

Dear friends and guests,
We are glad you joined us on this Good Friday.
Please celebrate the Resurrection of our
Lord Jesus Christ with us on Sunday.

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The Order of the Tenebrae

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Prelude “

Psalm 22:1-19

- P My God! My God! Why have you forsaken Me?
C Why are You so far from helping Me as I roar out?
P My God, I call by day, but You don't answer.
C Through the night I am not silent.
P Yet You are holy on Your throne; You are praised by Israel.
**C Our fathers trusted You;
they trusted You and they were saved.**
- P But I am a worm, not a man.
**C Scorned by men, despised by the people;
everyone who sees Me mocks Me.**
P They purse their lips; they wag their heads and say,
**C "He trusted the LORD! If God loves Him so,
then let God rescue Him!"**
- P But You drew Me out of My mother's womb;
C You made Me hope on My mother's breasts.
P I was cast on You from birth;
C From My mother's womb You have been My God.
- P Don't leave Me!
C Trouble is near, and there is no one to help Me.
P Many bulls gather around Me; strong bulls from Bashan surround Me.
**C They come for Me with mouths wide open,
like lions tearing and roaring.**

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Service Schedule

Sunday, March 31

Easter Breakfast: 8:00—9:30 a.m.

Festival Service with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

The Tenebrae

After the *Seven Last Words*,
The Congregation departs in darkness and silence.

P I am being poured out like water.
C All My bones are out of joint.
P My heart melts like wax inside Me.
C My strength is dried up like a shard of pottery.
P My tongue sticks to My jaws.
C You have brought Me down into the dust of death.
P Dogs gather round Me; a gang of villains surrounds me.
C They have pierced My hands and My feet.
P I can count all My bones.
C They are watching Me; they are staring at Me.
P They divide up My clothes among themselves;
C They throw lots for My clothing.
P But You, LORD,
C Don't go far away!

Choir: *"Who Is That Man?" Besig/ Price*

Isaiah 53

Who has believed our message?
To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

He grew up before Him like a tender shoot,
like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him,
Nothing in His appearance to make us want Him.
He was a thing despised and rejected by men,
A Man of sorrows, familiar with suffering,
A Man to make people hide their faces.
He was despised and we took no account of Him.

Yet the sufferings He bore were ours;
The sorrows He carried were ours.
But we, we thought of Him as someone punished,
Struck by God and brought low.
But He was pierced through for our faults;
He was crushed for our sins.

The punishment that brought us peace fell on Him,
And by His wounds we are healed.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray;
Each of us has turned his own way.
And the LORD loaded Him with the sins of us all.

He was oppressed and abused, but He never opened His mouth.
Like a lamb led to slaughter, like a sheep, silent before her
shearers, He never opened His mouth.

By arrest and force He was taken away,
And who can speak of His descendants?
For He was cut out of the land of the living,
Struck down for the sins of My people.
They gave Him a grave with the wicked and the rich when He
died, Though He had done no violence and there was no deceit
in His mouth.

But it was the LORD's will to crush Him and make Him suffer,
And when the LORD makes His life an offering for sin,
He will see His heirs; He will prolong His life,
And the will of the LORD will be done by His hands.
When His anguish is over,
He will see the fruit of His sufferings and be satisfied.
My righteous Servant will justify many through knowing Him,
For He will bear their sins.

Therefore I will give Him multitudes as His tribute;
He will divide the spoil with the Mighty,
Because He poured out His life into death,
and was counted with sinners.
For He bore the sins of many and prayed for the transgressors.

Hymn: "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

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The Jews didn't want the bodies still on the crosses on Saturday,
because of the importance of the festival Sabbath, so they
asked Pilate to have the legs of the men broken and the bod-
ies removed. The soldiers came back and broke the legs of
the first man and then of the other who had been crucified
with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He
was already dead, they didn't break His legs. But one of them
thrust a spear into His side and, immediately, blood and water
came out. So what the Scriptures had foretold came true:
"Not one of His bones shall be broken," and,
"They will look at Him whom they pierced."

