

Lacey United Methodist Church
Good Friday Tenebrae Service ~ April 2, 2021 12PM

Greeting

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
and we loved darkness rather than light.

Hymn ~ Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #626 vs. 1&2

Opening Prayer

Gracious God,
on this day we gather to remember the suffering death of Jesus.
He was despised and rejected,
oppressed and afflicted,
yet he was prepared to be wounded for our transgressions.
**We come overwhelmed by the depth of Jesus' love for us,
and his commitment to defeat evil,
even when that meant his own suffering and his own death.**
In his willingness to make us righteous,
he poured himself out to death,
even death on a cross,
and so, in response to such love and sacrifice,
we commit ourselves as his disciples
to overcome evil with good,
suffering with wholeness,
and oppression with justice.
In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

The First Reading ~ Shared by Sherry Exel

Jesus... went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley,
where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.
Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place;
for Jesus often met there with his disciples.
So Judas, procuring a band of soldiers
and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees,
went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.
Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him,
came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?"
They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth."
Jesus said to them, "I am he."
Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.
When he said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.
Again he asked them, "Whom do you seek?"
And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."
Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he;
so, if you seek me, let these men go."
This was to fulfill the word which he had spoken,

"I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me."
Then Simon Peter, having a sword,
drew it and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear.
The slave's name was Malchus.
Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath;
shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?" So the band of soldiers and their captain
and the officers of the Judean authorities seized Jesus and bound him.
First they led him to Annas; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that
year. It was Caiaphas who had given counsel to the religious authorities
that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

The first candle is extinguished.

Hymn ~ Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley #2112

The Second Reading ~ Shared by Rich Rosfjord

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple.
As this disciple was known to the high priest,
he entered the court of the high priest along with Jesus,
while Peter stood outside at the door.
So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest,
went out and spoke to the woman who guarded the gate,
and brought Peter in.
The woman who guarded the gate said to Peter,
"Are not you also one of this man's disciples?"
He said, "I am not."
Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire,
because it was cold,
and they were standing and warming themselves;
Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.
The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.
Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world;
I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple,
where all Jewish people come together;
I have said nothing secretly. Why do you ask me?
Ask those who have heard me, what I said to them;
they know what I said."
When he had said this,
one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying,
"Is that how you answer the high priest?"
Jesus answered him,
"If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong;
but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"
Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

The second candle is extinguished.

Hymn ~ O Sacred Head, Thou Wounded #286 vs. 2

The Third Reading ~ Shared by Dawn Marie Kuch

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself.
They said to him, "Are not you also one of his disciples?"
He denied it and said, "I am not."
One of the servants of the high priest,
a kinsman of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,
"Did I not see you in the garden with him?"
Peter again denied it; and at once the cock crowed.
Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters.
It was early. They themselves did not enter the headquarters,
so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.
So Pilate went out to them and said,
"What accusation do you bring against this man?"
They answered him,
"If this man were not an evildoer,
we would not have handed him over."
Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."
The religious authorities said to him,
"It is not lawful for us to put any man to death."
This was to fulfill the word which Jesus had spoken
to show by what death he was to die.

The third candle is extinguished.

Hymn ~ Ah, Holy Jesus #289 vs. 1&3

The Fourth Reading ~ Shared by Rose Coram

Pilate entered the headquarters again and called Jesus, and said to him,
"Are you the King of the Jews?"
Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord,
or did others say it to you about me?"
Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew?"
Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me;
what have you done?"
Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world;
if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight,
that I might not be handed over to the religious authorities;
but my kingship is not from the world."
Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king.
For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world,
to bear witness to the truth.
Every one who is of the truth hears my voice."
Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"
After Pilate had said this, he went to the religious authorities again, and told them,
"I find no crime in him. But you have a custom
that I should release one man for you at the Passover;
will you have me release for you the King of the Jews?"
They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!"
Now Barabbas was a robber.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Hymn ~ What Wondrous Love is This #292 vs. 1

The Fifth Reading ~ Shared by Sherry Exel

Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him.
And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head,
and arrayed him in a purple robe;
they came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
and struck him with their hands.
Pilate went out again, and said to them,
"See, I am bringing him out to you,
that you may know that I find no crime in him."
So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.
Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"
When the chief priests and the officers saw him,
they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!"
Pilate said to them,
"Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him."
The religious authorities answered him,
"We have a law, and by that law he ought to die,
because he has made himself the Son of God."
When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid;
he entered the headquarters again and said to Jesus,
"Where are you from?"
But Jesus gave no answer.
Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me?
Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"
Jesus answered him,
"You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above;
therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin."
Upon this Pilate sought to release him,
but the religious authorities cried out,
"If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend;
every one who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar."
When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out
and sat down on the judgment seat
at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gab' · ba· tha .
Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover;
it was about the sixth hour.
He said to the religious authorities, "Behold your King!"
They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"
Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?"
The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."
They handed him over to them to be crucified.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Hymn ~ Beneath the Cross of Jesus #297 vs. 1&3

