

Good Friday

Outline of today's Service

The service begins with the pastor entering silently into the sanctuary.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

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P: Lord, have mercy.

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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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Sermon

Rev. Ken Howes

Tenebrae Sequence

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

P: Humbly we adore You, O Christ, and we proclaim Your saving love.

C: By Your holy cross and precious blood You have redeemed the world.

P: Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Passion Reading: John 18:1-11

(The First candle is extinguished)

Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter

P: God forbid that I should glory:

C: Except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Almighty and everlasting god, You 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 forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Passion Reading: John 18:12-27
(The Second candle is extinguished)

Jesus Before Pilate

P: O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

C: Do not reward us according to our iniquities.

P: O God, merciful Father, because You do not despise contrite hearts and have mercy on the sorrowful, graciously hear our prayers in the midst of our troubles and adversities. Frustrate the way of wickedness; guard us from evil angels and sharpen our defenses against the cunning craft of the Adversary. Increase our faith that we may boldly engage in being Your servants in action and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Passion Reading: John 18:28-40
(The third candle is extinguished)

Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion

P: Help us, O God of our salvation, to proclaim the glory of Your name.

C: Deliver us and purge away our sins for Your name's sake.

P: O Lord, though we deserve Your wrath and punishment, spare us by Your grace that we may be turned away from evils that destroy us and be guided into Your ways of eternal truth and life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Passion Reading: John 19:1-16a
(The Fourth Candle is extinguished)

The Crucifixion of Jesus

P: Call on Me in the day of trouble.

C: I will deliver you, and you will glorify Me.

