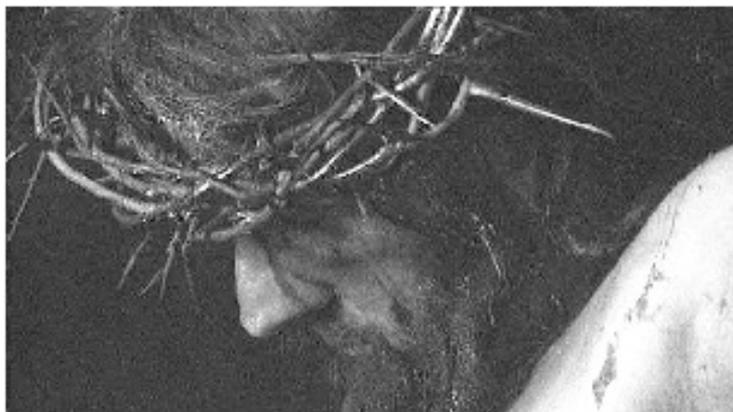


# GOOD FRIDAY

## TENEBRAE

### SERVICE OF DARKNESS



But He was wounded for our transgressions;  
He was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with His stripes we are healed.

(Isaiah 53:5)



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# TENEBRAE VESPERS

*The Pastors and Congregation enter in silence.*

*(Stand)*

## OPENING VERSICLES

**P** Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
**C** **yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

**P** He was despised and rejected by men,  
**C** **a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.**

**P** But He was pierced for our transgressions;  
**C** **He was crushed for our iniquities;**

**P** upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
**C** **and with His wounds we are healed.**

## COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

**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, now and forever. (L33)

**C** **Amen.**

*(Sit)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Isaiah 52:13–53:12 (ESV)**

<sup>52:13</sup> Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. <sup>14</sup> As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— <sup>15</sup> so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

<sup>53:1</sup> Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? <sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are

healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 31 (ESV)

*Spoken responsively with hymn stanzas sung by all.*

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!**

**Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**

<sup>3</sup> For you are my rock and my fortress;  
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

<sup>4</sup> **you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.**

**HYMN** *"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"* LSB 440 (St. 1)

**1** **Jesus, I will ponder now  
On Your holy passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow  
For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
May the image cherish  
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death  
That I may not perish.**

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<sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**<sup>6</sup> I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen  
my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul,

**<sup>8</sup> and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.**

**HYMN** *“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”* LSB 440 (St. 2)

**2 Make me see Your great distress,  
Anguish and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
And Your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod,  
Spear and nails did wound You,  
How for them You died, O God,  
Who with thorns had crowned You.**

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<sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

**<sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.**

<sup>11</sup> Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,  
especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.

**<sup>12</sup> I have been forgotten like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.**

<sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!— as they  
scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

**<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”**

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; rescue me from  
the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

**HYMN** *“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”* LSB 440 (St. 3 & 4)

**3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
Make me see Your passion,  
But its cause to me make known  
And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin  
Wrought Your deep affliction;**

**This indeed the cause has been  
Of Your crucifixion.**

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- 4 Grant that I Your passion view  
With repentant grieving.  
Let me not bring shame on You  
By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun  
Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son  
Suffered without measure.**

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- <sup>16</sup> Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!  
<sup>17</sup> **O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you;  
let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.**  
<sup>18</sup> Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against  
the righteous in pride and contempt.  
<sup>19</sup> **Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for  
those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you,  
in the sight of the children of mankind!**  
<sup>20</sup> In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you  
store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

**HYMN** *“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”* LSB 440 (St. 5)

- 5 If my sins give me alarm  
And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
By Your holy passion.  
If for me He slays His Son,  
God must have compassion!**

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- <sup>21</sup> Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown  
his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.  
<sup>22</sup> **I had said in my alarm, “I am cut off from your sight.” But you heard  
the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.**  
<sup>23</sup> Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but  
abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.  
<sup>24</sup> **Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the LORD!**

**HYMN** *“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”* LSB 440 (St. 6)

**6** Graciously my faith renew;  
Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You,  
Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above  
Sing Your praise forever.

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**EPISTLE READING**

**Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

<sup>5:7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**THE REPROACHES**

*The following Reproaches are the words of the Lord against His people, the Church, to which the congregation replies with a plea for mercy.*

**P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

**A** Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

**1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

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P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

**2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

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P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

**3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,**



28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." 29 A 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. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

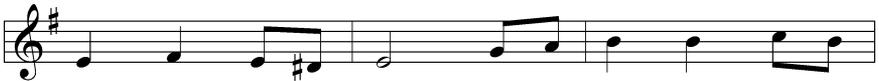
**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"* LSB 451



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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**THE SERMON**

*(Kneel/Stand)*

## BIDDING PRAYER

A *Let us pray for the whole Christian Church ...* that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

