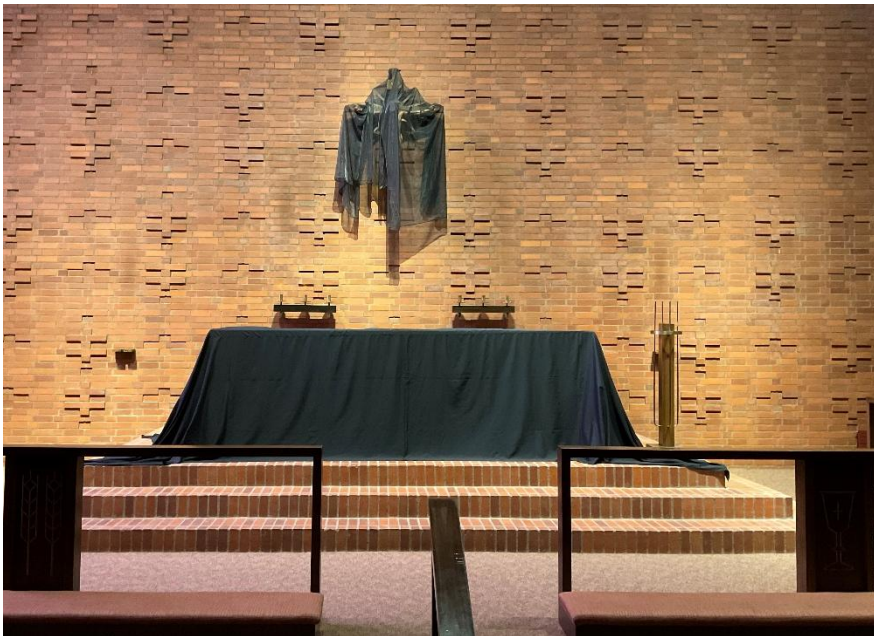


TENEBRAE:  
THE SERVICE OF DARKNESS  
GOOD FRIDAY  
April 3, 2026  
7:30pm



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## SILENT MEDITATION

*The assembly gathers in silence.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, **look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.**

