

**THE GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE
(Service of Darkness)**

March 29, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

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WELCOME

EXPLANATION OF THE SERVICE

INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" vss. 1 & 2 ELW 347

ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS (Repeat 3 times):

P: Behold, the life giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world. **C: O come, let us worship him.**

"Were You There?"

Jackie Wheatley, Suzie Ehrlichmann, & Jim Ehrlichmann

*PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. 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. **C: Amen.**

*READING John 19:16b-24

¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief

priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When 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. ²⁴So 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."

SERMON Pastor Manuel

ANTHEM: "The Old Rugged Cross" St. Andrew's Choir
Lights are gradually extinguished, except for the lighted candles

Now begins a series of brief readings of Jesus' final Words from the Cross. After each Reflection, there will be time for silent meditation.

READING OF THE FIRST WORD Luke 23:32-34

"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Silence for Reflection

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" St. Andrew's Choir

-The first candle is extinguished-

READING OF THE SECOND WORD Luke 23:39-43

"Truly I tell you, today you shall be with me in paradise."

Silence for Reflection

"Ah, Holy Jesus" vss. 1, 3 & 4 St. Andrew's Choir

-The second candle is extinguished-

READING OF THE THIRD WORD John 19:25b-27

"Woman, behold your Son. Son, behold your Mother."

Silence for Reflection

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ELW 351

-The third candle is extinguished-

READING OF THE FOURTH WORD

Mark 15:33-34

"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

Silence for Reflection

"Amazing Grace" vss. 1, 3 & 4

St. Andrew's Choir

--The fourth candle is extinguished--

READING OF THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

"I thirst."

Silence for Reflection

"The Wonderful Cross" [Tomlin, Reeves, Walt]

St. Andrew's Choir

--The fifth candle is extinguished--

READING OF THE SIXTH WORD

John 19:30a

"It is finished."

Silence for Reflection

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" vs. 3

St. Andrew's Choir

--The sixth candle is extinguished--

READING OF THE SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:46

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Silence for Reflection

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" vss. 1 & 2

St. Andrew's Choir

--The seventh candle is extinguished--

CLOSING PRAYER

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; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **C: Amen.**

CHRIST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

CLOSING OF THE BOOK

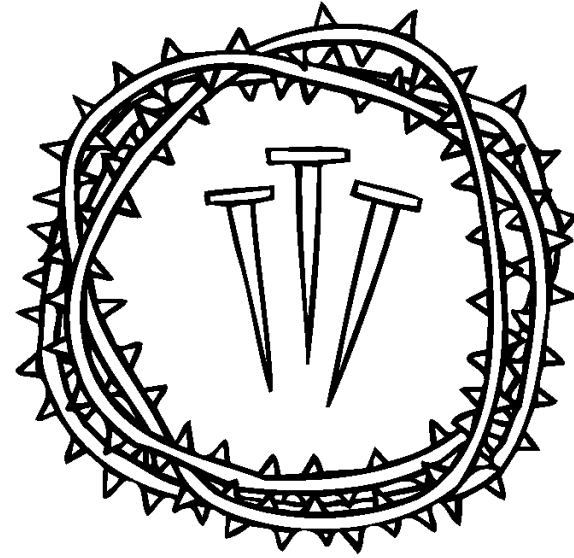
A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

There is no Benediction or Postlude.

Remain as long as you wish for silent meditation.

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