

Good Friday
March 30, 2018

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P: We adore you. O Christ, and we bless you.

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Choir Anthem

The Reproaches

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

C: All Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

A: O my people, O my Church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Testify against me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt, and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

C: All Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

A: I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna. I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you prepared a cross for your Saviour.

C: All Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

A: What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink, and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

C: All Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

A: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

C: All Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

A: I gave you a royal sceptre, and bestowed the keys of the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

C: All Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

A: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name, and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

C: All Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

A: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counsellor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing.

C: All Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

A: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

C: Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

The Prayer of the Church

P: God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their needs.

A: Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world: for unity in faith, in witness and in service, for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve, for Kurt, our bishop, and the people of this synod, for all Christians in this place, for those to be baptized, for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith, that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

(Silence is kept.)

A: Lord, hear us.

C: Lord, graciously hear us.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders: for the President and the Legislators of this land, for those who administer

the law and all who serve in public office, for all who strive for justice and reconciliation, that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

(Silence is kept.)

A: Lord, hear us.

C: Lord, graciously hear us.

P: Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace, turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself, that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on justice may be established throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews, the first to hear his word: for greater understanding between Christian and Jew, for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart, that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant and to grow in the love of his name.

(Silence is kept.)

A: Lord, hear us.

C: Lord, graciously hear us.

P: Lord God of Abraham, bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian; take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart, and hasten the coming of your kingdom, when the Gentiles shall be gathered in, all Israel shall be saved, and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace under the one God and Father Of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ: for

those who have not heard the message of salvation, for all who have lost faith, for the contemptuous and scornful, for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him, for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified, that God will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience.

(Silence is kept.)

A: Lord, hear us.

C: Lord, graciously hear us.

P: Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth, have compassion on all who do not know you, and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power, gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd; Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for all those who suffer: for those who are deprived and oppressed, for all who are sick, for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear, for prisoners, captives and refugees, for the victims of false accusations and violence, for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them, that God in his mercy will sustain them with the knowledge of his love.

(Silence is kept.)

A: Lord, hear us.

C: Lord, graciously hear us.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer: hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble, and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing

love, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, we may come to the fullness of eternal life and the joy of the resurrection.

(Silence is kept.)

A: Lord, hear us.

C: Lord, graciously hear us.

P: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence carry out the work of our salvation: and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up and things which had grown old are being made new and that all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Passion of Christ According to St. John

Part I

John 18: 1-11

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now, #115

Part II

John 18: 12 - 27

O Sacred Head , Now Wounded, #117, stanzas 1 - 2

Part III

John 18: 28 - 40

O Sacred Head , Now Wounded, #117, stanzas 3 - 4

Part IV

John 19: 1 - 7

Ah, Holy Jesus, #123, stanzas 1 - 2

Part V

John 19: 8 - 16a

Ah, Holy Jesus, #123, stanzas 3 - 5

Part VI

John 19: 16b - 22

Beneath the Cross of Jesus, #107

Part VII

John 19: 23 - 30

Were You There, #92, stanzas 1 - 3

The Closing of the Book The Return of the Light We leave in silence

The word “tenebrae” means “shadows.” It is a very old form of worship which has been observed with the reading of psalms and the extinguishing of lights. The darkening sanctuary signifies the approaching death of Christ. The high point of the service is the return of the single candle which anticipated the resurrection. The service is actually a form of morning prayer done in anticipation of the following day. (Manuel, p. 395)

The service will conclude with the closing of the Book, after which the single candle will be returned. The closing of the Book signifies the sealing of the tomb, and in the return of the candle the Tenebrae service draws our attention to the hoped-for Resurrection of Jesus, the first fruits of all creation. We will observe a time of silence for prayer and meditation, and then the lights in the narthex will be turned on. You may then leave or stay for prayer if you wish. Please observe silence for those who choose to stay.

Welcome worshipers, to this Good Friday service. If you are visiting with us please take a moment to sign our guest register, located in the narthex, so that we can get to know you a little better.

Holy Week

**Saturday, March 31
4:00 pm Quiet Hour Communion**

**Easter, April 1, 2018
7:30am Sunrise Service at St. Paul's Uniontown**

9:00am Breakfast at St. Paul's

10:30am Worship Service at St. Paul's