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JOHN 3:16

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THE WORLD...

# Good Friday Tenebrae

## As We Gather

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John the Baptist spoke this prophetic phrase at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Today we see these words fulfilled, as we meditate on the death of the Son of God on our behalf. In His death, we have life.

Good Friday is the most solemn of days in the Church Year. On Good Friday Jesus was on the cross from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. From Noon until 3 p.m. there was darkness. **Our Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) service recalls the darkness that accompanied the sacrifice of the Lamb of God.**

**P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** **and my mouth will declare your praise.**

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**  
**Praise to you, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

## Collect For Good Friday

**P** Let us pray: Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Hymn ~ "Go to Dark Gethsemane" .....Hymn 436

- 1       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.
  
- 2       Follow to the judgment hall,  
          View the Lord of life arraigned;  
          Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
          Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
          Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
          Learn from Him to bear the cross.
  
- 3       Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
          There, adoring at His feet,  
          Mark that miracle of time,  
          God's own sacrifice complete.  
          "It is finished!" hear Him cry;  
          Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

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# The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ From the Gospel of John

## John 18

### *Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" <sup>5</sup>They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup>So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

### *Jesus Before the High Priest*

<sup>12</sup>So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

Hymn ~ "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" .....Hymn 451  
*Stanza 1*

**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;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it:  
'Tis the true and faithful Word.**

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## *Peter Denies Jesus*

<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” <sup>18</sup>Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

## *The High Priest Questions Jesus*

<sup>19</sup>The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” <sup>24</sup>Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

## *Peter Denies Jesus Again*

<sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” <sup>26</sup>One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” <sup>27</sup>Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Hymn ~ “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

*Stanza 2*

**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 intervene to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him  
Was the stroke that justice gave.**

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## *Jesus Before Pilate*

<sup>28</sup>Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup>This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

## *My Kingdom Is Not of This World*

<sup>33</sup>So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup>Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup>They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

## Hymn - "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

### *Stanza 3*

**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.**

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## John 19

### *Jesus Delivered to Be Crucified*

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

<sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

Hymn ~ "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

*Stanza 4*

**Here we have a firm foundation,  
Here the refuge of the lost:  
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,  
Is 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.**

# The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ From the Gospel of John

## *The Crucifixion*

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## Gradual

*Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,  
thus securing an eternal redemption.*

*Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called  
may receive the promised eternal inheritance.*

*He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.*

*Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a*

# The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ From the Gospel of John

## *The Death of Jesus*

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## *Jesus’ Side Is Pierced*

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup>He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” <sup>37</sup>And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

## Verse

*Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*  
*Isaiah 53:4*

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## *Jesus Is Buried*

<sup>38</sup>After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup>So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup>So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Hymn - "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" .....Hymn 454

- 1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;  
Sing the ending of the fray.  
Now above the cross, the trophy,  
Sound the loud triumphant lay;  
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,  
As a victim won the day.
- 2 Tell how, when at length the fullness  
Of the appointed time was come,  
He, the Word, was born of woman,  
Left for us His Father's home,  
Blazed the path of true obedience,  
Shone as light amidst the gloom.
- 3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished,  
He went forth from Nazareth,  
Destined, dedicated, willing,  
Did His work, and met His death;  
Like a lamb He humbly yielded  
On the cross His dying breath.
- 4 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,  
Be for all the noblest tree;  
None in foliage, none in blossom,  
None in fruit thine equal be;  
Symbol of the world's redemption,  
For the weight that hung on thee!
- 5 Unto God be praise and glory;  
To the Father and the Son,  
To the eternal Spirit honor  
Now and evermore be done;  
Praise and glory in the highest  
While the timeless ages run.

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Sermon  
"A Witness to God's Love"  
Matthew 27:32-56

Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

Collect

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Hymn ~ "Upon the Cross Extended" .....Hymn 453

Upon the cross extended  
See, world, your Lord suspended.  
Your Savior yields His breath.  
The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself has freely given  
To shame and blows and bitter death.

Come, see these things and ponder,  
Your soul will fill with wonder  
    As blood streams from each pore.  
Through grief beyond all knowing  
From His great heart came flowing  
    Sighs welling from its deepest core.

