

Worship for Good Friday

Tenebrae

7PM † April 10, 2020

GATHERING

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed

C: May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Isaiah 53:1-9

¹Who 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 wounds 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.

The Word of the Lord.

(*Silence for meditation*)

C: Thanks Be To God.

Good Friday Bidding Prayers

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

(*Silent prayer*)

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

(*Silent prayer*)

P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, lay leaders and all the faithful who serve in various ways. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each

of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses

of the love made known to us in your Son.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those in need.

(*Silent prayer*)

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

The First Word: “*Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.*”

Luke 23:32-38

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” (*extinguish candle*)

(*Silence for reflection*)

Hymn: *Amazing Grace (vs. 1)*

Red Book 779

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

The Second Word: “*Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.*”

Luke 23:39-43

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into

your kingdom.”⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”
(extinguish candle)
(Silence for reflection)

Hymn: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (vs. 1) Red Book 335

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain. *Refrain*

*Refrain: In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

The Third Word: “*Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.*”

John 19:23-27

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴ So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” ²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. (*extinguish candle*)
(Silence for reflection)

Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (vs. 1) Red Book 656

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

The Fourth Word: “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*”

Mark 15:33-36

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." (*extinguish candle*)
(Silence for reflection)

Hymn: *Ah, Holy Jesus* (vs. 1) Red Book 349

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.

The Fifth Word: “*I am Thirsty.*”

John 19: 28-29

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. (*extinguish candle*)

(*Silence for reflection*)

Hymn: *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* (vs. 2) Red Book 335

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

Refrain: *In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;*
 till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

The Sixth Word: “*It is Finished*”

John 19:30

³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (*extinguish candle*)

(*Silence for reflection*)

Good Friday Reflection: Pastor Dan

Hymn: *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* (vs. 5) Red Book 337

But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away:'tis all that I can do.

The Seventh Word: “*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit!*”

Luke 23:44-47

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” (*extinguish candle*)

(*Silence for reflection*)

Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (vs. 1) Red Book 351

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.

(*Silence for reflection*)

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

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A: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your holy cross you have re-deemed the world.**

Closing of the Tomb

Prayer at the fire:

God of love and grace, throughout the season of Lent we have brought forward our sins, our burdens and our struggles, the "baggage" that we carry; that have kept us from living into the fullness of your grace and love. Because of the death of Jesus on the cross, he takes away our sin, meets us in our daily struggles and enables us to be made new each and every day. As a sign of your mercy and grace, we add our "baggage" to the fire knowing we are forgiven and made new through your death and resurrection. Amen.

The service is ended.