

April 3, 2015

Good Friday Tenebrae

6:30pm

Welcome to Worship



To impress on the minds and hearts of believers the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of the Savior's sacrifice, the ancient church held a special service called "Tenebrae," during the last days of Holy Week. The name means "Darkness" or "Shadows."

In this adaptation of the medieval "Tenebrae," we will be witnesses to the deepest sorrow of our Savior. Step after relentless step, Jesus walks the Way of Sorrows. One after another, all forsake him until ultimately he stands in the God-forsakenness of hell itself.

The extinguishing of the candles and growing darkness of the church, symbolizes the deepening sorrow. At the end of the service, the Christ Candle will leave the sanctuary symbolizing our Lord's death and burial. After the Christ Candle leaves, a loud harsh sound is heard symbolizing the closing of the tomb. The Christ Candle will return to the sanctuary on Easter morning as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

The day our Lord died is the most solemn day of the church year. Tonight we remember: God laid on him "the iniquity of us all." The service is solemn, reverent, and filled with devotion. The worshipers enter the church in silence, meditating on the great sacrifice the Savior made.

"Forsaken!"

Please observe silence before the service begins.
 The Offering will be gathered before the service begins.

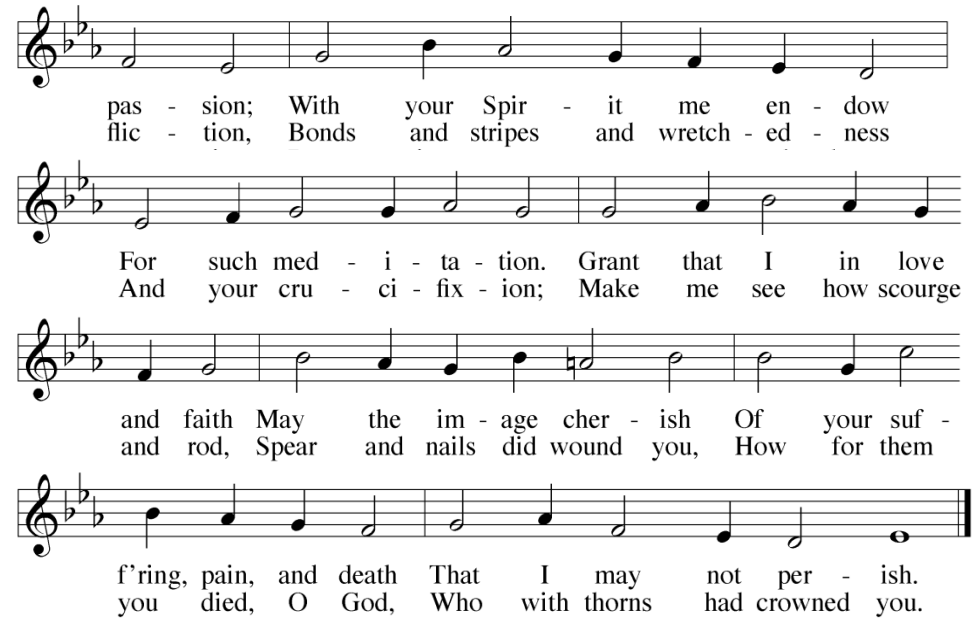
The Opening Prayer..... by Pastor
 The Opening Hymn..... "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Christian Worship #98, verses 1 & 2



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On your ho - ly
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af -

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I. Introduction – "Forsaken"

Meditation..... by Pastor

Response

P: God did not spare His own Son.
 C: (Spoken) But gave Him up for us all. (Romans 8:32)

II. "Forsaken" in His Deepest Need

Scripture Reading..... Matthew 26:36-46

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and

prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter.⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.⁴⁶ Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Meditation..... by Pastor

Response

- P:** "I have trodden the winepress alone; from the nations no one was with me." (Isaiah 63:3)
- C:** (Spoken) **"I looked, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that no one gave support; so my own arm worked salvation for me, and my own wrath sustained me."**

First Candle Extinguished

Congregation Hymn..... **"Upon the Cross Extended"**
Christian Worship #113, verses 2 & 3

2 How God at our trans - gres - sion To an - ger gives ex -
 3 'Tis I who should be smit - ten, My doom should here be

pres - sion, How loud his thun - ders roll, How fear - ful -
 writ - ten: Bound hand and foot in hell. The fet - ters

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ly he smites him, How sore - ly he re - quites him—
 and the scourg - ing, The floods a - round you surg - ing,

All this your suf - f'rings teach my soul.
 'Tis I who have de - served them well.