+Amen+

## FIRST READING Hebrews 10:16-25

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+

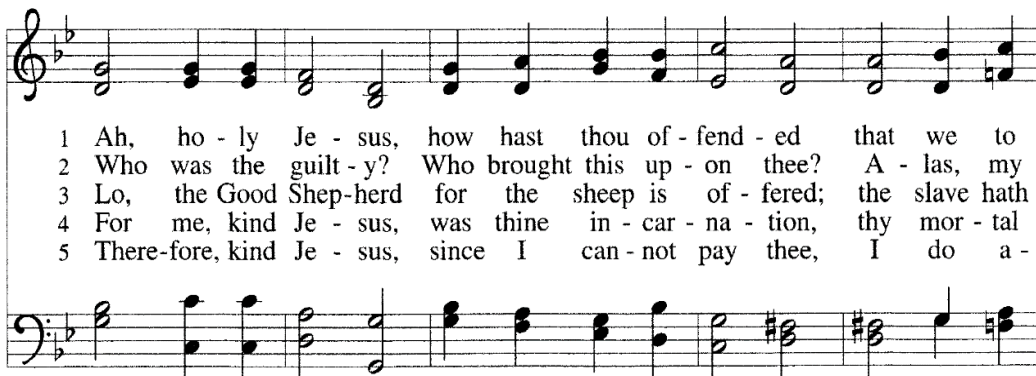
## SECOND READING John 18:1-11

*Judas Betrays Jesus*

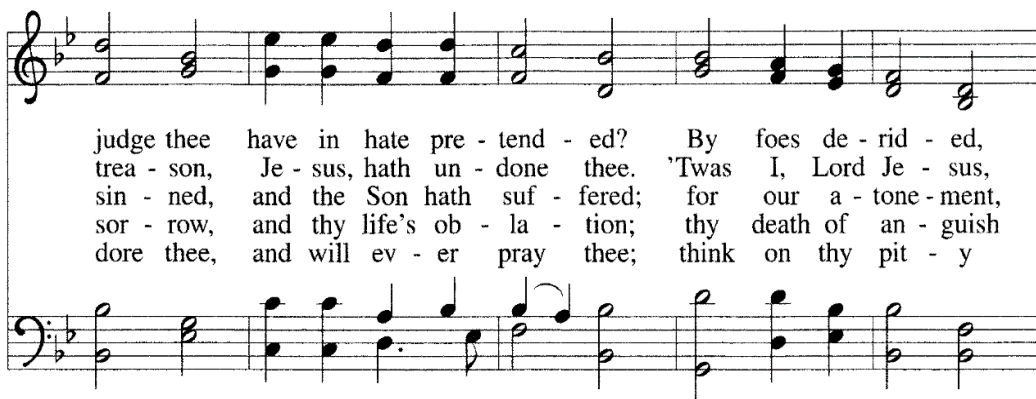
Let us pray. Almighty God, we ask that we, who amid so many adversities do fail through our own weaknesses, may be restored through the passion and intercession of your only begotten Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. +Amen+

*The first candle is extinguished.*

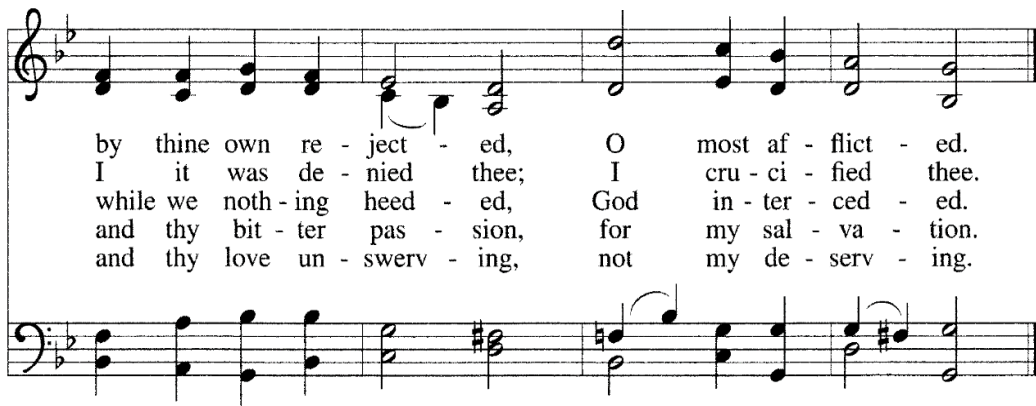
# HYMN #349 Ah, Holy Jesus



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 John 18:12-27

#### *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, world without end. +Amen+

*The second candle is extinguished.*

### MOTET *Psalm 51* – Gregorio Allegri Chorale

Solo Quartet: Taylor Hulett, Naomi Castro, Alyse Jamieson, & Daniel Au

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness. Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. O give me the comfort of thy help again: and establish me with thy free Spirit. Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me O God, thou that art God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness. Thou shalt open my lips O Lord: and my mouth shall show thy praise. For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it unto thee: but thou delightest not in burnt offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart O God, shalt thou not despise. O be favorable and gracious unto Zion, build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt offerings and oblations: Then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.*

### FOURTH READING John 18:28-40

#### *Pilate Questions Jesus*

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. +Amen+

*The third candle is extinguished.*



**FIFTH READING** John 19:1-7

*The Soldiers Mock Jesus*

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** John 19:8-16a

*Jesus is Handed Over to Be Crucified*

*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** John 19:16b-22

*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** John 19:23-25a

*The Soldiers Cast Lots for Jesus' Clothing*

*The seventh candle is extinguished.*

**SPIRITUAL**

*Were You There?*

Steve Rodgers, Tenor

**NINTH READING** John 19:25b-30

*Jesus Gives Up His Spirit*

*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.*

**The Motets for Good Friday** cover a wide gamut of the sacred music repertoire. The setting of **Psalm 51** by Allegri was composed during the Renaissance for the Sistine Chapel Choir at the Vatican. So moving was the effect when it was first sung, that the Pope decreed that all copies of the music were to be locked in the Vatican vault, so the work would only be heard at the Sistine Chapel. This decree continued for several hundred years, until the young **Mozart**, with his perfect tonal memory, heard the work while visiting the Vatican on Good Friday. He promptly left the service and notated the music which provided the rest of us with this beautiful motet. **Ubi caritas** (Where charity), the Motet by Maurice **Duruflé** (d. 1984), an organist in Paris, is a modern setting employing the Gregorian chant for this antiphon.

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