When it drew towards evening Joseph of Arimathea came, a just
and upright man who was waiting for the Kingdom of God. He
was a wealthy and prominent member of the Jewish court
who not consented to their actions because he had become a
disciple of Jesus, though secretly, for fear of the other Jews.
But now he dared to go to Pilate and ask for Jesus' body.
Pilate was surprised and asked the captain,
"Is he dead already?"

When the captain told him, he ordered the body given to Joseph.
Joseph went and bought some linen and then took down the
body from the cross. Nicodemus, who had first come to Jesus
by night, came too, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes.
They took the body to Joseph's unused tomb, which was cut
out of rock. They wrapped the corpse with the spices in the
linen. Then, while Mary of Magdala and Mary the wife of
Clopas watched, they laid the corpse in the grave, rolled a
large stone against the opening, and left.

His mother, "Behold your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother." The disciple took her and she lived in his home from then on.

At about noon, darkness fell over the whole country; the sun gave no light. It was dark until three in the afternoon. At about three o'clock, Jesus cried out loudly,

"Eli! Eli! Lama sabachthani!" That is,

"My God! My God! Why have You forsaken Me?"

When they heard Him, some of them who were standing near said, "**Listen! He's calling Elijah! Let's see if Elijah comes and takes him down!**" After that, knowing that everything had been done, to fulfill the words of Scripture Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of sour wine was standing there and immediately one of the men ran and took a sponge, soaked it in the sour wine, put it on a hyssop stem, and held it up to Jesus' mouth.

When He had taken the wine, He said, "It is finished." Then He called out in a loud voice, "Father! Into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit. At that moment, the curtain in the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The ground quaked; rocks split, and the tombs of many saints opened. Their bodies were brought back to life and came out of their graves and many people saw them.

When the captain who stood facing Jesus saw how He gave up His Spirit, he praised God and said,

"This man really was righteous!"

And when he and the others saw the earthquake and all the rest happening, they were terrified and cried out, "**He was the Son of God!**" And beating their breasts, they hurried away.

Hymn: "O Darkest Woe" 448

Many women were watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus and cared for His needs in Galilee and had come with Him to Jerusalem. Mary of Magdala, Mary the wife of Clopas, the mother of James and Joses, and Salome, the mother of Zebedee's sons, were among them.

The Passion Lessons from the Four Gospels

The congregation reads the words in bold.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jesus told His disciples, "Tonight, you will all turn against Me. It is written: I will strike the Shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Peter answered, "**Even if they all turn against you, I'll never deny you!**"

"I tell you the truth: Tonight, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know Me."

"Even if I have to die with you, I'll never deny you!"

And all the other disciples said the same thing.

Then Jesus took them to a place called Gethsemane and told them, "Sit down here while I go pray, and pray that you won't be tested." Then He took Peter, James, and John, with Him about a stone's throw from the others. A sudden fear fell on Him and deep distress, and He told them, "I'm so overwhelmed with sorrow I'm almost dying. Sit here. Stay awake with Me."

And He went on a little farther and threw Himself on His face on the ground and prayed that this moment might pass Him by, and that He would not have to suffer what was ahead of Him:

"Abba, everything is possible for You. Father, if it's possible, take this cup away from Me! But not what I want; what You want." An angel from Heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. He wrestled inside until His sweat was like thick drops of blood falling on the ground. Then He got up and went back to the three disciples. He found them sleeping, exhausted with sorrow, and He said, "Simon, why are you asleep?

Couldn't you stay awake with Me for one hour? Stay awake and pray that you're not tested. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

He went off again and prayed the same as before. When He came back, He found them asleep again - their eyes were so heavy.

They didn't know what to say to Him.

He went a third time and prayed as before: "My Father, if this can't pass without My drinking it, Your will be done." Then He came back to them where they were asleep and said, "Sleep on, now. Rest. It's settled. The Son of Man will be given up into the hands of sinners. Then He said, "Look, here comes My betrayer. Get up. Let's go." While He was still speaking, they came.

