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Tenebrae Service

Friday, March 29, 2024

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 with Easter Worship.

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.

WORD

(All gather in silence)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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

FIRST READING

The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The servant pours himself out to death and is numbered with the transgressors, images that the early church saw as important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.

¹³See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.
¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him

— so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,

and his form beyond that of mortals —

¹⁵so 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.

^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For 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.

³He 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.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But 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. ⁶All 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.

⁷He 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.

⁸By 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.

⁹They 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.

10 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.
11 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.

¹²Therefore 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.

PSALM Psalm 32: 1-7

Read responsively between the lector and the congregation.

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

The Passion According to St. John

John 18:1-11 ∼ Janelle Barkman

(First candle is extinguished)

ANTHEM

"I Sing of My Lord" Senior Choir Butler

MEDITATION



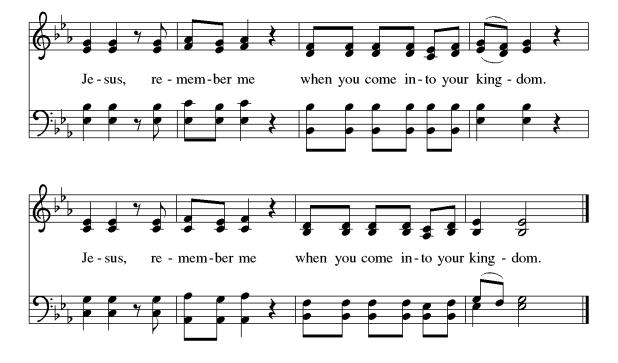
John 18:12-27 ~ Evan Sutton

(Second candle is extinguished)

HYMN ELW 616

Hymn sung twice.

Jesus, Remember Me



MEDITATION

John 18:28-40 ~ Gloria McCauley

(Third candle is extinguished).

HYMN ELW 349

Ah, Holy Jesus



MEDITATION

John 19:1-7 ∼ Janelle Barkman

(Fourth candle is extinguished)

HYMN ELW 351

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



MEDITATION

John 19:8-16a ~ Evan Sutton

(Fifth candle is extinguished)

HYMN ELW 351

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



MEDITATION

John 19:16b-22 ~ Gloria McCauley

(Sixth candle is extinguished)

HYMN ELW 338





MEDITATION

John 19:23-30 ∼ Janelle Barkman

(Seventh candle is extinguished)

HYMN ELW 347

Go to Dark Gethsemane



MEDITATION

John 19:31-42 ~ Evan Sutton

HYMN

"Were You There"

Lou Lerda, Soloist

(Christ candle is extinguished and removed)

The congregation sits in silent darkness to underscore the drama. A loud noise is made during the darkness to represent the stone being rolled to seal the grave.

Bidding Prayers:

(Each invitation to prayer ends...) We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please stand as you are able

Adoration of the Cross

Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

At the end of the service, worshipers may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, or kneeling before the cross in prayer.

The service continues on Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 AM.

Please depart in silence.

There will be no postlude.

Offerings may be placed in the basket by the entrance.

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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.

The service concludes on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday Service

March 31, 2024 at 10:00 AM



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