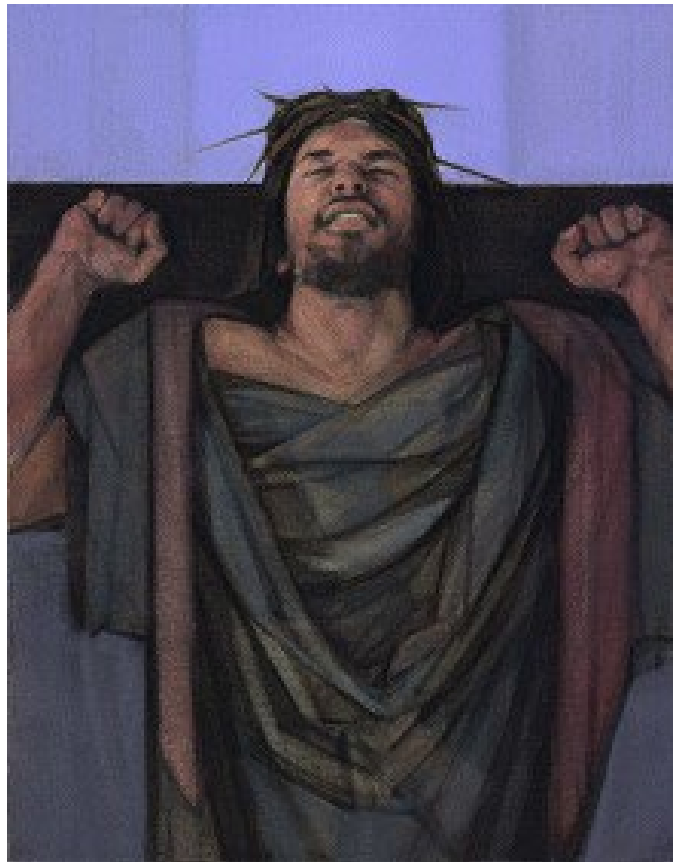


St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Service of Tenebrae With Holy Eucharist from the
Reserved Sacrament

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

12 noon



Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross by Janet McKenzie

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Tenebrae (Latin for “shadows” or “darkness”) is a solemn observance of Jesus’ passion and death. Tenebrae services generally occur between Wednesday and Friday of Holy Week. The service marks Jesus’ journey to Golgotha and allows for extended meditation through proclamation of the Word in scripture and sermon, as well as through music, increasing darkness, and silent reflection. At St. Philip’s we gather on Good Friday to enter into the dramatic narrative of Jesus’ betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion, and to reflect on God’s wondrous love.

Please remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Down at the Cross

AA Hymn 248

**1 Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Singin', Glory to His name!**

Refrain:

**Glory to His name, Precious name.
Glory to His name, Precious name
There to my heart was the blood applied;
singin' Glory to His name, His name!**

**2 I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where He took me in;
singin' Glory to His name, His name! [Refrain]**

**3 Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;
singin' Glory to His name, His name! [Refrain]**

**4 Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior’s feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete;
singin' Glory to His name, His name! [Refrain]**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty Father, as we hear your word today, look with mercy on this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross, who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GOSPEL

The Death of Jesus

Luke 23: 44-49

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Marlene E. Forrest

ANTHEM

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

LESSON I

Matthew 26: 36-46

Jesus prays as his disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane.

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.”

First candle extinguished.

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Hymn 171
(stanza 1)

**Go to dark Gethsemane,
ye that feel the tempter’s power;
your Redeemer’s conflict see,
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away,
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

LESSON II

Matthew 26: 47-56

Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss.

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?”

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Second candle extinguished.

**They crucified my Lord, and He never said a mumbalin' word;
They crucified my Lord, and He never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.**

**They nailed Him to a tree, and He never said a mumbalin' word;
They nailed Him to a tree, and He never said a mumbalin' word;
Not a word, not a word, not a word.**

**They pierced Him in the side, and He never said a mumbalin' word;
They pierced Him in the side, and He never said a mumbalin' word;
Not a word, not a word, not a word.**

**The blood came streamin' down, and He never said a mumbalin' word;
The blood came streamin' down, and He never said a mumbalin' word;
Not a word, not a word, not a word.**

**He hung His head and died, and He never said a mumbalin' word;
He hung His head and died, and He never said a mumbalin' word;
Not a word, not a word, not a word.**

**turn not from his griefs away,
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

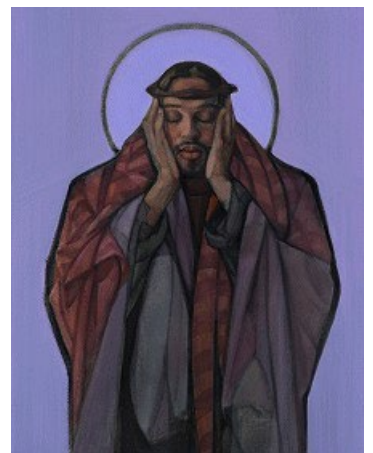
LESSON III

Matthew 26: 57-68

Jesus before the Sanhedrin.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last, two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."



Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Third candle extinguished.

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymn 474

(stanza 1)

**When I survey the wondrous cross
where the young Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

LESSON IV

Matthew 26: 69-75

Peter's denial.

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again, he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Fourth candle extinguished.

Refrain:

**Calvary, Calvary,
Calvary, Calvary,
Calvary, Calvary,
Surely He died on Calvary.**

**1 Ev'ry time I think about Jesus,
Ev'ry time I think about Jesus,
Ev'ry time I think about Jesus,
Surely He died on Calvary. [Refrain]**

**2 Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Surely He died on Calvary. [Refrain]**

**3 We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
Surely He died on Calvary. [Refrain]**

**4 Ev'ry round goes higher and higher,
Ev'ry round goes higher and higher,
Ev'ry round goes higher and higher,
Surely He died on Calvary. [Refrain]**

LESSON V

Matthew 27: 15-26

Jesus before Pilate.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time, they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said,



"Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So, when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So, he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Fifth candle extinguished.

HYMN

Were You There?

AA Hymn254 (stanzas 1-2)

**1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

The soldiers mock Jesus.

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. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Sixth candle extinguished.

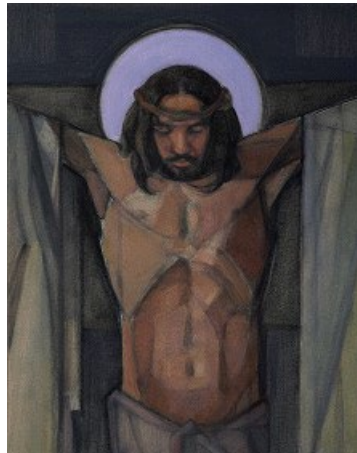
O sacred head, sore wounded,
 defiled and put to scorn;
 O kingly head, surrounded
 with mocking crown of thorn:
 what sorrow mars thy grandeur?
 Can death thy bloom deflower?
 O countenance whose splendor
 the hosts of heaven adore!

Thy beauty, long-desiréd,
 hath vanished from our sight;
 thy power is all expiréd,
 and quenched the light of light.
 Ah me! for whom thou diest,
 hide not so far thy grace:
 show me, O Love most highest,
 the brightness of thy face.

In thy most bitter passion
 my heart to share doth cry,
 with thee for my salvation
 upon the cross to die.
 Ah, keep my heart thus movéd
 to stand thy cross beneath,
 to mourn thee, well-belovéd,
 yet thank thee for thy death.

What language shall I borrow
 to thank thee, dearest friend,
 for this thy dying sorrow,
 thy pity without end?
 Oh, make me thine forever!
 and should I fainting be,
 Lord, let me never, never,
 outlive my love for thee.

My days are few, O fail not,
 with thine immortal power,
 to hold me that I quail not
 in death's most fearful hour;
 that I may fight befriended,
 and see in my last strife
 to me thine arms extended
 upon the cross of life.



LESSON VII

Matthew 27: 45-50

The death of Jesus Christ.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Christ candle extinguished.

Silence will be observed while the bell tolls 33 times to signify each year of Jesus' life.

LESSON VIII

Matthew 27: 51-54

Truly this man was the Son of God.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Celebrant: Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know 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 being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

The Holy Communion

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life [**Amen.**]

The Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL 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 the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Were You There

AA Hymn 254

HYMN *Were You There?*

AA Hymn254 (stanzas 3-4)

3 Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Silence: The end of the service is signified by the illumination of the draped cross. Silence is observed throughout the sanctuary from this time forward. Each person is encouraged to pray, meditate, or walk the stations of the cross as long as they desire, then to depart in silence.

If you would like to receive anointing with oil and prayers for healing, Rev. Marlene will be in the chapel after the worship service.



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Holy Week Schedule 2024



March 29, Good Friday

- ◆ **Good Friday Service: Noon**
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross: 1-2 pm**
- ◆

March 30, Holy Saturday

- ◆ **Great Easter Vigil with Holy Baptism & Eucharist: 7:30 pm;** one of the oldest liturgies in the Church moves from the tomb to the Resurrection.

March 31, Easter Sunday

- ◆ 8 am: Holy Eucharist Rite II
- ◆ 10:30 am: Festive Holy Eucharist Rite II and Holy Baptism; Flowering of the Cross
- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt and Light Refreshments