# Good Friday TENEBRÆ

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#### **AS WE GATHER**

Ecclesiastes 3- "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." In this service we contemplate this profound time witnessing our Lord's Passion unfold, and ending as He submits Himself to the frailty of human flesh---even to the point of death. Yet, at His final moment, He speaks the words: "It is finished!" It is a significant phrase of unending hope for us. It is a precious kernel of pure Gospel, of divine comfort knowing that Jesus has accomplished all things.

There is a time, the time has come, a time to end what was begun. Christ, lifted up, upon the tree, the Word incarnate dies for me. "All, all is finished," hear Him speak, the sacrifice the Law would seek. There is a time when we shall hear His voice again, our Savior dear.

# PROCESSIONAL VERSE

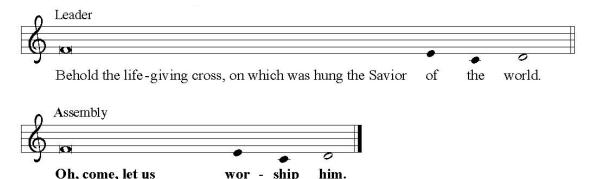
LSB 453 v. 1

The cross and procession move to the center of the nave

 ↓ Upon the cross extended See, world, your Lord suspended. Your Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven Himself has freely given To shame and blows and bitter death.

# ADORATION OF THE CROSS

(Please face the cross as it is carried in procession. The response is sung three times.)



HYMN LSB 453 v. 2

**♦** Come, see these things and ponder, Your soul will fill with wonder As blood streams from each pore. Through grief beyond all knowing From His great heart came flowing Sighs welling from its deepest core.

# \*A TIME TO CONFESS \*

# INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

Pastor: Before we were born or even the world was created, God had decided to

rescue us from our fallen nature. Knowing that in the fullness of time Christ paid for all our sins, we are free to confess them. We are confident of God's complete forgiveness. We hear the invitation from the letter to the Hebrews and then use the words David was inspired to pen as our

confession.

**EPISTLE** Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

(Jesus, our great high priest and true human, sympathizes with our weakness. We can confidently approach God, asking for grace and mercy.)

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Cross-Cry" Gilbert Martin

The Cathedral Choir

**INTROIT** Psalm 38:1-4, 18, 22; *antiphon: Isaiah 53:5* 

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our

iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and

with His stripes we are healed.

Men: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,
Women: nor discipline me in Your wrath!

Men: For Your arrows have sunk into me,

Women: and Your hand has come down on me.

Men: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;

Women: there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

Men: For my iniquities have gone over my head;

Women: like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

Men: I confess my iniquity;
Women: I am sorry for my sin.

ALL: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our

iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and

with His stripes we are healed.

# \*A TIME TO REFLECT \*

**HYMN** "Go to Dark Gethsemane" LSB 436 v. 1-3

♦ Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r; 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; Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry'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.

# \* A TIME TO PRAY \*

# **INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER**

Pastor: We have set aside time to focus on the central truth of our faith, the death

and resurrection of our Lord. In earnest we bring all of our concerns to

the throne of grace.

**PRAYER** 

Pastor: How courageously you faced the hour of your betrayal. How you gave,

even when you were being taken away to die. To your father, you gave your obedience. To your disciples, you gave a plea for their escape. To

your betrayer, you gave a kind word. To your enemy, you gave your healing. To your captures, you gave your own life. Give also to me, Lord, I beg. For I, like Peter, have defended you carelessly. Like Mark, I've hidden in the bushes in the moment of truth. Like James, I ran. But if I looked in the recesses of my heart, buried in shame, I will find myself all too much like Judas, betraying you... even with a kiss...

# SERVICE OF DARKNESS - THE OFFICE OF TENEBRÆ

# **★** A TIME TO ANSWER **★**

PASSION READING John 18:1-27

(Jesus is arrested; Peter denies Him.)

Pastor: The Passion of Our Lord according to St. John, the eighteenth and

nineteenth chapters.

Pastor: When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples

across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing

all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them,

Voice of Jesus: Whom do you seek?
Pastor: They answered Him.

