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Good Friday Tenebrae

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All gather in silence.

(The people stand when the minister stands.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," He also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ,

you are Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and End of all things, the Word of God spoken at creation. Come to us now as we remember your Passion, the Passion that was ordained before time. We give you thanks, O God. Knowing what our salvation would entail in terms of your personal suffering, you still spoke the Word and brought into being all of creation. Grant that we may live our lives in the assurance that you love each of us so much that you undertook our creation despite the fact that it would cost you your life.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

HYMN

Were You There



LITANY FOR GOOD FRIDAY: (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—

So he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? 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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite
Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612;
arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD John 18:1 - 19:42

Time for Quiet Meditation

Prayers

Let us pray...

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world. **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

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We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(SILENCE)

The tomb is shut...

All exit in Silence...

You are invited to stay and pray/meditate as long as you like. As you leave, you are encouraged to give your troubles to God (leave your written troubles at the foot of the cross), and to take with you a nail, that we might remember his pain, suffering, and...... Love!