

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 29th, 2024

PRELUDE

Please quietly prepare for worship

PASTORAL GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22:1-8

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; “Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

UNISON PRAYER

We stand near the cross, O God – disturbed, distraught, discouraged. Yet we gather here as disciples, those whom Jesus loves. On this day of great solemnity, let us stand as witnesses to your great love for all the world, revealed in the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” insert

READING Psalm 22:1-8, 14-18

MESSAGE *Forsaken* Pastor Joel Puntigam

SPECIAL MUSIC “He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word” Schoenfeld

THE TENEBRAE SERVICE

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

The cross that held the Savior of the world.

O God, holy and mighty, have mercy on us. (x3)

My people, my people, why have you forsaken me? Answer me!

I fed you in the wilderness with the bread of life from heaven; but you are consumed with desire, biting and devouring one another; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I claimed you as my family, as branches of my vine; but you cut off my chosen ones, spilling innocent blood; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I came to be your light, to overcome the darkness; but you remain in the shadows, hiding your light from the world; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I gave you the keys to my realm and welcomed you inside; but you turn away strangers, closing the doors that I open; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I sent my Holy Spirit to empower you with grace; but you trust your own devices, squandering my good gifts; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

I came to dwell among you as the Word made flesh; but you ignore neighbors in need, failing to recognize my face; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

*HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” insert

1 st Gospel Reading	Mark 14:53-64
<i>Extinguishing of the 1st candle</i>	
Solo	“Were You There?” Verse 1
2 nd Gospel Reading	Mark 14:65-72
<i>Extinguishing of the 2nd candle</i>	
Solo	“Were You There?” Verse 2
3 rd Gospel Reading	Mark 15:1-15
<i>Extinguishing of the 3rd candle</i>	
Solo	“Were You There?” Verse 3
4 th Gospel Reading	Mark 15:16-32
<i>Extinguishing of the 4th candle</i>	
Solo	“Were You There?” Verse 4
5 th Gospel Reading	Mark 15:33-47
<i>Extinguishing of the Christ candle</i>	
Silence and Darkness	

A TIME FOR REFLECTION AND CONTEMPLATION

After the completion of the worship service, you are encouraged to sit in silence for a while and contemplate what you have just seen. Ponder on what stirred inside of you and how the death of Christ makes you feel. As you leave, please do so in silence. But remember that even in darkness, a light will shine. The service – and the story – will be completed on Easter morning.

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