

(We gather in prayer and silence)

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Seen as part of the larger celebration of the mystery of salvation, it is appropriate for Good Friday to be an austere time of reflection and intercession, as well as of the adoration of Christ, our sacrificial lamb. However, the note of austerity does not preclude the note of triumph. The congregation gathers to celebrate our Lord's sacrifice on the cross.

The logic of the continuing celebration which began on Maundy Thursday suggests that it is not appropriate to celebrate Holy Communion; its note of triumph is better reserved for Easter.

Our blessed Lord hung on the gory arms of the cross for us on that Holy Friday we call Good.

As our service progresses, our Nave becomes increasingly dark. This calls to our hearts and minds the increasing darkness around our Lord's cross. The word tenebrae means shadows. At the conclusion of our worship the congregation will be seated in a dark nave during which time the Bible will be closed on the altar. This is referred to as the Strepitus, Latin for great noise. This is to symbolize that upon the death of our precious Savior the veil in the Temple was torn in two and the earth shook with earthquakes.

THE SILENT PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(We Stand)

THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY DIALOGUE

Let us praise God for the gift of his Son who became the light of the world.

We would thank him that Christ came as a light into a world darkened with sin.

Let us never forget those shadows of evil which followed him to the cross.

We would remember that the power of Christ is greater than the power of evil and will eventually overcome it.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

(We Sit)

(7:00) Anthem

"Lamb of God, Most Holy"

Robert Lehman

Lamb of God, most holy, who on the cross didst suffer; Patient, still, and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer.
Our sins by thee were taken, thyself for us forsaken; Have mercy on us, O Jesu.

Lamb of God, most holy, who on the cross didst suffer; Patient, still, and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer.
Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken; Have mercy on us, O Jesu.

Lamb of God, most holy, on Calvary an offering; Despised, meek, and lowly, thou in thy death and suffering our sins didst bear, our anguish the might of death didst vanquish; have mercy on us, O Jesu.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:32-56

HOMILY

“Unveiling the Christ: The Crucifixion”

Pastor Jason

THE OFFERING

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Voluntary

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Christopher Uehlein

POEM

"The Crucifixion"

(Anonymous)

THE TENEBRAE

The First Word

St. Luke 23:33-38

(The First Candle is Extinguished)

Hymn

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LBW 109

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from him to bear the cross.

The Second Word

St. Luke 23:39-43

(The Second Candle is Extinguished)

Hymn

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LBW 95

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains,
Poured for me the life blood From his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal In that blood I find,
Blest be his compassion, Infinitely kind.

The Third Word

St. John 19:23-27

(The Third Candle is Extinguished)

(12:30) Hymn

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

LBW 107

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-day heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eyes at times can see
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

(7:00) Anthem

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
Lisa Catalanotto, flutist

Hal H. Hopson

The Fourth Word

St. Matthew 27:45-46

(The Fourth Candle is Extinguished)

Hymn

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

LBW 98

Alas! And did my Savior Bleed,
And did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut its glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died
For his own creatures' sin.

The Fifth Word

St. John 19:28-29

(The Fifth Candle is Extinguished)

Hymn

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

LBW 123

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

The Sixth Word

St. John 19:30

(The Sixth Candle is extinguished)

Anthem

“Were You There”

African American Spiritual

(12:30) Melissa Rawl, soloist

(7:00) Austin Means, soloist

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

The Seventh Word

St. Luke 23:44-46

SILENT MEDITATION

SOLEMN REPROACHES

Pastor Jason

THE EXIT OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE STREPITUS

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE SILENT DEPARTURE