

# Good Friday Tenebrae – Service of Darkness

April 15, 2022

## Silent Prayer

### Prelude

### Invocation

P/ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C/ Amen.

P/ Lord, have mercy upon us.

C/ Christ, have mercy upon us.

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## Prayer

### Confession of Sins

C/ Holy God, to whose service I have dedicated my life, I grieve and lament before you that I am still so prone to sin and so little inclined to obedience; So much attached to seeking the pleasures of sense, so negligent of things spiritual.

So prompt to gratify my body, so slow to nourish my spirit;  
So greedy for present delight, so indifferent to lasting blessedness;  
So fond of idleness, so indisposed for labor;  
So soon at play, so late at prayer;  
So brisk in the service of self, so slack in the service of others;  
So eager to get, so reluctant to give;  
So lofty in my profession, so low in my practice;  
So full of good intentions, so backward to fulfill them;  
So severe with my neighbors, so indulgent with myself  
So eager to find fault, so resentful at being found fault with;  
So little able for great tasks, so discontented with small ones;  
So weak in adversity, so swollen and self-satisfied in prosperity;  
So helpless apart from you, and yet so little willing to be bound to you.  
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.

**C/ Almighty God, Spirit of purity and grace, in asking your forgiveness, I cannot claim a right to be forgiven, but only cast myself upon your unbounded love. I can plead no merit of desert;**

**I can plead no extenuating circumstance; I cannot plead the frailty of my nature. I cannot plead the force of the temptations I encounter; I cannot plead the persuasions of others who led me astray; I can only ask, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, my Lord. Amen.**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**C/ I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary – is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, saved me at great cost from sin, death, and the power of the devil – not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.**

**This is most certainly true.**

### **Shadow of Betrayal**

Entry into Jerusalem	Luke 19:28-40
Judas' Betrayal	Matthew 26:3-5, 14-16)
The Last Supper	Luke 22:14-23

### **Hymn "Ah Holy Jesus"**

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 first candle is extinguished)***

## Shadow of Desertion

Warning of Things to Come

Luke 22:31-34

### Hymn "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.

How art thou pale with anguish,  
with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does that visage languish  
which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion  
were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.

*(The second candle is extinguished)*

## Shadow of Unshared Vigil

Praying in the Garden

Luke 22:39-46

### Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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 wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.

*(The third candle is extinguished)*

### **Shadow of Accusation**

Arrest	Luke 22:47-53
Peter's Denial	Luke 22:54-62
Trial	Luke 22:68-23:25)

### **Hymn "In the Hour of Trial"**

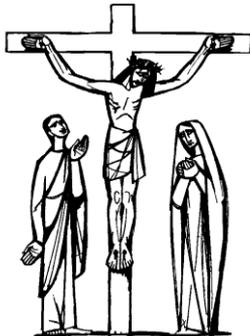
In the hour of trial,  
Jesus, plead for me,  
lest by base denial  
I depart from thee.  
When thou seest me waver,  
with a look recall;  
nor from fear or favor  
suffer me to fall.

With forbidden pleasures  
should this vain world charm,  
or its sordid treasures  
spread to work me harm,  
bring to my remembrance  
sad Gethsemane,  
or, in darker semblance,  
cross-crowned Calvary.

*(The fourth candle is extinguished)*

### **Shadow of Crucifixion**

Crucifixion	Luke 23:26-43
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**Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock  
within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,  
my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one  
who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears,  
two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love  
and my unworthiness.

*(The fifth candle is extinguished)*

**Shadow of Death**

Jesus' Death

Luke 23:44-49

**Hymn "Were You There?" (vs 1-2)**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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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?

*(The sixth candle is extinguished)*

## Shadow of the Tomb

Burial

Luke 23:50-56

Hymn "Were You There?" (vs. 3)

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 candle is extinguished)*

**Congregation Sits in Silent Prayer**

**Music Interlude**

P/ God has shown us how much He loves us; it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us. (*Romans 5:8*)

***Bell tolls seven times***

*You may remain in silent prayer for as long as you wish.*

*When you are prepared to depart, please leave the church in silence, as we await the resurrection of Christ on Easter morning.*

