

Good Friday
Tenebrae Service
9:00 a.m., March 29, 2024

P: Let us pray.
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.

C: Amen.

Other collects may be prayed.

P: Let us pray.
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.

C: Amen.

The final candle is extinguished.

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All leave in silence and minimal light.

The Tenebrae Service was traditionally prayed in the morning of Good Friday, marking the descent of darkness by the gradual extinguishing of candles. Our Lord was nailed to the cross in the morning of Good Friday and there was darkness from the sixth to the ninth hours (noon to 3 p.m.). This morning's service features readings and meditations on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the cross.

All enter in silence.

Stand

Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalm

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Prayed responsively half verse by half verse.

Psalm

27

Prayed responsively half verse by half verse.

A candle is extinguished.

The First Word

Luke 23:32-37

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

After each reading the following response is prayed.

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn

447

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” — *Stanzas 1-3*

The Second Word **Luke 23:38-43**

“Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

Meditation

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn **447**

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” — *Stanzas 4-6*

The Third Word **John 19:25-27**

“Woman, behold your son! Behold your mother!”

Meditation

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn **447**

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” — *Stanzas 7-9*

The Fourth Word **Matthew 27:45-49**

“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?”

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Meditation

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn **447**

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” — *Stanzas 10-12*

The Fifth Word **John 19:28-29**

“I thirst!”

Meditation

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn **447**

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” — *Stanzas 13-15*

The Sixth Word **John 19:30**

“It is finished!”

Meditation

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn **447**

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” — *Stanzas 16-18*

The Seventh Word **Luke 23:45-49**

“Father, ‘into Your hands I commend My spirit.’”

Meditation

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn **447**

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” — *Stanzas 19-21*

Responsory

P: We have an advocate with the Father;
Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**C: He was delivered up to death;
He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven
whose sin is put away.

**C: He was delivered up to death;
He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

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Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**C: He was delivered up to death;
He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Hymn **452**

“O Perfect Life of Love”

Prayers

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Lord’s Prayer

Salutation and Collects for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.