The Sixth Reading ~ Shared by Rich Rosfjord

So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross,
to the place called the place of a skull,
which is called in Hebrew, Gol' go·tha .
There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.
Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross;
it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."
Many of the Judeans read this title,
for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city;
and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.
The Jewish chief priests then said to Pilate,
"Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,'
but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"
Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."
When the soldiers had crucified Jesus
they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic.
But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom;
so they said to one another,
"Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be."
This was to fulfill the scripture,
"They parted my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Hymn ~ Alas and Did My Savior Bleed #294 vs. 1

The Seventh Reading ~ Shared by Dawn Marie Kuch

So the soldiers did this.
But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother,
and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near,
he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"
Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!"
And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.
After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished,
said (to fulfill the scripture), "I thirst."
A bowl full of vinegar stood there;
so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth.
When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished";
and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

Hymn ~ When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #298 vs. 1&3

The Eighth Reading ~ Shared by Rose Coram

Since it was the day of Preparation,
in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross
on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day),

the religious authorities asked Pilate that their legs might be broken,
and that they might be taken away.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first,
and of the other who had been crucified with him;
but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,
they did not break his legs.

But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear,
and at once there came out blood and water.

He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true,
and he knows that he tells the truth—that you also may believe.
For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled,
"Not a bone of him shall be broken."

And again another scripture says,
"They shall look on him whom they have pierced."

The Christ candle is extinguished.

The Ninth Reading ~ Shared by Pastor Jonathan Campbell

After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus,
but secretly, for fear of the religious authorities,
asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus,
and Pilate gave him leave.

So he came and took away his body.

Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night,
came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight.
They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices,
as is the burial custom of the Jews.

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden,
and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid.

So because of the Jewish day of Preparation,
as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Hymn ~ Were You There? #288

Dismissal

Jesus, we wait here by your tomb
carrying our grief;

the grief of the betrayer,

the grief of the denier,

the grief of the crucifiers.

We carry the grief of the lost,

the heartbroken, the bereft.

Upon you was laid the grief of us all.

It is finished.

God of endings, God of darkness,

God of the tomb, God of dark days and great loss,

be with us now as we wait with Jesus. Amen.

Please depart in silence, or you are welcome to pray at the prayer stations.

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Songs for Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #626. vs. 1&2

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly minded
For with blessing in his hand
Christ, our God to earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood.
Lord of lords in earthly vesture
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful,
His own self for earthly food.

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley #2112

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley
He had to walk it by himself
Oh, nobody else could walk it for Him,
He had to walk it by Himself.

2. We must walk this lonesome valley,
We have to walk it by ourselves
Nobody else can walk it for us,
We have to walk it by ourselves.

3. You must go and stand your trials,
You must stand them by yourself
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you,
You have to stand it by yourself.

O Sacred Head, Thou Wounded #286 vs.2

What thou, oh Lord, has suffered was all for sinners gain
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'This I deserve thy place
Look on me with Thy favor, vouch safe, to me, thy grace.

Ah, Holy Jesus. #289 vs. 1&3

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
That we to judge Thee, have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected.
O most afflicted.

Lo, the Good Shepherd, for the sheep is offered
The slave hath sinned and the Son hath suffered.
For our atonement, while we nothing needed
God interceded.

What Wondrous Love is This #292 vs. 1

What wondrous love is this, o my soul, o my soul?
What wondrous love is this o my soul?
What wondrous love is this,
That caused the Lord of bliss,
To bear the dreadful cause for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

Beneath the Cross of Jesus. #297 vs. 1&3

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand.
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way.
From the burning of the noon tide heat, and the burden of the day.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face.
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory o'er the cross.

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed #294 vs. 1

Alas and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?2

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #298 vs. 1&3

1. When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ere such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were You There? #288

1. We're you there when they crucified my Lord?
We're you there when they crucified my Lord?
O———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?
O———oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
Tremble, tremble...
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
O———oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
Tremble, tremble?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?