



Ascension PCA

GOOD FRIDAY 2022

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# TENEBRAE

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# SERVICE

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*Tenebrae*, from the Latin word for “shadows,” has been observed in the church of Jesus Christ for centuries.

This evening we remember the death of Jesus on the cross: the successive stages of His deepening humiliation. As we recount each step, we will extinguish the candles up front, one by one. The gradual extinguishing of the candles will be accompanied by prayers, hymns, and readings from Scripture.

Following the final song, the last candle will be extinguished, signifying Christ’s death.

We will then leave in silence and darkness — awaiting Sunday morning’s celebration of Christ’s resurrection.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*1 Timothy 1:15-17*

**P: The saying is trustworthy  
and deserving of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world  
to save sinners,  
of whom I am the foremost.  
But I received mercy for this reason,  
that in me, as the foremost,  
Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience  
as an example to those who were to believe in him  
for eternal life.  
To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible,  
the only God,  
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## PRAYER

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**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 an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Words by Isaac Watts (1707, 1709). Gregorian Chant; arranged by Lowell Mason (1824)

# THE FIRST READING

## *Isaiah 52:13-15*

Behold, My servant shall act wisely;  
He shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

As many were astonished at you —  
His appearance was so marred,  
beyond human semblance,  
and His form beyond that of the children of mankind —  
so shall He sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths because of Him,  
for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they understand.

## *Luke 22:39-53*

And He came out and went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him. And when He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me. Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done." And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

While He was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss Him, but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" And when those who were around Him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against Him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

## *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

**Alas, and did my Savior bleed,  
and did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
for such a worm as I?**

**Was it for sins that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
and love beyond degree!**

***My God, why would You shed Your blood  
So pure and undefiled,  
To make a sinful one like me  
Your chosen precious child?***

**Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
and shut His glories in,  
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died,  
for man, the creature's, sin.**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face  
while His dear cross appears;  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
and melt my eyes to tears.**

***My God, why would You shed Your blood  
So pure and undefiled,  
To make a sinful one like me  
Your chosen precious child?***

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## THE SECOND READING

### *Isaiah 53:1-3*

Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
For He grew up before Him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him,  
and no beauty that we should desire Him.

He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

### *Luke 22:54-71*

Then they seized Him and led Him away, bringing Him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with Him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him as they beat Him. They also blindfolded Him and kept asking Him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck You?" And they said many other things against Him, blaspheming Him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led Him away to their council, and they said, "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." So they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from His own lips."

## *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

**Man of Sorrows! What a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim:  
*Hallelujah! What a Savior!***

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood,  
Sealed my pardon with His blood:  
*Hallelujah! What a Savior!***

**Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement! Can it be?  
*Hallelujah! What a Savior!***

**Lifted up was He to die,  
"It is finished!" was His cry:  
Now in heav'n exalted high:  
*Hallelujah! What a Savior!***

Words and music by Philip P. Bliss (1875). PUBLIC DOMAIN

## THE THIRD READING

### *Isaiah 53:4-6*

Surely He has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed Him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But He was pierced for our transgressions;  
He was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with His wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned — every one— to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on Him  
the iniquity of us all.

## *Luke 23:1-25*

Then the whole company of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a king." And Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see Him, because he had heard about Him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by Him. So he questioned Him at some length, but He made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. And Herod with his soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him. Neither did Herod, for He sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. I will therefore punish and release Him."

But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas" — a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify Him!" A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has He done? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release Him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

# CONFESSION OF OUR GUILT

*from Psalm 130 (in unison)*

**P: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!  
O LORD, hear My voice!  
Let Your ears be attentive  
to the voice of My pleas for mercy!**

## SILENT PRAYER

**P: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O LORD, who could stand?  
But with You there is forgiveness,  
that You may be feared.  
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in His word I hope;  
my soul waits for the LORD  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with Him is plentiful redemption.  
And He will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.**

## *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

**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.**

**What Thou, my Lord, has suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain:  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor,  
And grant to me Thy grace.**

**What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever;  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love to Thee.**

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## THE FOURTH READING

### *Isaiah 53:7–9*

He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,  
yet He opened not His mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so He opened not His mouth.  
By oppression and judgment He was taken away;  
and as for His generation, who considered  
that He was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?  
And they made His grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in His death,  
although He had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in His mouth.

### *Luke 23:26–43*

And as they led Him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise."

### *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

**Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,  
See Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;  
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,  
David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
By His Son, God now has spoken:  
'Tis the true and faithful Word.**

**Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,  
Was there ever grief like His?  
Friends through fear His cause disowning,  
Foes insulting His distress.  
Many hands were raised to wound Him,  
None would interpose to save.  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him  
Was the stroke that Justice gave.**

**Ye 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;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,  
Son of Man and Son of God.**

**Here we have a firm foundation,  
Here the refuge of the lost.  
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,  
His the Name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God for sinners wounded,  
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded,  
Who on Him their hope have built.**

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## THE FIFTH READING

### *Isaiah 53:10-12*

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him;  
He has put Him to grief;  
when His soul makes an offering for guilt,  
He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days;  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.  
Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied;  
by His knowledge shall the righteous One, My servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and He shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many,  
and He shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because He poured out His soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet He bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

## *Luke 23:44-56*

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all His acquaintances and the women who had followed Him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with Him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

## *The Power of the Cross*

**Oh, to see the dawn  
of the darkest day.  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.**

**Oh, to see the pain  
written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought,  
ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.**

***This the pow'r of the cross;  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath —  
We stand forgiven at the cross.***

**Now the daylight flees,  
now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.**

***This the pow'r of the cross;  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath —  
We stand forgiven at the cross.***

**Oh, to see my name  
written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love!**

***This the pow'r of the cross;  
Son of God — slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross!***

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## THE SIXTH READING

*John 3:16-17*

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

# CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

*from Romans 5 (in unison)*

**For while we were still weak,  
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.  
For one will scarcely die for a righteous person —  
though perhaps for a good person  
one would dare even to die —  
but God shows His love for us  
in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.**

**Since, therefore, we have now been justified  
by His blood,  
much more shall we be saved by Him  
from the wrath of God.**

**For if while we were enemies  
we were reconciled to God  
by the death of His Son,  
much more, now that we are reconciled,  
shall we be saved by His life.**

**More than that,  
we also rejoice in God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have now  
received reconciliation.**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

**What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down,  
sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down  
beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown  
for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great "I AM",  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

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DEPARTING IN SILENCE



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