Hymn: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" 438

THE SECOND LESSON

Judas, one of the Twelve, knew Gethsemane because Jesus and His disciples were often together there. So there Judas led the troop of soldiers with the high priest's slaves, the teachers of the Law, and the elders of the people - a large crowd with lanterns and torches, swords and clubs. The traitor had given them a signal: **"The man I kiss is the one. Grab him and don't let him get away!"** But Jesus, knowing exactly what was going to happen to Him, stepped forward Himself.

"Whom are you looking for?"

The mob answered, **"Jesus from Nazareth!"**

Jesus answered, "I AM."

When He said that, they fell back and collapsed on the ground.

He asked them again, "Whom are you looking for?"

"Jesus from Nazareth!"

"I told you, I AM. I'm the One you want; let these others go." (Just as He said, He lost none of those the Father had given Him.)

Then Judas hurried up to Jesus and said, **"Hello, master!"**

And kissed Him.

"Friend, what are you doing here? Judas, you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

Then the mob came up and took hold of Jesus. When the disciples saw He was about to be arrested, they asked, **"Lord, should we use our swords?"**

And Simon Peter reached for his sword, drew it, and slashed at

for each, and threw lots to see who would get which. The tunic was left over; it was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to each other. **"Let's not tear it. Let's throw lots for it and see who gets it."**

So what the Scripture said came true: They divided My clothing among them; they threw lots for My clothes. Then they sat down there to keep watch on Him. Pilate wrote a notice, stating why Jesus was being punished, and they put it above His head on the cross. It read: "This is Jesus from Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many people read the notice, because the place was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. The high priest told Pilate, **"Don't write, 'the king of the Jews.' instead, write, 'he said he was king of the Jews'."** But Pilate answered, **"What I have written, I have written."**

People stood there, watching. The passersby mocked Him, wagging their heads and saying, **"Ha! You tear down the temple and rebuild it in three days! If you are God's Son, save yourself! Get down off the cross!"** The soldiers, too, made fun of Him, going up to Him and saying, **"O king of the Jews! Save yourself!"** And the priests, with the teachers of the Law and the elders sneered and joked about Him to each other: **"He saved others – it's himself he can't save! He says he's king of Israel! Then he ought to come down from the cross now! He ought to let us see that, and we'd believe in him! He trusts God! If God loves him so much, let God rescue him! He said he was God's Son!"**

Even the robbers crucified with Him insulted Him. One of them was mocking Him: **"Aren't you the Messiah? Then save yourself and us!"** But then the other criminal warned him, **"Aren't you afraid of God? You're as condemned as he is. And our punishment is fair; we're getting what we deserve for what we've done. But this one hasn't done anything wrong."** then he said, **"Jesus, when You come to Your kingdom, remember me!"** "Amen, I tell you: Today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Jesus' mother and her sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary from Magdala were standing near the cross. Jesus saw His mother and the disciple He loved standing near, and He told

Their shouting won. When he saw that a riot was breaking out, Pilate took water and washed his hands in front of them all and said, **"I am innocent of this man's blood. You are responsible!"** All the people answered, **"Let his blood be on us and our children!"** So, to placate them, Pilate decided to do what they demanded. He freed Barabbas, and he handed over Jesus for crucifixion.

SILENT PRAYER

THE SEVENTH LESSON

The soldiers took the purple robe off Jesus and put His own clothes on Him again. Then they took Him and led Him out, carrying His own cross, to crucify Him. Two others, who were criminals, were also taken out to be crucified with Him, As they were on their way out of the city, Simon from Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus) was on his way into town from the country. He was about to pass by, but the soldiers grabbed him, laid Jesus' cross on him, and forced him to carry it behind Jesus.

A large crowd followed Him, and the women were beating their breasts and crying for Him, but Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't cry over Me. Cry for yourselves and cry for your children, because a time is coming when people will say, 'Happy are the barren women, the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed!' People will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and tell the hills, 'Cover us!' If this is done to the green tree, what will be done to the dry tree?"

