

The Burial of our Lord Jesus

John 19:31—19:42

O Darkest Woe - *Pastor sings a capella*

A candle is extinguished.

Streptitus

The congregation exits in silence.



Order of Worship

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Tenebrae Service

What does Tenebrae mean? *Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning darkness. The gradual extinguishing of candles and lights does more than mirror the sober meditation on the Sacrifice of our Lord Jesus. It also reminds us of the darkness that settled over the earth during Christ's crucifixion. It also reflects the words of John 1:9-11: "The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him."*

*The service concludes with the **Strepitus**, a loud noise, signifying the rolling of the stone into place at the door of Jesus' tomb. (Strepitus is the Latin word meaning noise).*

*The first Service of Easter begins with the **Return of the Light** as the lighted Paschal Candle is carried in procession into the dark nave, symbolizing the Resurrection victory of Christ, the Light of the World, as described in John 1:5: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."*

The congregation gathers in silence.

Stand

Opening Versicles

A O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

A Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

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

Sit

Hymn 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Christ, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

**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.

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, our Lord.

C Amen.

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 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.

John 18:28-19:16a

Hymn 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane verse 2

A candle is extinguished.

Stand

John 19:16b-30

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane verse 3

A candle is extinguished.

Responsory

- A 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.**
- A 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.**
- A 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.**

Sermon

A candle is extinguished.

Stand

Psalm 22

- A: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
My God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.
Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- C: O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!**
- A: But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- C: O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!**
- A: Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- C: O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!**
- A: Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

C: O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

A: For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

C: O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

A: I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

C: O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

A: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.
Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people
yet unborn,
that he has done it.

C: O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

A candle is extinguished.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus

John 18:1-12

A candle is extinguished.

John 18:13-27

Hymn 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane verse 1

A candle is extinguished.