People: Jesus of Nazareth.

Voice of Jesus: I am He.

Pastor: Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to

them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. So He asked them

again,

Voice of Jesus: Whom do you seek? **People: Jesus of Nazareth.** 

Voice of Jesus: I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go.

Pastor: This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: "Of those whom You gave

Me I have lost not one." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's

name was Malchus.)

Voice of Jesus: Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father

has given Me?

Pastor:

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people. Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter,

Women: You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?

Men: I am not.

Pastor: Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was

cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. The high priest then

questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching.

Voice of Jesus: I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues

and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said.

Pastor: When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck

Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how You answer the high priest?"

Voice of Jesus: If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is

right, why do you strike Me?

Pastor: Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter

was standing and warming himself. So they said to him,

People: You also are not one of His disciples, are you?

Men: I am not.

Pastor: One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear

Peter had cut off, asked,

Men: Did I not see you in the garden with Him?

Pastor: Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

<u>HYMN</u> LSB 451 v.1-2

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See him dying on the tree!
 This is Christ, by man rejected; Here, my soul, your Savior see.
 He's the long expected prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord.
 Proofs I see sufficient of it: He's the true and faithful Word.

You who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate. Mark the sacrifice appointed; See who bears the awful load; It's the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

# THE FIRST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

**READING** Isaiah 52:13-53:3

(God's Suffering Servant is described.)

Pastor: Centuries earlier the prophet Isaiah wrote in poetic form about the time

when God's Servant would be rejected by men.

Pastor: Behold, My Servant shall act wisely;

People: He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

Pastor: As many were astonished at you---

People: His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His

form beyond that of the children of mankind---

Pastor: so shall He sprinkle many nations;

**People:** kings shall shut their mouths because of Him; Pastor: for that which has not been told them they see,

People: and that which they have not heard they understand.

Pastor: Who has believed what he has heard from us?

People: And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Pastor: For He grew up before Him like a young plant,

People: and like a root out of dry ground;

Pastor: He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him,

People: and no beauty that we should desire Him.

Pastor: He was despised and rejected by men;

People: a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
Pastor: and as one from whom men hide their faces
People: He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

**DUET** "Pie Jesu" Andrew Lloyd Weber

(Requiem) Alana Meeker and Jillian Eichstaedt, Sopranos

# **★** A TIME TO WITNESS TO THE TRUTH **★**

PASSION READING John 18:28-19:11

(Pilate questions Jesus.)

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's Pastor:

> headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat

the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said.

Pilate: What accusation do you bring against this man?

People: If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him

over to you.

Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law. Pilate:

People: It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.

This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of Pastor:

death He was going to die. So Pilate entered his headquarters again and

called Iesus and said to Him. Are You the King of the Jews?

Pilate: Voice of Jesus: Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?

Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You Pilate:

over to me. What have You done?

Voice of Jesus: My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My

servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the lews. But My kingdom is not from the world.

So you are a king? Pilate:

Voice of Jesus: You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose

I have come into the world---to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who

is of the truth listens to My voice.

What is truth? Pilate:

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, Pastor:

Pilate: I find no guilt in Him. But you have a custom that I should release one

man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King

of the Jews?

People: Not this man, but Barabbas!

Pastor: Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. And

> the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his Head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. They came up to Him, saying,

People: Hail, King of the Jews!

and struck Him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, Pastor:

See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Pilate:

Him.

Pastor: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

Pilate: Behold the Man! Pastor: When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out,

People: Crucify Him, crucify Him!

Pilate: Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.

People: We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He

has made Himself the Son of God.

Pastor: When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered

his headquarters again and said to Jesus,

Pilate: Where are You from?

Pastor: But Jesus gave him no answer.

Pilate: You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to

release You and authority to crucify You?

Voice of Jesus: You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you

from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater

sin.

<u>HYMN</u> LSB 450 v. 1

 ○ 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.

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John 19:12-22

# THE SECOND CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

# **★** A TIME TO REIGN ★

# PASSION READING

(The title over the cross.)

