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Good Friday Tenebrae Service

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand if able.)

WORDS OF PRAISE Mark 11:1-10

Now when Jesus and His disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting,

C: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

HYMN.....All Glory, Laud and Honor (Stanzas 1, 3, 5).....LBW 108

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

(Please sit.)

WORDS IN THE TEMPLE..... Matthew 21:12-17

And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and He overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers." ¹⁴And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, ¹⁶and they said to Him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?" ¹⁷And leaving them, He went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(First candle is extinguished)

WORDS IN THE UPPER ROOM.....Matthew 26:20-28

When it was evening, He reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, He said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵Judas, who would betray Him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so." ²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²⁷And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Second candle is extinguished)

HYMN.....What a Friend We Have in Jesus.....LBW 439

WORDS IN THE GARDEN.....Matthew 26:30-31, 36-46

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'" ³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me." ³⁹And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." ⁴⁰And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done." ⁴³And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand."

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Third candle is extinguished.)

HYMN.....Go to Dark Gethsemane (Stanzas 1, 2 and 3).....LBW 109

WORDS OF THE TRIAL.....Mark 14:53, 57-64; 15:1-5

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. ⁵⁷And some stood up and bore false witness against Him, saying, ⁵⁸"We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" ⁵⁹Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?" ⁶¹But He remained silent and made no answer. Again the

high priest asked Him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" ⁶²And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." ⁶³And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? ⁶⁴You have heard His blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned Him as deserving death. ^{15:1}And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so." ³And the chief priests accused Him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked Him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against You." ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Fourth candle is extinguished.)

HYMN.....Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (Stanzas 1, 2 and 5).....LBW 98

WORDS OF THE COURTYARD.....Mark 14:66-72

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." ⁷²And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he broke down and wept.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Fifth candle is extinguished.)

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them,

C: “You brought me this Man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this Man guilty of any of your charges against Him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release Him.”

¹⁸But they all cried out together,

C: “Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas” —

a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting,

C: “Crucify, crucify him!”

²²A third time he said to them,

C: “Why? What evil has He done? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release Him.”

²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

OFFERING

(Please stand if able.)

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN.....The Old Rugged Cross.....TCH 327

(Sixth candle is extinguished.)

WORDS ON THE CROSS.....Luke 23:33-34, 39-43
John 19:26-30
Matthew 27:45-46
Luke 23:46-48

Luke 23:33³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments.

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise."

John 19:26²⁶When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Matthew 27:45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Luke 23:46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last. 47 Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, He praised God, saying, "Certainly this Man was innocent!" 48 And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please sit.)

THE MEDITATION

(Seventh candle is extinguished.)

The service tonight does not have a benediction. The services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunrise form one service. The benediction will not be spoken until our Lord rises from the dead on Easter morning.

You are invited to stay as long as you would like tonight in the dark sanctuary in prayer, remembering that it is for you and your sins that Christ has died. We ask that when you leave, you leave in silence in respect for those who are still in the sanctuary praying.

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