III. "Forsaken" by a Faithless Friend

Scripture Reading **Matthew 26:47-50**

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him."⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

Meditation..... by Pastor

Response

- P:** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. (Isaiah 53:7-8)
- C:** **He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.** (Isaiah 53:12)

Second Candle Extinguished

Hymn**“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”**
Christian Worship #100, verses 1 & 2

1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of

e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,
 God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send

None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,
 To gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"

grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,
 the Fa - ther said, "And free my chil - dren from their dread

That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes
 Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes

and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,
 are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share

"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."
 The fruit of your sal - va - tion."

IV. “Forsaken” by His Church

Scripture Reading **Matthew 26:57-68**

⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. ⁵⁸ But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome. ⁵⁹ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰ But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward ⁶¹ and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶² Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think?" "He is worthy of death," they answered. ⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him ⁶⁸ and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?"

Meditation..... *by Pastor*

Response

- P:** Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.
- C:** **"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. (1 Peter 2:21-23)**

Third Candle is Extinguished

Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Christian Worship #104, verses 1-2



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see.
life ar - rained. Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!



Watch with him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from his
Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained! Shun not suf-f'ring,



griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.

V. "Forsaken" by His Nation

Scripture Reading Mark 15:1-14

^{15:1} Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. ² "Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate. "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. ³ The chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of." ⁵ But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed. ⁶ Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested. ⁷ A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. ⁸ The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did. ⁹ "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, ¹⁰ knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹ But

the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead. ¹² "What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them. ¹³ "Crucify him!" they shouted. ¹⁴ "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Meditation..... by Pastor

Response

P: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you,

C: **How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!** (Luke 13:34)

Fourth Candle Extinguished

Hymn "Stricken, Smitten & Afflicted"

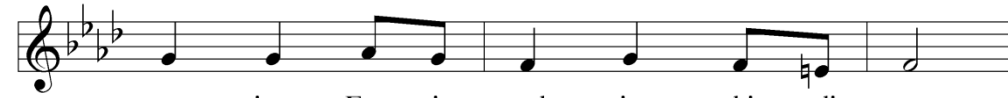
Christian Worship #127, verses 2 & 3



2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, Was there
3 If you think of sin but light - ly Nor sup -



ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his cause dis -
pose the e - vil great, Here you see its na - ture



own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress,
right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.



Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would
Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed; See who

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in - ter - vene to save, But the deep - est stroke that
 bears the aw - ful load— 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A -
 pierced him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.

VI. "Forsaken" by the World

Scripture Reading Matthew 27:11-14, 24-26

¹¹ Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. ¹² When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" ¹⁴ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge — to the great amazement of the governor. ²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" ²⁵ All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Meditation..... by Pastor

Scripture Reading Luke 23:26, 32-33

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals — one on his right, the other on his left.

Response

- P:** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. (Psalm 22:15)
- C:** **But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.** (Psalm 22:19)

Fifth Candle Extinguished

Anthem "All the Sins of the World"
Grades 5-8

*All the sins of the world weighed Him down.
 They were sharp as a thorn twisted crown;
 Piercing Him, Deep within. All the sins of the world weighed Him down.*

*All the hope of a world that had failed,
 Hung on hands that were willingly nailed.
 From His pain, We would gain, All the hope of a world that had failed.*

*To a world that deserved only death,
 There was promise in His final breath.
 It gave peace, Full release, To a world that deserved only death.*

Jesus, our Lord and God, suffered alone; Took all our punishment, made it His own.