Pastor: From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out,

People: If you release this Man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who

makes himself a king opposes Caesar.

Pastor: So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on

the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about

the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,

Pilate: Behold your King!

People: Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!

Pilate: Shall I crucify your King?
Pastor: The chief priests answered,
People: We have no king but Caesar.

Pastor: So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and

He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with

Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

Pastor: Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of

Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to

Pilate.

Men: Do not write, "The King of the Jews," but rather, "This man said, I am

King of the Jews."

Pilate: What I have written I have written.

**HYMN** LSB 437 v. 1-2, 4

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die? Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!

Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears, Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.

#### THE THIRD CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

# **SOLEMN REPROACHES** (based on Micah 6 and Isaiah 5)

Pastor: When the prophet Micah wrote, the people had forgotten the Lord. It was

time for God to declare His case against them. When Christ was on the

cross, it was again such a time.

Cantor: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended

you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your

Savior.

People:



Cantor:

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People:



Cantor:

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

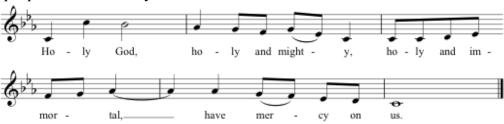
People:



Cantor:

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People:

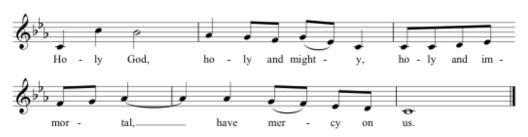


Cantor:

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

# People:

(quietly)



\*A TIME TO FULFILL THE SCRIPTURE \*

PASSION READING

John 19:23-24

(Soldiers divide Jesus' clothes.)

Pastor:

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and

divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they

said to one another.

People:

Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.

Pastor:

This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments

among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

**HYMN** 

LSB 425

♦ 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.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

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?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

# THE FOURTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

**PSALM** 

Psalm 22:1, 7-8, 14-18

(A prophetic description of Jesus' death.)

Pastor:

When David was being pursued by Saul, it seemed a time in which God had forsaken him. Jesus experienced a time of true desertion by His Father when He carried our sins to the cross.

Pastor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

Pastor: All who see me mock me;

People: they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

Pastor: "He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver him; **People:** let Him rescue him, for He delights in him!"

Pastor: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

People: my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

Pastor: my strength is dried up like a potsherd,

People: and my tongue sticks to my jaws; You lay me in the dust of death.

Pastor: For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;

People: they have pierced my hands and feet ---

Pastor: I can count all my bones---

People: they stare and gloat over me;

Pastor: they divide my garments among them, **People:** and for my clothing they cast lots.

#### THE FIFTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

# **★** A TIME TO SPEAK ★

# **PASSION READING**

John 19:25-42

(Jesus proclaims His work finished.)

Pastor: So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were

His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved

standing nearby, He said to His mother,

Voice of Jesus: Woman, behold, your son!
Pastor: Then He said to the disciple,

Voice of Jesus: Behold, your mother!

Pastor: And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this,

Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),

Voice of Jesus: I thirst.

Pastor: A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour

wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had

received the sour wine, He said,

Voice of Jesus: It is finished,

Pastor: and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. {silence...}

#### THE SIXTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

Pastor:

Since it was the Day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness---his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth---that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

**HYMN** 

LSB 456 v. 1-2

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it cause me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

#### THE SEVENTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

Pastor:

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away His body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

**SOLO** 

"Were You There?"

Todd Schrig

#### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IS REMOVED

#### **STREPITUS**

(A loud noise symbolizing the closing of Christ's tomb.)

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

(Spoken softly by 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.

#### THE CANDLE IS RETURNED

# **COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY**

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

A single bell will ring 33 times - once for each year of Jesus' life.

#### **PARTING**

The offering can be collected in the narthex on your way out.

The omission of the benediction today indicates that our worship is not complete. The story is not yet over.

Join us in our celebration of the

Festival of the Resurrection at 7:30am, 9:00am, or 11:00am on Easter Sunday.

Offerings can be placed in the box in by either Gratiot Door, or can be donated online:

