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Mark 15:20, NRSV

Tenebrae Service -- Good Friday

March 29, 2024

(All gather in silence)

CALLED TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

All: who redeems us from sin and death.

One: For us and our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Save us from hardness of heart, that seeing him who died for us, we may repent, confess our sin, and receive your overflowing love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

#92 (Blue)

CALLED TO LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL READING

Part One Mark 14:32-50

(pew Bible page 720)

HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross

Choir

GOSPEL READING

Part Two Mark 14:53-72

(pew Bible page 721)

HYMN

Were You There?

#102 (Blue)

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

(There will be a significant period of silence after each of the intercessions)

Leader: Dear people of God, God sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved, that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death and become heirs with him of eternal life. Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic church of Christ throughout the world: for its unity in witness and service, for all church leaders and ministers and the people whom they serve, for all the people of this presbytery, for all Christians in this community, for those about to be baptized, that God will confirm the church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace. (Silence)

All: Eternal God, by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them: for Joseph Biden, the President of the United States, for the Congress and Supreme Court, for the members and representatives of the United Nations, for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord. (Silence)

All: Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind: for the hungry and homeless, the destitute and the oppressed, and all who suffer persecution, doubt, and despair, for the sorrowful and bereaved, for prisoners and captives and those in mortal danger, that God will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of God's love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs. (Silence)

All: Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those in misery and need. In their afflictions show them your mercy, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them, for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for all who have not received the gospel of Christ: for all who have not heard the words of salvation, for all who have lost their way, for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ, for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed, for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ, and persecutors of his disciples, for all who in the name of Christ have persecuted others, that God will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience. (Silence)

All: Merciful God, creator of the peoples of the earth and lover of souls, have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ. Let your gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it. Turn the hearts of those who resist it, and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that with all who have departed this life 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)

All: Eternal God of unchanging power and light, look with mercy on your whole church. Bring to completion your saving work, so that the whole world may see the fallen lifted up, the old made new, and all things brought to perfection by him through whom all things were made, our Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (in a low voice)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

GOSPEL READING

Part Four Mark 15:25-39; 46

(pew Bible page 722)

MEDITATION

Pastor Bob Bardin

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Leader: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

ANTHEM

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

Choir

Stanza 1 #95 (Blue)

Leader: I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna; I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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Choir

Stanza 1

Leader: What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear my side, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

Choir

Stanza 2

Leader: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word
Stanza 2

Choir

Leader: I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word
Stanza 3

Choir

Leader: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word
Stanza 3

Choir

Leader: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word
Stanza 4

Choir

Leader: I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word
Stanza 4

Choir

Leader: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word
Stanza 5

Choir

EXIT OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CLOSING OF THE BIBLE

(All depart in silence. Worship continues on Easter Sunday)



Liturgists: Joy Bayles, D. J. Jarman and Keith Wright

Tenebrae... The service is adapted from the ancient office of Tenebrae. The work “Tenebrae” means darkness. The purpose of the service is to impress upon our minds and hearts the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of the Savior’s sacrifice. As the candles are extinguished one by one, causing the chancel to become increasingly darkened, we are reminded of the darkness that would exist had the Light of the world not come. The exit of the Christ candle signifies Jesus’ death and burial. When the Bible is lifted a few inches from the pulpit and slammed back down to create a definite closing sound, this acknowledges that with the sealed tomb the meaning of the Cross is fulfilled, the sacrifice completed. The Christ Candle is not extinguished at any time during the service, as it is symbolic of the eternal light of God’s love. Although evil had its hour, God’s love continues to burn, and we celebrate the glorious message of the risen Christ on Easter Day, the Christ candle will be returned to the sanctuary.

We will gather in the sanctuary for the Easter Service on Sunday at 11 am. At that time Cathy will be playing , allowing enough time for everyone to place their flowers on the cross. If you come in after this time please place your flower during one of the hymns. If you have blooms in your yard, please bring some to help decorate.

Thank you... to Lynda Roten and the Worship Committee for their work during Lent and Holy Week preparing our sanctuary for the various worship services as well as taking care of the lilies and palms.