

Good Friday-Tenebrae Vespers

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Enter in Silence

Offering will be collected at the door to the Nave at the beginning of the service

Stand

Opening Versicles

P O Lord, open my lips,

G and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

G make haste to help me, O Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Sit

Psalmody

Psalm 27

Forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I | be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me

to eat | up my flesh,*

my adversaries and foes,

it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me,
my heart | shall not fear;*

though war arise against me,
yet I will be | confident.

4 One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his | temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter

in the day of | trouble;*
 he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
 he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

**6 And now my head shall be lifted up
 above my enemies all around me,
 and will offer in his tent
 sacrifices with | shouts of joy;***
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
 be gracious to me and | answer me!

8 You have said, | "Seek my face."*
My heart says to you,

"Your face, LORD, | do I seek."
 9 Hide not your face from me.
 Turn not your servant away in | anger,*
 O you who have been my help.
 Cast me not off; forsake me not,
 O God of my sal- | vation!

10 For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,*
but the LORD will | take me in.

11 Teach me your way, | O LORD,*
 and lead me on a level path
 because of my | enemies.

12 Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;*
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out | violence.

13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD*
 in the land of the | living!

14 Wait | for the LORD;*
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait | for the LORD!

Forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

#1 candle is extinguished.

Psalm 51

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 cleanse me from my sin.

1 Have mercy on me, O God,

according to your | steadfast love;*
 according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my trans- | gressions.

**2 Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
 and cleanse me | from my sin!**

3 For I know my trans- | gressions,*
 and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

**4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
 and done what is evil | in your sight,*
 so that you may be justified in your words
 and blameless in your | judgment.**

5 Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
 and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

**6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
 and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.**

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
 wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

**8 Let me hear joy and | gladness;*
 let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.**

9 Hide your face | from my sins,*
 and blot out all my in- | iquities.

**10 Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
 and renew a right spirit with- | in me.**

11 Cast me not away from your | presence,*
 and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

**12 Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
 and uphold me with a willing | spirit.**

13 Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,*
 and sinners will re- | turn to you.

**14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
 O God of my sal- | vation,*
 and my tongue will sing aloud of your | righteousness.**

15 O Lord, open | my lips,*
 and my mouth will de- | clare your praise.

**16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would | give it;*
 you will not be pleased with a burnt | offering.**

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;*
 a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

18 Do good to Zion in your good | pleasure;*

build up the walls of Je- | rusalem;

19 then will you delight in right sacrifices,
 in burnt offerings and whole burnt | offerings;*
 then bulls will be offered on your | altar.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 Cleanse me from my sin.

#2 candle extinguished.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

13Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
 he shall be high and lifted up,
 and shall be exalted.
 14As many were astonished at you—
 his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
 and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
 15so shall he sprinkle many nations;
 kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
 for that which has not been told them they see,
 and that which they have not heard they understand.
 1Who has believed what they heard from us?
 And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
 2For 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,
 and no beauty that we should desire him.
 3He was despised and rejected by men;
 a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
 and as one from whom men hide their faces
 he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
 4Surely he has borne our griefs
 and carried our sorrows;
 yet we esteemed him stricken,
 smitten by God, and afflicted.
 5But he was wounded for our transgressions;
 he was crushed for our iniquities;
 upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
 and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
 we have turned every one to his own way;
 and the LORD has laid on him
 the iniquity of us all.

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

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
 and as for his generation, who considered
 that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
 stricken for the transgression of my people?

9 And they made his grave with the wicked
 and with a rich man in his death,
 although he had done no violence,
 and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
 he has put him to grief;
 when his soul makes an offering for sin,
 he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
 the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
 by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
 make many to be accounted righteous,
 and he shall bear their iniquities.

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

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#3 candle extinguished.

Gradual Isaiah 53:1, 11b

Who has believed what they | heard from us?*

And to whom has the arm of the LORD | been revealed?
 By his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make
 many to be accounted | righteous,*
 and he shall bear their in- | iquities.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

14For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

16From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

#4 candle extinguished.