Who is it, Lord, that bruised You?  
Who has so sore abused You  
    And caused You all Your woe?  
We all must make confession  
Of sin and dire transgression  
    While You no ways of evil know.

I caused Your grief and sighing  
By evils multiplying  
    As countless as the sands.  
I caused the woes unnumbered  
With which Your soul is cumbered,  
    Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.

Your soul in griefs unbounded,  
Your head with thorns surrounded,  
    You died to ransom me.  
The cross for me enduring,  
The crown for me securing,  
    You healed my wounds and set me free.

Your cords of love, my Savior,  
Bind me to You forever,  
    I am no longer mine.  
To You I gladly tender  
All that my life can render  
    And all I have to You resign.

Your cross I place before me;  
Its saving pow'r restore me,  
    Sustain me in the test.  
It will, when life is ending,  
Be guiding and attending  
    My way to Your eternal rest.

+ THE WORDS FROM THE CROSS +

+ THE FIRST WORD +

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Prince of Peace. When you were mocked, you did not respond with harsh words.

**C** **When you were tormented, you did not react in anger.**

**P** When you were nailed to the cross, you prayed forgiveness for those who caused you to suffer.

**C** **Give to us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and a forgiving spirit, that we may repay evil with good.**

**P** Teach us to love our enemies, and as children of the heavenly Father, to live in peace with all people.

**C** **Amen.**

*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.*

*(The first candle is extinguished.)*

+ THE SECOND WORD +

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, in your infinite mercy you heard the plea of the dying thief on the cross next to you.

**C** **We pray that you would open our hearts in mercy to welcome those who turn to you, and rejoice in their salvation.**

**P** When our last hour comes, hold us firm in our faith, and bring us also to live with you in Paradise.

**C** **Amen.**

*Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.*

*(The second candle is extinguished.)*

+ THE THIRD WORD +

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, while you suffered the agony of the cross, your thoughts turned to the welfare of others. Your concern was for your mother in her sorrow.

**C** **We pray that you would regard with pity all parents who mourn the death of their children, and all parents who sorrow because their children have gotten into trouble or forsaken their faith.**

**P** By the power of your healing, we pray that parents and children may know peace, and that relationships may be restored.

**C** **Amen.**

*Woman, behold your son. Behold, your mother.*

*(The third candle is extinguished.)*

+ THE FOURTH WORD +

**P** Lord God, Father of all people and Creator of all that exists, you hold all people in your power.

**C** **We pray that you would not forsake the world which your Son died to redeem.**

**P** Even though we still see the influence of sin and evil all around us,

**C** **assure us of your continued presence in our midst.**

**P** Help us to know your love in our lives, so we can show your presence to others.

**C** **Amen.**

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

*(The fourth candle is extinguished.)*

+ THE FIFTH WORD +

**P** Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, you endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place.

**C** **We thirst for the healing that only you can provide.**

**P** When we find ourselves suffering, give us peace and patience to endure the pain that comes our way.

**C** **Bring to our minds all that you endured for us.**

**P** Give us the strength to bear our burdens by the grace of your holy example.

**C** **Amen.**

***I thirst.***

*(The fifth candle is extinguished.)*

**+ THE SIXTH WORD +**

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to you by your Father.
- C** **We pray that you would complete in us also, everything that you intend for us.**
- P** So that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for his glory.
- C** **Amen.**

***It is finished.***

*(The sixth candle is extinguished.)*

**+ THE SEVENTH WORD +**

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, as you gave your life on the cross in our place, you commended your spirit into the loving hands of your heavenly Father.
- C** **Give us the grace to trust in you for all things.**
- P** When our last hour comes, grant us peace, that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.
- C** **Amen.**

***Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.***

*(The seventh candle is extinguished.)*

*(After the last candle is extinguished, the book is closed loudly to indicate the total completion of Christ's mission.)*

+ Silent Prayer +

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**Good Friday**

Good Friday is the most solemn of all days in the Christian church. Yet there is also a certain joy in this day. We read in Hebrews 12:2, “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” The joy in Good Friday is the resurrection that awaits us because of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross.

On Good Friday we ponder the depth of God’s love for us in Christ, a love that moved Jesus to endure the cross. The Bible tells us over and over of this love.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:10-11

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,” Ephesians 5:25-26

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:1-2