

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP

April 10, 2020 - 7:00 PM

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PRELUDE

"O Come And Mourn"

LS Quartet

*O come and mourn with me while, O come ye to the Savior's side;
O come together let us mourn; O Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.
Have we no tears to shed for him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride?
Ah, look how patiently he hangs; O Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.
Seven times he spoke, seven words of love, And all three hours his silence cried
for mercy on the souls of men; O Jesus, our lord, is crucified.
O love of God, O sin of man! In this dread act your strength is tried,
And victory remains with love, For he, our Lord, is crucified.*

Due to somber nature of this Good Friday service, the service begins and ends with a pause for silence. Both before and after worship tonight, we refrain from conversation in solemn reverence and remembrance of our Lord's crucifixion. The dimly-lighted worship space serves as a reminder of the awful consequence of sin and the darkness that fell upon the earth on the Friday when Jesus was crucified. "And it was the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour."

Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning shadow or darkness, and the service used tonight is sometimes called the "Service of Shadows." There are seven candles to correspond to the seven sayings Jesus spoke from the cross. The extinguishing of candles symbolizes the flight of the disciples, as well as the total submission of Jesus in suffering for the forgiveness and salvation of all humanity.

The removal of the eighth candle symbolizes the death of our Lord. The final darkness reminds us of Christ's stay in the tomb. However, the candle is not extinguished – as a reminder of the victory of God's love that occurs on Easter. We rest assured in the power of God to conquer even death and in God's grace for all through Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World.

The loud closing of the book echoes Jesus' cry on the cross, "It is finished." The Bible is loudly closed to symbolize that in Jesus – his ministry, death, and resurrection – all the Scriptures find fulfillment. The Bible remains closed until the middle of the Easter Vigil service, when it is opened to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection!

VENERATION OF THE CROSS & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Pastor: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

ANCIENT BIDDING PRAYER

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

Silent prayer.

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Assist: Let us pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Herman, for our pastors and deacons, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, deacons, other ministers, and lay leaders. 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.

People: **Amen.**

Assist: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

Pastor: 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 the world in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

Pastor: 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 those who bear the name of your Son, that all may come to gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Assist: Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Assist: Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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THE FIRST LIGHT

Word of Prophecy
Word from the Cross
Silent Prayer

"Father, forgive them"

Isaiah 53:3
Luke 23:32-38

THE SECOND LIGHT

Word of Prophecy
Word from the Cross
Silent Prayer

"You will be with me in paradise"

Isaiah 53:12
Luke 23:39-43

THE THIRD LIGHT

Word of Prophecy
Word from the Cross
Silent Prayer

"Woman, here is your son"

Isaiah 53:10-11
John 19: 23-27

THE FOURTH LIGHT

Word of Prophecy
Word from the Cross
Silent Prayer

"Why have you forsaken me?"

Isaiah 53:3
Matthew 27:45-49

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

"Ave Verum"

*Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, Of the Virgin Mary born;
On the cross Thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side.
Feed us with Thy body broken, Now and in death's agony.*

THE FIFTH LIGHT

Word of Prophecy
Word from the Cross
Silent Prayer

"I am thirsty"

Isaiah 53:7
John 19:28-29

THE SIXTH LIGHT

Word of Prophecy
Word from the Cross
Silent Prayer

"It is finished"

Isaiah 53:4-5
John 19:30-37

THE SEVENTH LIGHT

Word of Prophecy

Isaiah 53:8

Word from the Cross

"Into your hands I commend my spirit"

Luke 23:44-49

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

People: 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.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

"Were You There?"



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
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We kneel as able

SOLEMN REPROACHES

Pastor: 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: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: 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: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: 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: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: 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: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Pastor: 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: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

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

People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

We stand as the bell is sounded seven times.

THE EIGHTH LIGHT

Word of Prophecy and Fulfillment

Isaiah 53:9, John 19:38-42; John 1:1-5, 3:16-17

Then the eighth candle is carried into the midst of the congregation - to symbolize the body of Jesus carried to the tomb, where the hope of the world lay until Easter morning.

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People: I BELIEVE... in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE... in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE... in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING OF THE BIBLE

You may stay and pray as long as you desire.

DEPART IN SILENCE

There is no formal "Benediction" at the end of this service, since we continue our worship throughout this Holy Week wherever we are - dispersed in the world. We re-convene virtually to worship together again on Holy Saturday at 7:30 PM and on Easter Sunday at 10:00 AM.





Seasonal Emphasis

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross & follow me." Mark 8:34

GOOD FRIDAY:

The Cross at the Center

At the center of Good Friday stands the cross. Even as the day's gospel opens with Jesus and his disciples in the garden, the cross stands in the background and looms larger with each passing moment: abandonment, betrayal, trial, humiliation, chanting crowds. Finally, the cross is flung aloft, bearing Jesus. Liturgically, many assemblies will find themselves today confronted with a cross at the visual center of their gathering, all the more apparent in a sparse and stripped sanctuary. In some places the cross will be made even more prominent through a procession or space for adoration of the cross.

In a world where we witness far too much senseless violence, some may wonder whether we should spend a day so focused on an instrument of torture and pain. Yet, the message of this day is not despair, but hope. "That which Christ has not assumed he has not healed," wrote St. Gregory of Nazianzus in the fourth century, "but that which is united to his Godhead is also saved." On this day, God comes in the person of Jesus Christ to assume the pain and suffering of our human existence. Here the cross draws into God's plan of salvation all the injustice, terror, anxiety, and death that we fear so much in our lives and our world.

So on this day, the church lifts high the cross as a symbol of the victory of God's love and proclaims the mystery of hope that through this cross, "it is finished" (John 19:30). All things that destroy the fullness of life are finished; all the work of salvation is finished. At the foot of the cross, you are invited to find your sin, your pain, and your fears folded into God's promise of salvation. On this day, you are invited to bring every part of you that longs for healing and hope and to place it with Christ on the cross, for that which he takes on he will surely heal.

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✠ COMMEMORATIONS FOR TODAY ✠

Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557

Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.