

Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers

Friday, April 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

The congregation gathers in silence. Seven candles will be extinguished and the lights will be lowered as we participate in the Service of Tenebrae, which means "darkness."

i OPENING

O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
Make haste to help me, O Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 *Read responsively by whole verse.*

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

**As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—**

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.

**Who has believed what he has heard from us?
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,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

**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.**



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

**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.**

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.

**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.**

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?

**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.**

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.

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

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.

Hebrews 4:14-16: 5:7-9

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

(Each Reading will be followed by a time of silence)

HYMN: “O Dearest Jesus” - LSB #439, stanza 6

6. There was no spot in me by sin untainted;
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,
Such woe it wrought me.

READING John 18:1-11 (Betrayal and arrest of Jesus)

(Silence)

HYMN: “O Dearest Jesus” - LSB #439, stanza 8

8. O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer?
What dare I offer?

READING John 18:12-27 (Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter)

(Silence)

HYMN: “O Dearest Jesus” - LSB #439, stanza 5

5. The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted –
God is committed.

READING John 18:28-40 (Jesus before Pilate)

(Silence)

HYMN: "O Dearest Jesus" - LSB #439, stanza 1

1. O Dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?

READING John 19:1-16a (Jesus is sentenced.)

(Silence)

HYMN: "O Dearest Jesus" - LSB #439, stanza 2

2. They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.

READING John 19:16b-24 (The Crucifixion of Jesus)

(Silence)

HYMN: "O Dearest Jesus" - LSB #439, stanza 9

9. For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder –
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee!
Can I requite Thee?

READING John 19:25-30 (Jesus' Mother and His Death)

(Silence)

HYMN: "O Dearest Jesus" - LSB #439, stanzas 14, 15

14. But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meakness
Nor shame my weakness.
15. And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
I, too, shall praise Thee.

READING John 19:31-42 (Jesus' Side is Pierced)

Silence for Meditation and Prayer

O Lord, have mercy on us.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY:

We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

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SERMON: Vicar Anthony Keilani

i CANTICLE: Habakkuk: 3:17-19
Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there will be no herd in the stalls,
**yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.**

PRAYERS

Lord, have mercy. **Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

let us pray for the whole Christian Church and for all the people of God:

Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name as each member truly serves You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

let us pray for our catechumens, that they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially our President; the Congress of the United States; our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

let us pray that our Lord would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick, and a safe journey to all who travel:

Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

let us pray for all who are outside the Church:

Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

let us pray for our enemies:

O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION AND FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Silence for Meditation and Prayer

STREPITUS: *The strepitus is a loud noise meant to symbolize the closing of Jesus' tomb.*

*The congregation leaves in silence with minimal light.
If so desired, you may remain in the sanctuary for personal meditation and prayer.*