A *Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God ...*

P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

A *Let us pray for our catechumens ...* that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

P Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

A *Let us pray for all in authority ...* that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

P O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially [name], our President; the Congress of the United States; [name], our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

A *Let us pray our Lord God Almighty ... that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:*

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

A *Let us pray for all who are outside the Church ... that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:*

P Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

A *Let us pray for peace ... that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:*

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

A *Let us pray for our enemies ... that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:*

P O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

A *Let us pray for the fruits of the earth ... that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:*

P O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A *Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:*

C **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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*(Sit)*

## **THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS**

*In the following meditations we hear the truth of what happened and what Jesus said on the cross nearly 2,000 years ago. In prayerful meditation we proclaim in song this same truth of Christ Crucified for our world today, the very wisdom and power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.*

### **THE WORD OF FORGIVENESS - Luke 23:33-38**

#### **Meditation on the First Word**

**Hymn** *“Upon the Cross Extended”* LSB 453 (St. 1–3)

*Upon the cross extended  
See, world, your Lord suspended.  
Your Savior yields His breath.  
The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself has freely given  
To shame and blows and bitter death.*

*Come, see these things and ponder,  
Your soul will fill with wonder  
As blood streams from each pore.  
Through grief beyond all knowing  
From His great heart came flowing  
Sighs welling from its deepest core.*

*Who is it, Lord, that bruised You?  
Who has so sore abused You  
And caused You all Your woe?  
We all must make confession  
Of sin and dire transgression  
While You no ways of evil know.*

*A candle is extinguished.*

**THE WORD OF CONCERN - Luke 23:39-43**

**Meditation on the Second Word**

**Hymn** *“Upon the Cross Extended”* LSB 453 (St. 4–5)

*I caused Your grief and sighing  
By evils multiplying  
As countless as the sands.  
I caused the woes unnumbered  
With which Your soul is cumbered,  
Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.*

*Your soul in griefs unbounded,  
Your head with thorns surrounded,  
You died to ransom me.  
The cross for me enduring,  
The crown for me securing,  
You healed my wounds and set me free*

*A candle is extinguished.*

**THE WORD OF LOVE - John 19:25-27**

**Meditation on the Third Word**

**Hymn** *“Upon the Cross Extended”* LSB 453 (St. 6–7)

*Your cords of love, my Savior,  
Bind me to You forever,  
I am no longer mine.  
To You I gladly tender*

*All that my life can render  
And all I have to You resign.*

*Your cross I place before me;  
Its saving pow'r restore me,  
Sustain me in the test.  
It will, when life is ending,  
Be guiding and attending  
My way to Your eternal rest.*

*A candle is extinguished.*

THE WORD OF LONELINESS - Matthew 27:45-46

**Meditation on the Fourth Word**

Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450 (St. 1-2)

*O sacred Head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call Thee mine.*

*How pale Thou art with anguish,  
With sore abuse and scorn!  
How doth Thy face now languish  
That once was bright as morn!  
Grim death, with cruel rigor,  
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor,  
Thy strength, in this sad strife.*

*A candle is extinguished.*

THE WORD OF SUFFERING - John 19:28-29

**Meditation on the Fifth Word**

Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450 (St. 3-4)

*What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!*

*'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor,  
And grant to me Thy grace.*

*My Shepherd, now receive me;  
My Guardian, own me Thine.  
Great blessings Thou didst give me,  
O Source of gifts divine.  
Thy lips have often fed me  
With words of truth and love;  
Thy Spirit oft hath led me  
To heav'nly joys above.*

*A candle is extinguished.*

**THE WORD OF VICTORY - John 19:30**

**Meditation on the Sixth Word**

**Hymn** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450 (St. 5)

*What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever!  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never,  
Outlive my love for Thee.*

*A candle is extinguished.*

**THE WORD OF REUNION - Luke 23:44-46**

**Meditation on the Seventh Word**

**Hymn** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450 (St. 6-7)

*My Savior, be Thou near me  
When death is at my door;  
Then let Thy presence cheer me,  
Forsake me nevermore!  
When soul and body languish,  
O leave me not alone,  
But take away mine anguish  
By virtue of Thine own!*

*Be Thou my consolation,  
My shield, when I must die;*

***Remind me of Thy passion  
When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,  
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold Thee.  
Who dieth thus dies well.***

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*A candle is extinguished.*

## REMOVAL OF CHRIST CANDLE

*The Christ Candle is removed for a time, as we recall our Lord's death and burial. The "strepitus" is heard, a harsh noise noting the fulfillment of the Law by Jesus, as well as His death, the earthquake, and the tearing of the curtain. The Christ Candle is returned to its place in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection.*

## JESUS IS BURIED

**John 19:38–42 (ESV)**

<sup>38</sup> After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## STREPITUS

## RETURN OF CHRIST CANDLE

*The Pastors and Congregation depart in silence.*

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