

TENEBRAE

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April 18, 2014
7:00 P.M.

THE TENEBRAE

The Tenebrae, meaning "shadows", is one of the oldest Holy Week rituals in Christendom. As the Passion story unfolds the darkness increases. With the death of our Lord, only one light is left burning: the light of God's love. For a time this light is carried out of the room, symbolizing Christ's three days in the tomb. but, like god's love, this light is never extinguished.

A loud noise symbolizes Christ's victory over death and the stone rolling away from the tomb. The candle is then returned to the altar in anticipation of Easter Day and our Lord's joyous resurrection from the dead.

OPENING EXCHANGE

- L He who has equality with God as a natural right as a son, gave up his heavenly glory that we, by his suffering and death, might be granted eternal sonship by the Father. The crowds have turned upon and mocked him who they once hailed; and death, proud death, has claimed him who came to conquer death, little knowing that already Christ stands at the threshold of victory.
- C Wherefore God has also highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

- L Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.
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The assembly may be seated.

THE REPROACHES

- O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you on your way; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned

you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers

and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, 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, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

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

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Power of The Cross

FIRST WORD: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"

The Prophecy: Isaiah 53:3

The Passion History: Luke 23:32-38

L Let us pray...

C **Amen**

Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #338

SECOND WORD: "Today you will be with me in Paradise"

The Prophecy: Isaiah 52:12

The Passion History: Luke 23:39-43

L Let us Pray ...

C **Amen**

Hymn: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" #337

THIRD WORD: "Woman, behold your son! Behold your mother!"

The Prophecy: Isaiah 53:10-11

The Passion History: John 19:23-27

L Let us Pray ...

C Amen

HYMN: "At the Cross, Her Station Keeping"

- 1 At the cross, her station keeping,
stood the mournful mother weeping,
close to Jesus to the last.
Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,
all his bitter anguish bearing,
now at length the sword had passed.
- 2 Oh, how sad and sore distressed
was that mother highly blessed
of the sole begotten one!
Oh, the depth of her affliction
as she saw the crucifixion
of her dying, glorious Son!
- 3 Who, on Christ's dear mother gazing,
pierced by anguish so amazing,
born of woman, would not weep?
Who, on Christ's dear mother thinking,
such a cup of sorrow drinking,
would not share her sorrows deep?
- 4 For his people's sin chastised,
she beheld her Son despised,
scourged, and crowned with thorns entwined;

saw him then from judgment taken,
and in death by all forsaken,
till his spirit he resigned.

5 Jesus, may her deep devotion
stir in me the same emotion,
source of love, redeemer true.
Let me thus, fresh ardor gaining
and a purer love attaining,
consecrate my life to you.

**FOURTH WORD: "My God, My God, Why has thou
forsaken me?"**

The Prophecy: Isaiah 53:6

The Passion History: Matthew 27:45-49

L Let us Pray ...

C **Amen**

HYMN: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #351

FIFTH WORD: "I thirst"

The Prophecy: Isaiah 53:7

The Passion History: John 19:28-29

L Let us Pray ...

C **Amen**

HYMN:

"Glory Be to Jesus"

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,
 who, in bitter pains,
 poured for me the lifeblood
 from his sacred veins.

- 2 Grace and life eternal
 in that blood I find;
 blest be his compassion,
 infinitely kind.

- 3 Blest through endless ages
 be the precious stream
 which from endless torment
 did the world redeem.

- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance
 pleaded to the skies;
 but the blood of Jesus
 for our pardon cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting
 wafts its praise on high,
 angel hosts rejoicing
 make their glad reply.

- 6 Lift we then our voices,
 swell the mighty flood;
 louder still and louder
 praise the precious blood.

SIXTH WORD: "It is finished"

The Prophecy: Isaiah 53:4-5

The Passion History: John 19:30-37

L Let us Pray ...
C Amen

HYMN: Verses 1-3 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" #347

SEVENTH WORD: "Father, Into Thy hands I commend my Spirit"

The Prophecy: Isaiah 53:8-9

The Passion History: Luke 23:44-49

L Let us Pray ...
C Amen

HYMN: "Were You There" #353

(A period of silence for prayer and meditation
during which the acolyte carries out the center candle.)

THE LIGHT OF HOPE: 1 John 1:5-9; John 3:16

PRAYER

L Almighty God, we beg you, of your great love, to look on us, your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and surrendered into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death on the cross.

C AMEN

THE 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.**

ALL LEAVE IN SILENCE

