

Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 7, 2023

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

The Office of Tenebrae structures tonight's time of reflection. From the Latin term for "shadows" or "darkness," the Tenebrae service involves progressive extinguishing of candles in order to symbolize the darkness of the tomb.

Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday commemorates the burial of Christ; midnight vigil services inaugurate the Easter celebration of the resurrection. Since the time of the early church, the day has been dedicated to penance, fasting, and prayer.

ENTER IN SILENCE

INVOCATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by: Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

He was despised and rejected by all: A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

We hid our faces from Him: He was despised and we dishonored Him.

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: He was wounded for our disobedience, He was bruised for our wrong.

Upon Him was the punishment that made us whole: And with His suffering and death we are healed.

We are like sheep that have gone astray: We have turned every one to his own way: and the Lord has laid on Him the sin of us all. **OPENING HYMN**

Ah, Holy Jesus



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MEDITATION

Silence for reflection. **ANTHEM**

"From a Cradle to a Cross" Senior Choir

Carter

The first candle is extinguished.

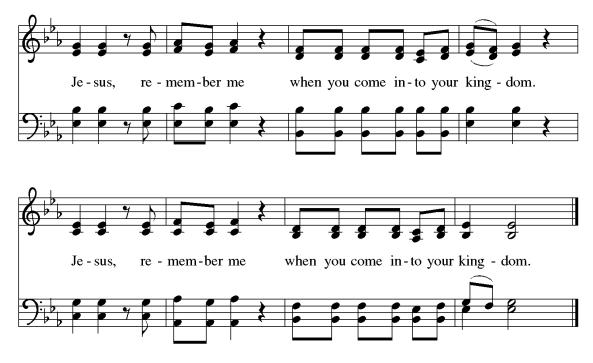
THE SECOND WORD

Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise. Luke 23:39-43

MEDITATION

Silence for reflection.

Hymn sung twice.



Jesus, Remember Me

The second candle is extinguished.

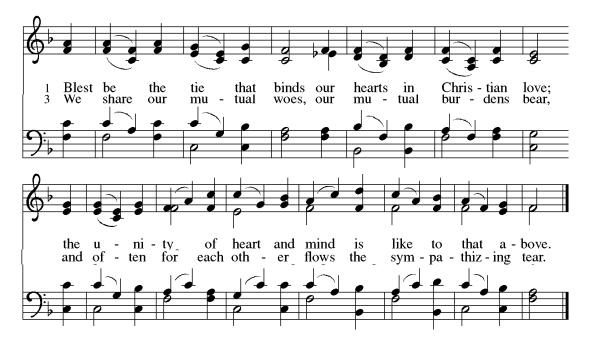
THE THIRD WORD

Woman. Behold your Son! Son, behold your mother. John 19:25b-27

MEDITATION

Silence for reflection.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



The third candle is extinguished.

THE FOURTH WORD

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Mark 15:33-34

MEDITATION

Silence for reflection.



O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

The fourth candle is extinguished.

THE FIFTH WORD

I thirst. John 19:28

MEDITATION

Silence for reflection.



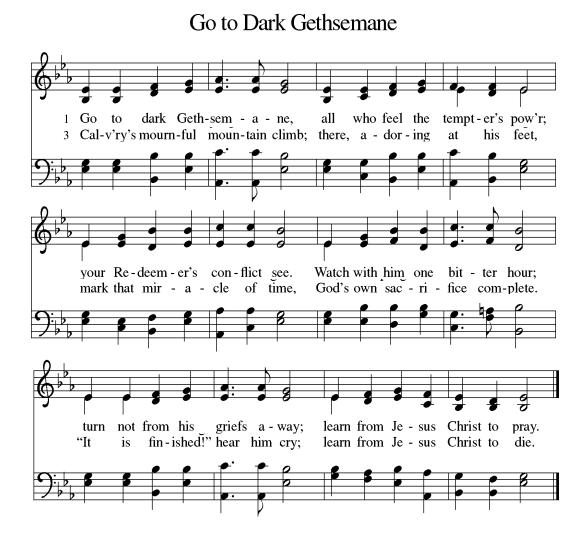
The fifth candle is extinguished.

THE SIXTH WORD

It is finished. John 19:30

MEDITATION

Silence for reflection.



The sixth candle is extinguished.

THE SEVENTH WORD

Father, into your hands I commit my spirit. Luke 23:46

MEDITATION

Silence for reflection.

SOLO

"Were You There" Lou Lerda, Soloist

The seventh candle is extinguished.



THE EXIT OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE CLOSING OF THE BOOK SILENT MEDITATION

Depart from this place of worship in silence

There will be no postlude. Following your time of silent prayer and reflection, please leave the nave in silence. You are requested not to speak to anyone. Leave reflecting on the sacrifice of Jesus, crucified for you. You may leave your offering as you depart.

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