*All the tears that have ever been cried,
 Flowed with water from wounds in His side.
 As they ran, Life began, For the world, when the Son of God died.*

VII. "Forsaken" by His Father

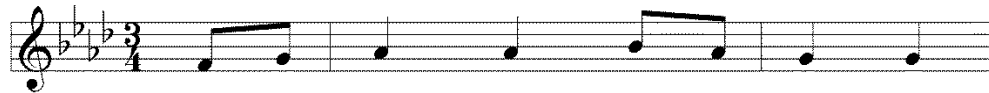
Scripture Reading Matthew 27:45-46

⁴⁵ From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"-which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

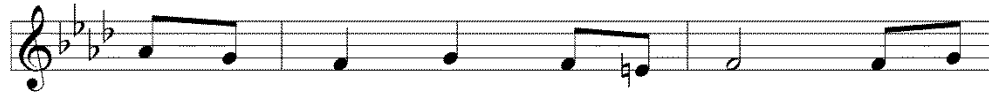
Meditation..... by Pastor

Silent Meditation

Hymn "Rest, O Christ, From All Your Labor"
Christian Worship Supplement #718, verses 1 & 2



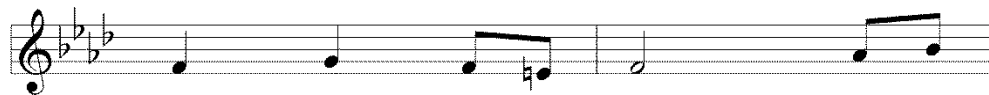
1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor;
2 Peace at last from all your an - guish,



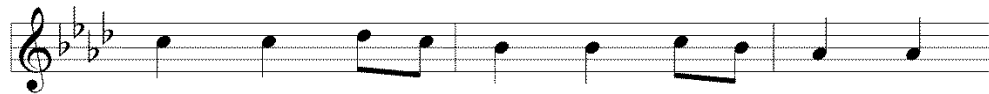
Sleep with - in your bor - rowed tomb. Foes have
Wounds in hands and feet and side. En - e -



cru - ci - fied and bound you Fast with -
mies no long - er mock you, Scourged, a -



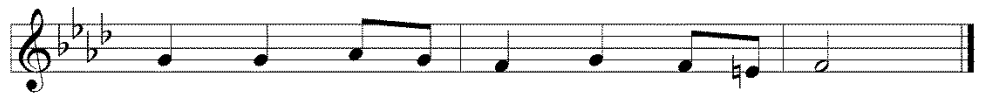
in death's nar - row room. Pi - late's
ban - doned, cru - ci - fied. Faith - ful



guards stand watch - ing, wait - ing Where they rolled the
wom - en gath - er spic - es, Weep for you whom



seal - ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er
sin has slain. Though they mourn, the God who



watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.
guards you Will not let your death be vain.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

VIII. Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross

P: As Jesus hung on the cross, he said,

Students/choir: (Sung) "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

P: One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him...

Students/choir: (Sung) "Verily, I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise."

P: Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved, standing nearby, he said to his mother:

Students/choir: (Sung) "Woman, behold thy son!"

P: Then he said to the disciple:

Students/choir: (Sung) "Son, behold thy mother!"

P: From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

Students/choir: "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

P: Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said,

Students/choir: (Sung) *"I thirst!"*

P: When he had received the drink, Jesus said:

Students/choir: (Sung) *"It is finished!"*

P: It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out in a loud voice:

Students/choir: (Sung) *"Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit."*

P: When he had said this, he breathed his last. When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away.

*Seventh Candle Extinguished
During the Closing Anthem, the Christ Candle is carried out.
The Christ Candle will return on Easter Sunday*

Closing Anthem **"Were You There?"**
Sung by Senior Choir

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
(Were you there?) tremble (Were you there?), tremble. (Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

We ask that as you leave, you leave in silence.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader Pastor Brian Adams
Organ/Piano Mrs. Marie Becker, Miss Heather Schmidt
Junior Choir/Senior Choir Director Mrs. Marie Becker
Readers Dr. David Brightsman, Mr. Jon Koeller, Mr. Terry Konell,
Mr. Nathan Schulmeister, Mr. Randy Willms, Mr. Lyle Timm
Candles..... Luke Raduenz



Please join us on Easter Sunday!

Sunrise Service – 6:00 am
Easter Breakfast – 7:00 am
(Everyone is welcome to join us!)
Easter Festival Service – 8:30 am