They brought Him to Golgotha, which means, "The Place of the Skull." They tried to give Him a drink of wine mixed with myrrh and gall, but when He tasted it, He refused to drink it. They stripped Him. They crucified Him.

Then they crucified the two robbers with Him, one on His right and the other on His left, with Jesus between them. Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them. They know not what they do." The soldiers took His clothes and divided them into four shares, one

Malchus, one of the high priest's slaves, and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this! Sheathe your sword! Everyone who uses the sword must die by the sword, and aren't I going to drink the cup My Father gave Me? Do you think I couldn't call on My Father right now to send more than twelve legions of angels to help Me? But then how would Scripture be true when it says this has to be?"

Then He said to the slave, "Allow this much." And He touched his ear and healed him.

Then to the mob He said: "Am I leading a revolution, that you come to arrest Me like a bandit, with swords and clubs? I've been with you day after day, sitting and teaching in the Temple, and you never touched Me. But this is your time - the power of darkness. All of this has happened so that what the prophets wrote would come true."

Then all the disciples abandoned Him and ran away. One young follower had nothing on but a linen cloak. They tried to grab him, but he left the cloak and ran away naked.

Hymn: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

440 vs. 1 - 4

THE THIRD LESSON

The tribune and the troop of soldiers, and the Jews with their attendants tied Jesus up and led Him away to the palace of Annas, who was high priest with Caiaphas, his son-in-law, the same Caiaphas who had said, "It is better for one man to die instead of the whole nation".

Simon Peter and another disciple followed at a distance. The other disciple was an acquaintance of the high priest and went on into the palace courtyard, while in the outer court, the slaves and attendants who were standing around lit a fire, because it was cold, and made a heap of coals. As they sat together and warmed themselves at the fire, Peter came near and then sat down with them, to warm himself at the fire. He wanted to see how it would end.

Inside, Annas, the high priest, was questioning Jesus about His

disciples and His teaching. Jesus answered, "I've spoken publicly to the world. I've always taught where all Jews gather, in synagogues or in the Temple. Why do you ask Me what I said? Ask the ones who heard Me; they know."

One of the attendants standing near slapped His face and said, **"Is that how you answer the high priest?"**

"If I've said anything wrong, tell us all what was wrong. But if I've told the truth, why do you slap Me?" Then Annas sent Him, tied up, to Caiaphas.

All the ruling priests, elders and teachers of the Law had been summoned to try Jesus. The whole court tried to find evidence against Him, however false, but without success. Many lying witnesses came forward, but their testimony didn't agree.

Finally, two men came forward and said, **"We heard him say that he would tear down God's temple and rebuild it in three days!"**

But even they contradicted each other.

Then Caiaphas stepped forward and asked Jesus: **"Don't you have anything to say to this? What about this evidence these men have given against you?"**

But Jesus was silent. **"Swear by the living God and tell us! Are you the Messiah, the blessed one, the son of God?"**

"I AM. And I tell you that, after this, you will all see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power and coming in the clouds of Heaven."

Then the high priest tore his robes and shouted, **"He has blasphemed! Why do we need any more witnesses? You just heard the blasphemy! What's your verdict?"**

They all shouted, **"He must die!"**

Then all the members of the court surrounded Him, spitting in His face and ridiculing Him. When they had Him blindfolded, they punched Him with their fists and said, **"Prophecy, you messiah! Tell us who hit you!"**

And they went on and on, humiliating Him in many other ways as well, and even the slaves, when they took charge of Him, slapped Him too.

Hymn: "My Song Is Love Unknown" 430

of the Law said, **"We have a law, and according to that law, he has to die! He claims to be God's Son!"** When Pilate heard that, he was frightened. He took Jesus back inside the palace and asked Him, **"Where do you come from?"**

Jesus didn't answer. **"You don't answer me? Don't you know that I have the power to free you or to crucify you?"** "You would have no power over Me if it hadn't been given to you from above. That is why the man who handed Me over to you is guilty of the greater sin."

