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A Tenebrae Service for Good Friday

(Please stand)

The Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P 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.

(Please be seated)

1. Jesus Is Condemned

Isaiah 53:8 Luke 23:13-25

Psalm 17

P Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry! From your presence let my vindication come!

C You have tested me, and you will find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.

P With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

C My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

P I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

C Incline your ear to me; hear my words.

P Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C Hide me in the shadow of your wings,

P They have now surrounded our steps; they set their eyes to cast us to the ground.

C He is like a lion eager to tear, as a young lion lurking in ambush.

P As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;

C When I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

2. Jesus Carries His Cross

Isaiah 53:7 John 19:16-17a

Psalm 55

P Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

C Attend to me, and answer me.

P I am restless in my complaint and I moan, because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked.

C For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

P My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

C **Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.**

P And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;

C **Yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness;**

P I would hurry to find a shelter

C **From the raging wind and tempest.**

P But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.

C **We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng.**

P But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.

C **Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan.**

P And he hears my voice.

C **He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.**

P Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;

C **He will never permit the righteous to be moved. But I will trust you.**

3. Jesus Falls Beneath His Cross

Isaiah 53:2b-4, 11b

Psalm 38

P O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath!

C **For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.**

P There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation.

C **There is no health in my bones because of my sin.**

P I am utterly bowed down and prostrate.

C **All the day I go about mourning.**

P For my sides are filled with burning and there is no soundness in my flesh.

C **I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.**

P O Lord, all my longing is before you; my sighing is not hidden from you.

C **My heart throbs; my strength fails me, and the light of my eyes – it also has gone from me.**

P My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my nearest kin stand far off.

C **Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek my hurt speak of ruin and meditate treachery all day long.**

P But I am a deaf man; I do not hear, like a mute man who does not open his mouth.

C **I have become like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth are no rebukes.**

P But for you, O Lord, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

C **For I said, “Only let them not rejoice over me, who boast against me when my foot slips!”**

P Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me.

C **Make haste to help me. O Lord, my salvation!**

4. Simon Helps Carry the Cross

Isaiah 53:11b Luke 23:26

Psalm 25

P To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

C **Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

P Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

C **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**

P Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from old.

C **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

P Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

P For your name’s sake O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way he should choose.

C **The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.**

P My eyes are ever toward the Lord

C **For he will pluck my feet out of the net.**

P Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

C **The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble and forgive my sins.**

- P** Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.
- C** **Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.**

5. Jesus Meets the Women

Isaiah 52:14-15 Luke 23:27-31

Psalm 4

- P** Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
- C** **You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**
- P** O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?
- C** **How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**
- P** But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.
- C** **Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.**
- P** There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"
- C** **You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace, I will both lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

6. Jesus Is Stripped

Isaiah 53:6 John 19:23-24

Psalm 31

- P** In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
- C** **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!**
- P** Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
- C** **For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;**
- P** You take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
- C** **Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**
- P** I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul,
- C** **And you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.**
- P** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and body also.
- C** **For the life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.**

- P** Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors
- C** **I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.**
- P** But I trust in you, O Lord; I say “You are my God.”
- C** **Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!**
- P** Love the Lord, all you saints! The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.
- C** **Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!**

Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 33:1-20

Manasseh Reigns in Judah

¹ Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. ² And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel. ³ For he rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had broken down, and he erected altars to the Baals, and made Asheroth, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. ⁴ And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, “In Jerusalem shall my name be forever.” ⁵ And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. ⁶ And he burned his sons as an offering in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and used fortune-telling and omens and sorcery, and dealt with mediums and with necromancers. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger. ⁷ And the carved image of the idol that he had made he set in the house of God, of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, “In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever, ⁸ and I will no more remove the foot of Israel from the land that I appointed for your fathers, if only they will be careful to do all that I have commanded them, all the law, the statutes, and the rules given through Moses.” ⁹ Manasseh led Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem astray, to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the people of Israel.

Manasseh's Repentance

¹⁰ The LORD spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they paid no attention. ¹¹ Therefore the LORD brought upon them the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria, who captured Manasseh with hooks and bound him with chains of bronze and brought him to Babylon. ¹² And when he was in distress, he entreated the favor of the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. ¹³ He prayed to him, and God was moved by his entreaty and heard his plea and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was God.

¹⁴ Afterward he built an outer wall for the city of David west of Gihon, in the valley, and for the entrance into the Fish Gate, and carried it around Ophel, and raised it to a very great height. He also put commanders of the army in all the fortified cities in Judah. ¹⁵ And he took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built on the mountain of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem, and he threw them outside of the city. ¹⁶ He also restored the altar of the LORD and offered on it sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving, and he commanded Judah to serve the LORD, the God of Israel. ¹⁷ Nevertheless, the people still sacrificed at the high places, but only to the LORD their God.

¹⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, behold, they are in the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel. ¹⁹ And his prayer, and how God was moved by his entreaty, and all his sin and his faithlessness, and the sites on which he built high places and set up the Asherim and the images, before he humbled himself, behold, they are written in the Chronicles of the Seers.^[a] ²⁰ So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his house, and Amon his son reigned in his place.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

7. Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

Luke 23:46

Sermon

“The Seven Words”

Our Savior speaks in grace with words of mercy true:

“Forgive them, Father,” thus he prays; “They know not what they do.”

His wondrous pity see! Unto the thief he cries:

“Today, I tell you, you will be with me in paradise.”

To Mary, looking on, “Behold your son,” he says.

“Behold your mother,” thus on John love’s burden gently lays.

Now hear the awful cry, sin’s dreadful burden see.

“My God, my God,” the Son shouts, “Why have you forsaken me?”

As one of us he dies. Sin’s pow’r has done its worst.

From hell’s dread agony he cries a simple word: “I thirst.”

“Tis finished,” says the Lord. The burden on him laid

Of sinful thought and deed and word—the debt is fully paid.

“Father, into your hands my spirit I command.”

And he who hears and understands receives him at the end.

8. Jesus Dies on the Cross

Isaiah 53:5 John 19:30b-37

Psalm 16

- P** Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
- C** **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**
- P** The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
- C** **You hold my lot.**
- P** I bless the Lord who gives me counsel.
- C** **I have set the Lord always before me.**
- P** For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- C** **You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

9. Jesus Is Taken from the Cross

Isaiah 53:10a, 11a Mark 15:42-46a

Psalm 46

- P** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- C** **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- P** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- C** **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved.**
- P** God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- C** **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- P** Come, behold the works of the Lord
- C** **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**
- P** "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
- C** **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress,**

10. Jesus Is Buried

Isaiah 53:9 John 19:41-42

- P** Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; [*these words are whispered:*] who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- C** Amen.

(Please stand and whisper)

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 Christ Candle is removed.

Isaiah 53:12

The sound of the strepitus is heard, a harsh noise signifying the closing of the tomb and the earthquake.

The Christ Candle is brought back into the chancel, in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection.

Please leave in silence.

Join us for worship on

EASTER MORNING

8:15AM – Traditional Service with Communion
9:30AM – Easter Breakfast
10:45AM – Contemporary Service with Communion