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Good Friday

Lessons and Carols of the Cross

April 2, 2021

7:30 PM



Welcome to this evening's service. It is based on the ancient tradition of a Tenebrae Good Friday service. TENEBRAE is a Latin word that means "darkness" or "shadows." The service comes from the monastic tradition where, along with other daily worship, "Tenebrae" was the last service on the eves of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The original office was a series of lamentations from the Psalms or elsewhere in scripture.

Tonight, instead of lamentations, you will hear portions of the Passion narrative from the Gospels. In keeping with the Tenebrae tradition, candles will gradually be extinguished during the retelling of Jesus' last days.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

If you would like to participate in the Tenebrae tradition,
begin with seven lit candles and extinguish one candle after each scripture reading.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Wondrous Love

The Southern Harmony, 1835
Setting by David N. Johnson

CALL TO REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER

We have been here before—

A place of grieving and mourning.

We have been here before—

A night that seems it won't end.

We have been here before—

Knee deep in fear, knee deep in doubt.

We have been here before—

Good Friday, the night Christ died.

So once again, we find ourselves here—

In community, in God's arms.

Where else would we go when the world falls apart?

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

THE FIRST LESSON

The Messiah Is Arrested

Psalm 41:5-9 Luke 22:1-6; 39-48

Extinguish one candle

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD 76

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

CHOIR CAROL

Surely He Hath Borne Our Grief
Isaiah 53:4

Karl Heinrich Graun

THE SECOND LESSON

The Messiah is Tried and Beaten

Isaiah 53:1-8 Mark 15:1-20

Extinguish one candle

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

THE THIRD LESSON

The Messiah is Crucified

Psalm 22:14-19 Mark 15:22-25

Extinguish one candle

CHOIR CAROL

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Deborah Govenor

Text: Isaac Watts

THE FOURTH LESSON

The Messiah Cries Out and Dies

Psalm 22:1-11 Matthew 27:39-50

Extinguish one candle

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

THE FIFTH LESSON

The Messiah's Death is Witnessed

Amos 8:9-11 Matthew 27:45, 51, 54

Extinguish one candle

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

CHOIR CAROL

Ave, Verum Corpus

Camille Saint-Saëns

THE SIXTH LESSON

The Messiah is Taken Down

Zechariah 12:9-12 John 19:31-37

Extinguish one candle

CHOIR CAROL

O Lamb of God

Thomas Rossin

THE SEVENTH LESSON

The Messiah is Buried

Luke 23:50-56 Isaiah 54:7-10

Extinguish one candle

WELCOME

We invite you to join St Andrews, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in ministry and in worship. We are glad that you are here. If you do not have a church home in the community, we invite you to consider joining us in work and in worship, loving God and loving neighbor. Your presence is a joy for us.

Easter Sunday, April 4

Our Worship Service will be at 10:00 am on YouTube and Facebook. Join us as we celebrate the resurrection.

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Guide to Meditations for Holy Saturday - You may use the following prayer and scripture readings to guide you through your meditations on Holy Saturday and to prepare for the celebration of Easter.

Prayer: Merciful and ever-living God,

Creator of heaven and earth:

As the crucified body of your Son was laid on the tomb

And rested on this holy day,

Grant that we may await with him the dawning

Of the third day as he promised,

and rise with him in newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Job 14:1-14

Psalm 130

1 Peter 4:1-8

Matthew 27:45-66

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