

# Good Friday *Tenebrae Service*



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**GOOD FRIDAY: SERVICE OF DARKNESS**  
*Tenebrae*

**ISAIAH 52:13—53:12**

- <sup>13</sup>See, my servant will act wisely;  
    he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.
- <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were appalled at him—  
    his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being  
    and his form marred beyond human likeness—
- <sup>15</sup>so he will sprinkle many nations,  
    and kings will shut their mouths because of him.  
For what they were not told, they will see,  
    and what they have not heard, they will understand.
- <sup>1</sup>Who has believed our message  
    and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- <sup>2</sup>He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
    and like a root out of dry ground.  
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
    nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
    a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
    he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
- <sup>4</sup>Surely he took up our pain  
    and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
    stricken by him, and afflicted.
- <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
    he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
    and by his wounds we are healed.
- <sup>6</sup>We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
    each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
    the iniquity of us all.
- <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed and afflicted,  
    yet he did not open his mouth;

he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away.

Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

<sup>9</sup>He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,  
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup>After he has suffered,  
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,  
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because he poured out his life unto death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

### **HEBREWS 7:26–28**

<sup>26</sup>Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

*STAND*

**JOHN 19:17–30**

<sup>17</sup>Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

<sup>19</sup>Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. <sup>21</sup>The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

<sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

<sup>24</sup>“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,  
“They divided my clothes among them  
and cast lots for my garment.”

So this is what the soldiers did.

<sup>25</sup>Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” <sup>27</sup>and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

<sup>28</sup>Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” <sup>29</sup>A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. <sup>30</sup>When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

*BE SEATED*

## PSALM 2

**M:** (*Antiphon*) The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

**M:** Why do the nations conspire

**C:** **And the peoples plot in vain?**

**M:** The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together

**C:** **Against the LORD and against his Anointed One.**

**M:** “Let us break their chains,” they say, “And throw off their fetters.”

**C:** **The One enthroned in heaven laughs; The Lord scoffs at them.**

**M:** Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

**C:** **“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”**

**M:** I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

**C:** **He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.**

**M:** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,

**C:** **The ends of the earth your possession.**

**M:** You will rule them with an iron scepter;

**C:** **You will dash them to pieces like pottery.”**

**M:** Therefore, you kings, be wise;

**C:** **Be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

**M:** Serve the LORD with fear

**C:** **And rejoice with trembling.**

**M:** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way,  
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

**C:** **Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

**M:** (*Antiphon*) The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

*The first candle is extinguished.*

*Silence for meditation*

## PSALM 22

### 22D LORD, Why Have You Forsaken Me

*Psalm 22D*



1 LORD, why have you for - sak - en me, and why are  
2 Yet you are ho - ly and the songs of praise of  
3 But I am mocked and put to scorn. All those who  
4 Yet you, O LORD, have been my God and on - ly



you so far a - way from my com-plaint and  
Is - rael are your throne; when our an - ces - tors  
see me laugh and say, "You trust in God, so  
hope since I was born. With trou - ble near me,



my dis - tress poured out be - fore you night and day?  
called on you, you saved them, res - cued all your own.  
let us see the help of God to whom you pray."  
none can help. My Sav - ior, leave me not for - lorn.

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**M:** Lord Jesus, because your hands and feet were pierced for us, because you were surrounded by taunting enemies, and because you were abandoned even by your heavenly Father, we are rescued from the lion's mouth. Be with us when we must face our own crosses, and instill in us the confidence to say, "My Savior has won the victory for me."

**C:** Amen.

*The second candle is extinguished.  
Silence for meditation*

## PSALM 27

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup>When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup>Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. <sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

**Sung: God my Savior and my Light Keeps me safe from dreadful fright.  
God my Savior and my Light – May I serve him day and night.  
God my Savior and my Light Watches with protecting might.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. <sup>6</sup> Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. <sup>8</sup> My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek. <sup>9</sup>Do not hide your face from me,

**Sung: God my Savior and my Light Keeps me safe within his sight.  
God my Savior and my Light Answers me from heaven’s height.  
Let me see your face aright, God my Savior and my Light!**

Do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior. <sup>10</sup>Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. <sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. <sup>12</sup> Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence. <sup>13</sup>I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

**Sung: God my Savior and my Light Keeps me safe from dreadful fright.  
God my Savior and my Light Watches with protecting might.  
God my Savior and my Light – May I serve him day and night!**

*The third candle is extinguished.  
Silence for meditation*

## SEEK THE LORD

### *Quaerite Dominum*

Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
    call upon him while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake his way  
    and the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him,  
    and to our God, for he will freely pardon.  
“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
    neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.  
“As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
    so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
As the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
    and do not return to it without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
    so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,  
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:  
    It will not return to me empty;  
but will accomplish what I desire  
    and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

*Silence for meditation*



**STAND**

**HYMN: “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” (CW 419)**

**Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;  
Sing the ending of the fray.  
Now above the cross, the trophy,  
Sound the loud triumphant lay.  
Tell how Christ, the world’s Redeemer,  
As a victim won the day.**

**Tell how, when at length the fullness  
Of th’ appointed time was come,  
He, the Word, was born of woman,  
Left for us his Father’s home,  
Blazed the path of true obedience,  
Shone as light amidst the gloom.**

**Thus, with thirty years accomplished,  
He went forth from Nazareth,  
Destined, dedicated, willing,  
Did his work and met his death;  
Like a lamb he humbly yielded  
On the cross his dying breath.**

**Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,  
Be for all the noblest tree;  
None in foliage, none in blossom,  
None in fruit your equal be,  
Symbol of the world’s redemption,  
For your burden makes us free.**

**Unto God be praise and glory;  
To the Father and the Son,  
To th’ eternal Spirit honor  
Now and evermore be done—  
Praise and glory in the highest  
While the timeless ages run.**

**BE SEATED**

## LAMENTATIONS 1:1-5

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people!  
How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations!  
She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave.

Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are upon her cheeks.  
Among all her lovers there is none to comfort her.  
All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies.

After affliction and harsh labor, Judah has gone into exile.  
She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place.  
All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed feasts.  
All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan,  
her maidens grieve, and she is in bitter anguish.

Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are at ease.  
The LORD has brought her grief because of her many sins.  
Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe.

**M:** Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

**C:** (*Sung*)

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.  
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

## LAMENTATIONS 1:6-9

All the splendor has departed from the Daughter of Zion.  
Her princes are like deer that find no pasture;  
in weakness they have fled before the pursuer.

In the days of her affliction and wandering,  
Jerusalem remembers all the treasures that were hers in days of old.  
When her people fell into enemy hands there was no one to help her.  
Her enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction.

Jerusalem has sinned greatly and so has become unclean.  
All who honored her despise her nakedness;  
she herself groans and turns away.

Her filthiness clung to her skirts; she did not consider her future.  
Her fall was astounding; there was none to comfort her.  
“Look, O LORD, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed.”

**M:** Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

**C:** (*Sung*)

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.  
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

## LAMENTATIONS 1:10-14

The enemy laid hands on all her treasures;  
she saw pagan nations enter her sanctuary—  
those you had forbidden to enter your assembly.

All her people groan as they search for bread;  
they barter their treasures for food to keep themselves alive.  
“Look, O LORD, and consider, for I am despised.”

“Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see.  
Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me,  
that the Lord brought on me in the day of his fierce anger?”

“From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones.  
He spread a net for my feet and turned me back.  
He made me desolate, faint all the day long.

“My sins have been bound into a yoke; by his hands they were woven together.  
They have come upon my neck and the Lord has sapped my strength.  
He has handed me over to those I cannot withstand.”

**M:** Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

**C:** (*Sung*)

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.  
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Your peace be with us, O Jesus!**

## SERMON ON MATTHEW 27:38-54

<sup>38</sup> Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!”

<sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. <sup>42</sup> “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the King of Israel! Let him

come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ” <sup>44</sup> In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

### The Death of Jesus

<sup>45</sup> From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup> About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

<sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

<sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. <sup>49</sup> The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

<sup>50</sup> And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus’ resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

<sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

### SONG OF MARY - MAGNIFICAT

“My soul glorifies the Lord <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. <sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful <sup>55</sup>to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.”

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

### *Silence for meditation*

M: Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place and given him the name that is above every name.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

### 51D God, Be Merciful to Me

*Psalm 51D sts. 1-4*



1 God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on your grace I  
2 My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my  
3 I am e - vil, born in sin; you de - sire all  
4 Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by your wrath and



rest my plea; your com - pas - sions o - ver - flow,  
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst your grace  
truth with - in. You a - lone my Sav - ior are,  
judg - ment just, let my con - trite heart re - jice



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me  
and pro - voked you to your face; I con - fess your  
teach your wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, your  
and in glad - ness hear your voice; from my sins, O



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
judg - ment just, speech - less, in your mer - cy trust.  
grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.  
hide your face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

# 51D God, Be Merciful to Me

*Psalm 51D sts. 5–8*



5 Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it  
 6 Sin - ners then shall learn from me and to God re -  
 7 No at - tempt - ed sac - ri - fice has ac - cept - ance  
 8 Pros - per Zi - on in your grace and her bro - ken



right and true; let me not a - ban - doned be,  
 stored shall be; Sav - ior, all my guilt re - move,  
 in your eyes; bro - ken hearts are in your sight  
 walls re - place; then our right - eous sac - ri - fice



let your Spir - it dwell in me; your sal - va - tion's  
 and my tongue shall sing your love; touch my si - lent  
 more than sac - ri - fi - cial rite; con - trite spir - it,  
 shall de - light your ho - ly eyes; free - will of - f'rings,



joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.  
 lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise ac - cord.  
 plead - ing cries, you, O God, will not de - spise.  
 glad - ly made, on your al - tar shall be laid.

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**M:** Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us to ever rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

*The sixth candle is extinguished. The seventh candle is carried from the chancel.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Silence for meditation*

*A loud noise (streptitus) representing the rending of Christ's tomb is heard, and the seventh candle is returned to burn in the chancel.*

## **SOLO**

Lord, let at last your angels come; To Abram's bosom bear me home  
That I may die unfearing. And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep Until your reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me That my own eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, your glorious face, My Savior and my Fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise you without end.

*The minister exits the chancel.*

*The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.*