



Good Friday
Tenebrae Vespers

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The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Stand

Opening Versicles

Psalm 51:5; Psalm 70:1

- 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.

Hymn: 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



- 1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



- Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



- All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer-cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Have mer-cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Sit
Psalmody

Psalm 2

- ¹Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
- ²**The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,**
- ³“Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”
- ⁴**He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.**
- ⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- ⁶“**As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.**”
- ⁷I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
- ⁸**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.**
- ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
- ¹⁰**Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**
- ¹¹Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

**¹²Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

A candle is extinguished.

Psalm 31

¹In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

**²Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!**

³For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
**⁴you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**

⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**⁶I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,
but I trust in the LORD.**

⁷I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction;
you have known the distress of my soul,

**⁸and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.**

⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body also.

**¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones waste away.**

¹¹Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹²**I have been forgotten like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**

¹³For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on every side!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my God.”**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

¹⁶**Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!**

¹⁷O LORD, let me not be put to shame,
for I call upon you;
let the wicked be put to shame;
let them go silently to Sheol.

¹⁸**Let the lying lips be mute,
which speak insolently against the righteous
in pride and contempt.**

¹⁹Oh, how abundant is your goodness,
which you have stored up for those who fear you
and worked for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of the children of mankind!

²⁰**In the cover of your presence you hide them
from the plots of men;
you store them in your shelter
from the strife of tongues.**

²¹Blessèd be the LORD,
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me
when I was in a besieged city.

²²**I had said in my alarm,
“I am cut off from your sight.”**

**But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy
when I cried to you for help.**

²³Love the LORD, all you his saints!
The LORD preserves the faithful
but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

²⁴**Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!**

A candle is extinguished.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn: 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

sts. 1-5



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants
Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -

fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe Him, Who would not know Him.
 quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

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Introduction to Readings

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate 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.” ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” ⁶When 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.” ⁷The 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.” ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So 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?” ¹¹Jesus 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.”

¹²From 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.” ¹³So 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. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” ¹⁵They 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.” ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

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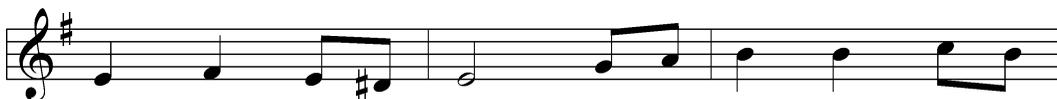
Hymn: 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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Stand

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the

King of the Jews.”²⁰ 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.²¹ 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.’”²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³When 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,²⁴ 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,²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”²⁹ 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.³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹Since 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.³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him.³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.³⁵ 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.³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

³⁸After 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.

³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now 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. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Reading Response

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory

1 John 2:1-2; [Mark 10:33]; Psalm 32:1

- 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

A candle is extinguished.

Office Hymn: 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

sts. 1-4



- 1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
- 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed
- 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from
- 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the

of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,

Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the

world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!

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Sermon

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Stand

Song of Habakkuk

C I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

¹ O LORD, I have heard the report of You,
and Your work, O LORD, do I fear.

² In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known;
in wrath remember mercy.

C I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

³ God came from Teman,
and the Holy One from Mount Paran.

⁴ His splendor covered the heavens,
and the earth was full of His praise.

5 His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from His hand;
and there He veiled His power.

6 Before Him went pestilence,
and plague followed at His heels.

7 He stood and measured the earth;
He looked and shook the nations;

8 then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low.
His were the everlasting ways.

C I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

9 You went out for the salvation of Your people,
for the salvation of Your anointed.

10 You crushed the head of the house of the wicked,
laying him bare from thigh to neck.

11 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

12 God, the LORD, is my strength; He makes my feet like the deer's;
He makes me tread on my high places.

C I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

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Prayers

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

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.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

Collects

P Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your

comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Concluding Collect

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.

C Amen.

The final candle is removed from the altar. A loud sound is heard, the strepitus, signifying the closing of the tomb. The candle is returned to its place as we await the Resurrection of Our Lord.

The congregation leaves in silence and minimal light.

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