

A: *You crushed the head of the house of the | wicked,*
laying him bare from | thigh to neck.*
P: Yet I will rejoice | in the LORD;*
I will take joy in the God of my sal- | vation.
A: *GOD, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet | like the
deer's;**
He makes me tread on my high | places.
A: *I will rejoice | in the LORD;*
I will take joy in the God of my sal- | vation.

The last candle is removed in memory of Jesus death and removal to the grave. However, it is not extinguished to symbolize that Christ our Lord entrusted His Spirit to the Father and was heard.

Prayers

P Lord, have mercy.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Christ, have mercy.
C **Christ, have mercy.**
P Lord, have mercy.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord's Prayer

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men and to suffer death on the cross; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**
P Almighty and everlasting God, who willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

The Book is slammed (the "strepitus") symbolizing the sealing of the tomb. The Christ candle is returned to the sanctuary. Its rays point us to the hope of the third day and anticipate the lighting of the Paschal candle at the Easter Vigil.

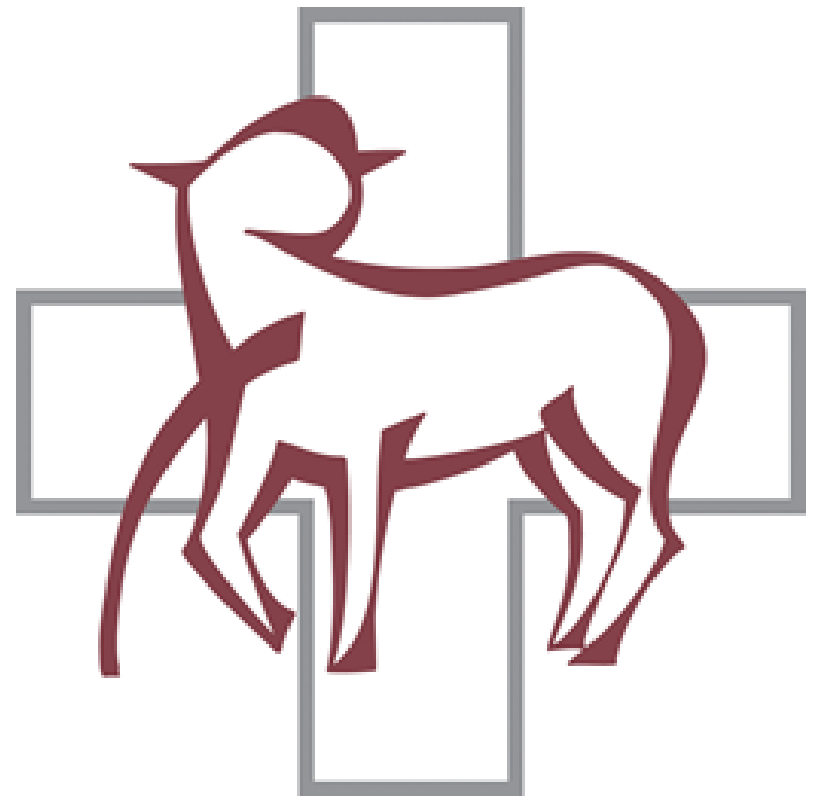
All is dark and silent for meditation and prayer. You may leave the sanctuary at your discretion.

There is no Benediction or greeting because our worship continues with the services of Easter Vigil (Saturday 8 pm) and Easter Day (9 am).

TENEBRAE VESPER

A Note on the Tenebrae Service

Good Friday Tenebrae is not observed as a funeral for Christ. Rather it is an austere service of reflection, adoration of the Lamb, intercession and quiet meditation. Good Friday is part of the larger celebration of the mystery of salvation called the Triduum or Three Holy Days. The Triduum begins Holy Thursday and culminates in the Easter Proclamation of the Easter Vigil. The service of Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows") is a prayer service which consists of the extinguishing of the church lights.



The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Please Stand

Opening Versicles

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Be Seated

Psalmody

(The psalms are read responsively, by whole verse, between pastor and congregation. The Gloria Patri at the end of each Psalm is omitted)

Psalm 2 is prayed and a candle is extinguished.

Psalm 27 is prayed and a candle is extinguished.

Psalm 51 is prayed and a candle is extinguished.

Hymn #440 “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

P: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

Reading: John 18:1-11 (Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus)

Hymn: #450 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (stanza 1)

Reading: John 18:12-27 (Jesus before the High Priest and Denial of Peter)

Hymn: #450 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (stanza 2)

Reading: John 18:28-40 (Jesus before Pilate)

Hymn: #450 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (stanza 3)

Reading: John 19:1-16a (Jesus prepared for Crucifixion)

Hymn: #450 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (stanza 4)

A candle is extinguished

(Please Stand)

Reading: John 19:16b-24 (The Crucifixion of Jesus)

Hymn: #450 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (stanza 5)

Reading: John 19:25-30 (Jesus’ Mother and His Death)

(Be Seated)

A candle is extinguished

Hymn: #450 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (stanza 6)

Reading: John 19:31-42 (Jesus’ Side Is Pierced)

Hymn: #450 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (stanza 7)

A candle is extinguished (silence)

Responsory

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Sermon Daily Prayers

Office Hymn: #451 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

Canticle

Song of Habakkuk

A: I will rejoice | in the LORD;

I will take joy in the God of my sal- | vation.

P: O LORD, I have heard the re- | port of You,*
and Your work, O LORD, | do I fear.

*A: In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the
years | make it known;**
in wrath remember | mercy.

P: God came from | Teman,*
and the Holy One from Mount | Paran.

A: His splendor covered the | heavens,
and the earth was full | of His praise.*

P: His brightness was like the light; rays flashed | from His
hand;*

and there He | veiled His power.

A: Before Him went | pestilence,
and plague followed | at His heels.*

P: He stood and mea- | sured the earth;*
He looked and shook the | nations;

*A: then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting
hills | sank low.**

His were the ever- | lasting ways. REFRAIN

P: You went out for the salvation of Your | people,*
for the salvation of Your a- | nointed.