Then Pilate was anxious to let Jesus go. But outside, the crowd was shouting, **"If you let him go, you're no friend of Caesar!**

Anyone who makes himself a king is against Caesar!"

Pilate heard them. He took Jesus outside and sat in the judge's seat. It was the Friday of Passover, at about nine o'clock. Pilate told them, **"Look at your king!"**

But they shouted, **"Away with him! Crucify him!"** Pilate cried out, **"Should I crucify your king?"**

But the high priests answered, **"We have no other king but Caesar!"** As Pilate sat there, his wife sent someone with a message: **"Leave that righteous man alone. I suffered terribly in a dream last night because of him."** At every

festival, the governor used to free one prisoner, chosen by the crowd. Just then, there was a notorious robber imprisoned, named Barabbas, who had committed murder in a revolt in the city. A crowd gathered and came to Pilate to ask him to do as he had done before. Now, Pilate knew that the priests had handed Jesus over to him out of jealousy, so he said to the crowd, **You have a custom that I free someone for you at Passover. Shall I release Jesus, whom you call the messiah, king of the Jews?"**

But the priests and elders so incited the people that when Pilate asked them which they wanted, the whole crowd yelled, **"Not this one! Away with him! Give us Barabbas!"** But Pilate still wanted to let Him go, so he called out to them again, **"Then what shall I do with Jesus?"** They all shouted, **"Crucify him! Crucify him!"**

Pilate asked, **"Why? What has he done wrong?"** They kept yelling all the louder, **"Crucify him! He has to be crucified!"**

Galilee and now he's come here!"

When Pilate heard that Jesus came from the region ruled by Herod, he sent Him off to Herod, who was in Jerusalem at the time.

Herod was very glad to see Him. He had been hearing about Jesus and had wanted to see Him for some time, because he was hoping to see Him do some miracle. While the priests and teachers of the Law stood there, fiercely accusing Jesus, Herod asked Him question after question. But Jesus didn't answer him. So Herod and his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt and made fun of Him. They dressed Him up in an elegant robe and sent Him back to Pilate. (Pilate and Herod had been each other's enemy, but on that day, they became friends.)

Then Pilate called together the ruling priests and the other leaders of the nation and told them, **"You brought this man to me as an agitator against the government. Now, listen: I've examined him in front of you, and I find him innocent of the charges you made against him. And so did Herod, because he sent him back here. You must understand: he hasn't done anything to deserve death. So I'm going to teach him a lesson and let him go."**

So Pilate sent Jesus off and had Him flogged. Then the governor's soldiers took Him into the palace courtyard and gathered the whole troop around Him. They stripped Him and put a purple robe on Him. They twisted some thorns into a crown and forced it on His head, and put a stick in His right hand. Then they came up and knelt down in front of Him, and worshipped Him in ridicule: **"Hail, king of the Jews!"**

They spat on Him. They took the stick and hit Him on the head with it again and again. They beat Him with their fists. When they were done mocking Jesus, Pilate went out to the crowd again and told them, **"I'm bringing him out to you to let you know I don't find him guilty of anything."**

Then Jesus came out, still wearing the thorn crown and the purple robe, and Pilate said to them, **"Behold the man!"**

When the priests and their slaves saw Jesus, they shouted, **"Crucify him! Crucify him!"**

But Pilate answered, **"Take him and crucify him yourselves! I don't find him guilty of anything!"** The priests and teachers

THE FOURTH LESSON

Meanwhile, in the outer court, Peter was warming himself by the fire when the doorkeeper, one of the high priest's maids, saw him in the firelight and said to him, **"You aren't one of this man's disciples, too, are you?"**

Peter answered, **"No. I'm not."**

But she looked straight at him and said, **"Yes, you were with the man from Nazareth, this Jesus the Galilean. He was with him!"**

But Peter denied it: **"I don't know him, miss. I don't know what you're talking about."**

