

# Good Friday Service of Tenebrae



St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
April 18, 2025  
7p.m.

*We gather to hear again the story of our Lord's death. We all participate by hearing the scripture, singing the hymns, listening to the anthems, and offering our prayers. The church darkens throughout the service until one light remains.*

*Please remain seated throughout the service.*

*A basket will be set out for the Good Friday offering, which will support ministries in the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.*

## **Prelude: Ricordare from Requiem - G. Verdi**

Presider: Blessed be our God.

**People: For ever and ever. Amen.**

**Musical Offering: *The Hymnal 1982*, #171 **Go To Dark Gethsemane vs 1 and 2****

### **Lesson I: *Matthew 26:36-46***

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

### **Psalm 69:1-22**

**BCP 679**

- 1 Save me, O God,  
for the waters have risen up to my neck.
- 2 I am sinking in deep mire,  
and there is no firm ground for my feet.**
- 3 I have come into deep waters,  
and the torrent washes over me.
- 4 I have grown weary with my crying;  
my throat is inflamed;  
my eyes have failed from looking for my God.**
- 5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs  
of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty.  
Must I then give back what I never stole?
- 6 O God, you know my foolishness,  
and my faults are not hidden from you.**
- 7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,  
Lord God of hosts;  
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me,  
O God of Israel.
- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.**

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.  
10 **Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.**  
11 I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.  
12 **I put on sack-cloth also,  
and became a byword among them.**  
13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.  
14 **But as for me, this is my prayer to you,  
at the time you have set, O Lord:**  
15 "In your great mercy, O God,  
answer me with your unfailing help.  
16 **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.**  
17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.  
18 **Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me."**  
19 "Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.  
20 **Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.**  
21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor;  
my adversaries are all in your sight."  
22 **Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed;  
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,  
for comforters, but I could find no one.**

**Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982*, #439 What Wondrous Love vs 1 and 3**

### **Prayer**

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Lesson II: *Mark 14:43-50***

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead

him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” All of them deserted him and fled.

**Hymn:** *The Hymnal 1982*, # O Savior Of The World - Palestrina

St. Peter's Choir

### **Prayer**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Lesson III: Mark 14:66-72**

While Peter was in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

### **Psalm 130**

**BCP 784**

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 **If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?**
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 **I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.**
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 **O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;**
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**Hymn:** *The Hymnal 1982*, #655 O Jesus I Have Promised verses 2 and 3

## **Prayer**

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Lesson IV: *Matthew 27:27-34***

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

## **Anthem: He Was Despised - Handel**

Carol Lorenz-Burnett

## **Prayer**

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Lesson V: *Luke 23:32-43***

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

## **Taizé Chant: Jesus Remember me (*sung multiple times*)**

## **Prayer**

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all

their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lesson VI: *John 19:23-27***

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**Hymn: O Love Divine - Joseph Martin**

St. Peter's Choir

**Psalm 22:1-11**

**BCP 610**

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?

**2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;  
by night as well, but I find no rest.**

3 Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

**4 Our forefathers put their trust in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

5 They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

**6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

**8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

**10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

**Hymn: Stabat Mater - Pergolesi**

Laurel Mosteller and Carol Lorenz-Burnett

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## **Lesson VII: Luke 23:44-53**

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

## **Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982*, #172 **Were You There****

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people watch in darkness, as a single light is carried in and placed at the foot of the cross. In darkness we sing the hymn before leaving in silence.*

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## Good Friday offering

This evening offering will go support ministries in the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. To learn more about the Good Friday offering scan the QR code below.



## Holy Week Schedule

*Use the QR code below to learn more about these Holy Week Programs on St. Peter's web page.*

### **Holy Saturday, April 19**

**The Great Vigil of Easter at St. Thomas Whitemarsh at 7 p.m.** at 7020 Camp Hill Rd. Fort Washington, PA.

**The Easter Vigil at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral at 5p.m. at 9 S 38th St. in Philadelphia.** Some of our parishioners will participate, being received into the Episcopal Church and reaffirming their baptismal promises in rites administered by Bishop Daniel Gutiérrez.

### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

Easter service at St. Peter's at 10 a.m. Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with this joyful choral Eucharist, followed by brunch in the parish hall and an Easter Egg hunt in the courtyard.



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