.

The Fourth Word

Mark 15:34

At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

***Hymn #98 (blue)**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

The Fifth Word

John 19:28

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."

Prayer

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross
so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

Blessed is the name of the Lord.

The Sixth Word

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Prayer

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross
so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

Blessed is the name of the Lord.

The Seventh Word

Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Prayer

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross
so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

Blessed is the name of the Lord.

Silent Reflection

Scripture Reading

John 19:31-42

***Hymn #102** (blue)

Were You There?

Stripping of the Sanctuary

Let us depart in silence.

Today's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him – so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals – so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

John 19:31-42

Since 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. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced." After 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. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now 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. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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