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
 4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
 Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
 Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
 Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
 Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
 How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
 How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
 This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

- 5 If my sins give me alarm
 And my conscience grieve me,
 Let Your cross my fear disarm;
 Peace of conscience give me.
 Help me see forgiveness won
 By Your holy passion.
 If for me He slays His Son,
 God must have compassion!

- 6 Graciously my faith renew;
 Help me bear my crosses,

Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

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Hymn: Jesus I Will Ponder Now (Hymn 440, stanza 1)

Passion Reading according to Gospel of St. John 18-19

Reading: John 18:1-11 (Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus)

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weigh'd down,
 2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!
 3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fer'd Was all for sin - ners' gain;
 4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
 How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!
 Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
 Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
 Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
 Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
 Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.
 Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
 Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

- 5 What language shall I borrow
 To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
 For this Thy dying sorrow,
 Thy pity without end?
 O make me Thine forever!
 And should I fainting be,
 Lord, let me never, never,
 Outlive my love for Thee.

6 My Savior, be Thou near me
 When death is at my door;
 Then let Thy presence cheer me,
 Forsake me nevermore!
 When soul and body languish,
 O leave me not alone,
 But take away mine anguish
 By virtue of Thine own!

7 Be Thou my consolation,
 My shield, when I must die;
 Remind me of Thy passion
 When my last hour draws nigh.
 Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
 Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
 My heart by faith enfold Thee.
 Who dieth thus dies well.

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Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 1
 Tune 449)

Reading: John 18:12-27 (Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 2
 Tune 449)

Reading: John 18:28-40 (Jesus before Pilate)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 3
 Tune 449)

Reading: John 19:1-16a (Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 4
 Tune 449)

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Reading: John 19:16b-24 (Crucifixion of Jesus)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 5
 Tune 449)

Reading: John 19:25-30 (Jesus' Mother and His Death)

Ring of the bell 33 times for each year of the life of Christ

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 6
Tune 449)

Reading: John 19:31-42 (Jesus' Side Is Pierced)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 7
Tune 449)

#5 candle extinguished.

Responsory

- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Sit

Office Hymn: "O Darkest Woe" (Hymn 448)

448 O Darkest Woe

1	O	dark	-	est	woe!	Ye	tears,	forth	flow!	Has
2	O	sor	-	row	dread!	Our	God	is	dead,	Up -
3	O	child	of	woe:		Who	struck	the	blow	That
4	Thy	Bride	-	groom	dead!	God's	Lamb	has	bled	Up -

earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's
on the cross ex - tend - ed. There His love en -
killed our gra - cious Mas - ter? "It was I," thy
on thy sin for - ev - er, Pour - ing out His

on - ly Son Now is bur - ied yon - der.
liv - ened us As His life was end - ed.
con - science cries, "I have wrought dis - as - ter!"
sin - less self In this vast en - deav - or.

5 Such innocence!
His countenance
A fount of faith undying!
Worlds on worlds cannot contain
Grief at Him here lying.

6 O Virgin's Son,
What Thou hast won
Is far beyond all telling:
How our God, detested, died,
Hell and devil felling.

7 O Jesus Christ,
Who sacrificed
Thy life for lifeless mortals:
Be my life in death and bring
Me to heaven's portals!

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Sermon

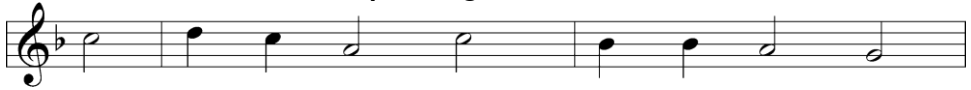
#6 candle extinguished.

Stand

Canticle: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" (Hymn 438)

Children sing stanza 1: Congregation sings stanzas 2-4

438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in

stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall

yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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Church lights are reduced to a minimum.

Prayers

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Christ, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

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.**

P The Lord be with you.

G **And with your spirit.**

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.

G **Amen.**

Other collects appropriate to the day.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G **Amen.**

Final candle is extinguished.

The congregation leaves in silence with minimal light.