

TENEBRAE:
THE SERVICE OF DARKNESS
GOOD FRIDAY
March 29, 2024
7:30pm



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SILENT MEDITATION

The Assembly gathers in silence.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

OPENING HOMILY

Pastor Ben Nickodemus

FIRST READING Mark 14:32-52

(Jesus Prays and is Arrested at Gethsemane)

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all people should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his sacrifice, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. +**Amen**+

SECOND READING Mark 14:53-65

(Jesus Before the Council)

Let us pray. Almighty God, we ask that we, who amid so many adversities do fail through our own weaknesses, may be restored through the passion and intercession of your only begotten Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. +**Amen**+

The first candle is extinguished.

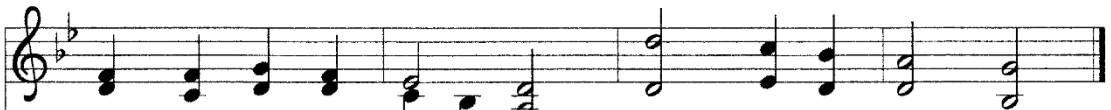
HYMN #349 Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.



THIRD READING Mark 14:66-72

(Peter Denies Jesus)

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, grant us grace so to contemplate the passion of our Lord, that we may find therein forgiveness for our sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. +**Amen**+

The second candle is extinguished.

MOTET

Ave verum Mozart

*All Hail, O true Body of the blessed Virgin born,
which in anguish to redeem us,
did suffer upon the cross;
From whose side, when pierced by spear,
there came forth both water and blood;
be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.*

FOURTH READING Mark 15:1-5

(Jesus Before Pilate)

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at the hands of sinners and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find in it the way of life and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. +**Amen**+

The third candle is extinguished.

HYMN #351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.



FIFTH READING Mark 15:6-15

(Pilate Hands Jesus Over to be Crucified)

Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. +**Amen**+

The fourth candle is extinguished.

SIXTH READING Mark 15:16-20

(The Soldiers Mock Jesus)

The fifth candle is extinguished.

MOTET

Ubi caritas – Maurice Duruflé

*Where there is charity and love, God is there.
May we also see, along with the blessed,
the glory of your face, O Christ.
And let there be immeasurable joy
both now and forevermore. Amen.*

SEVENTH READING Mark 15:21-24

(Jesus is Crucified)

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in your own body you bore our sins 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, forever and ever. +**Amen**+

The sixth candle is extinguished.

EIGHTH READING Mark 15:25-32

(Jesus is Mocked on the Cross)

The seventh candle is extinguished.

SPIRITUAL

Were You There?

Naomi Castro, soloist

NINTH READING Mark 15:33-39

(Jesus Dies)

The candles in the pulpit are extinguished.

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

(The bell of the carillon will toll 33 times, one for each year of Jesus' life.)

There is no benediction.

The Assembly departs in silence.

