



Good Friday

A Service of Tenebrae

APRIL 10, 2020
7:00 P.M.

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Gathering

Rev. Jay D. Cooper

The Tenebrae Service is one of the oldest traditions of the Christian Church in the Holy Week celebration. From the Latin word meaning *shadows*, Tenebrae presents the story of Jesus' Passion, and as the candles are extinguished the sanctuary is darkened to dramatize the death of our Lord. The center altar candle is the Christ candle. The seven black candles represent the *Seven Last Words of Jesus*.

Prelude

O Mensch, Bewein Dein Sünde Groß, BWV 622

J. S. Bach

Chiming of the Trinity

The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*Processional Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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1. *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.*

3. *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.*

2. *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.*

4. *Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

*Call to Worship

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

People: **That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

*Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The First Word

Forgive them, Father! They do not know what they are doing

Luke 23:26-34

Choral Offering

When He Died Upon the Tree

arr. Patrick Liebergen

*When he died upon the tree, love came down for you and me.
O Lord, hear my humble plea: Lamb of God, have mercy.*

The Second Word

Today you will be in Paradise with me

Luke 23:35-43

Choral Offering

Drop, Drop Slow Tears

arr. Orlando Gibbons

*Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.
Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease. In your deep floods drown
all my faults and fears; Nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

The Third Word

Woman, here is your son...Here is your mother

John 19:23-27

Choral Offering

When Jesus Wept

William Billings/arr. Erickson

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

The Fourth Word

My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Mark 15:25-34

Choral Offering

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

arr. K. Lee Scott

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, where the blood of Christ was shed, perfect Man on thee did suffer, perfect God on thee has bled! Here the King of all the ages, throned in light ere worlds could be, robed mortal flesh is dying, crucified by sin for me. O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime! Very God himself is bearing all the sufferings of all time! Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, where the blood of Christ was shed, perfect Man on thee did suffer, perfect God on thee has bled, on thee has bled!

The Fifth Word

I Thirst

John 19:28

Choral Offering

God So Loved the World from CRUCIFIXION

John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through Him might be saved.

The Sixth Word

It is Finished

John 19:29-30

Choral Offering

Thy Will Be Done

arr. Craig Courtney

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death. Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life, and gave us hope, gave us Himself. My Father, let this cup pass from me, yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done. In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane, pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day. Then they took our Savior, and led Him to a tree; and there they broke His body, poured out His life, put Him to death to rise again! My Father, let this cup pass from me. Yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done. Thy will be done.

The Seventh Word

Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit

Luke 23:46-49

The Stripping of the Altar

Choral Offering

Were You There?

TRADITIONAL

*After the last word from the cross is spoken, the altar will be stripped and the lighted Christ Candle will be taken from the altar and removed from the sanctuary, symbolizing the burial of the Light of the World.
The candle will be returned on Easter Sunday.*

With Christ dead, there is nothing more to be said until Easter morning.

At the conclusion of *Were You There?*, the bells will toll for thirty-three seconds, one second for each year of Jesus' earthly life.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Services based on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the cross are traditionally developed from harmonies of the Gospel passion narratives. Also known as the Devotion of the Three Hours, from noon on Friday until 3:00 p.m., to remember Christ's hours on the cross, it was first conducted by a Jesuit priest in Peru in the eighteenth century as a service of scripture readings with prayers and hymns interspersed. Over the years it has become popular in Protestant circles in England and North America.

Easter Sunday Services

April 12, 2020

All Easter Services will be live on Facebook and www.funcmontgomery.org

Sunrise Service	7:00 a.m
Traditional Service	11:00 a.m.

The Cathedral Choir