A little while later he went out to the entrance. A rooster crowed. Another maid saw him and told the men who were standing round the fire, **"He was with Jesus from Nazareth."**

And when Peter came back to the fire to warm himself, the men asked him, **"You're not one of his disciples, are you?"**

And another one looked at him and said, **"You are one of them!"** Again, Peter denied it, and he swore, **"I'm not! I don't even know the man."** About an hour later, someone else insisted, **"Certainly, he was with him! Why, he's a Galilean!"**

And the others said, **"Sure, you're one of them! You're a Galilean - anybody can tell by the way you talk!"**

Then one of the high priest's slaves, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, said, **"Didn't I see you with him in the garden?"** And Peter started to curse and swear: **"Man, I don't know what you're talking about! I don't even know this man you're talking about!"** Just then, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed again.

At that moment, they were leading Jesus from the inner court and the Lord turned and looked at Peter, and Peter remembered Him saying, "Before the rooster crows twice, you'll deny three times that you even know Me." And Peter went outside, sobbing bitterly.

Hymn: "O Dearest Jesus"

439 vs. 1 - 5, 7

THE FIFTH LESSON

When Judas, who betrayed Him, saw Him condemned, he was filled with remorse and he brought the thirty silver pieces back to the high priests and elders and told them, **"I've sinned! I've betrayed innocent blood!"** They answered, **"What does that have to do with us? That's your affair."** Judas threw the money into the Temple and went off and hanged himself, and as he fell, his body burst open and his intestines poured out.

The high priests picked up the money and said, **"It wouldn't be right to put this in the temple treasury - its blood money."**

So they agreed to use it to buy the potter's field for the burial of strangers. (It's been called "The Field of Blood" ever since.)

So, what the prophet Jeremiah said came true: I took the thirty silver pieces, the price of Him on whom some men of Israel set a price, and I gave them for the potter's field.

As soon as it was daybreak, the Jewish court assembled and again and brought Jesus before them and asked Him, **"Are you the Messiah? Tell us!"** "If I tell you, you won't believe Me, and if I question you, you won't answer Me. But the Son of Man will be seated on the right of the power of God."

"Then you are the Son of God?"

"As you say. I AM."

"What more do we need? We heard him say it ourselves!"

And the whole crowd of them authorized His death.

They tied Him up again and took Him from Caiaphas to the governor's palace, and handed Him over to the governor, Pontius Pilate.

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" 450 vs. 1,2,5

THE SIXTH LESSON

Neither the priests nor the elders would enter the governor's palace themselves, because they wanted to stay ritually clean for Passover, so Pilate came out to them instead, and asked, **"What are you charging this man with?"** They answered, **"If he weren't a criminal, we wouldn't have brought him to you."** Pilate said, **"Then you take him and judge him by your law."** They answered, **"But we're not allowed to kill anyone."**

(And so, what Jesus said, when He prophesied the way He would be killed, was to come true.) Then they started to accuse Him: **"We have found that he makes our people disloyal! He keeps them from paying the emperor's taxes! He claims to be the Messiah, a king!"** Pilate went back inside his palace and sent for Jesus. When Jesus was standing before him, Pilate asked Him, **"Are you the king of the Jews?"** "Are you asking for yourself, or did others tell you about Me?"

"Am I a Jew? The ruling priests, your own people, handed you over to me. What did you do?" "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight to keep Me from being handed over to the Jews. But now My kingdom is not of this world.

"Then you are a king?" "As you say. I am a king. I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me." **"What is truth?"**

With that, Pilate took Jesus with him outside again and told them all, **"I don't find this man guilty of anything."**

The priests and elders started accusing Jesus of many things, but Jesus said nothing. Pilate asked Him, **"Don't you have anything to say? Don't you hear all the charges they're making against you?"**

But Jesus wouldn't say a word to counter any of their charges. Pilate was amazed.

The priests and elders were shouting at Pilate, **"He stirs up people all over Judea with his preaching! He started in**