

# GOOD FRIDAY

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# Good Friday | The Shadows

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*Welcome to our modified Good Friday Tenebrae Service. Before the service begins, if you have candles at home, light 5 of them for the service and extinguish them as we go through the service.*

## GATHER

### 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: the light has come into the world,  
**and we loved the darkness rather than light.**

### PRAYER

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

### FIRST READING

John 18:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, 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 back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

### THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE FIRST CANDLE

### HYMN

*Abide with Me (St. Mark's Handbell Choir)*

## THE SECOND READING

Luke 22:54-62

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

## THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE SECOND CANDLE

## THE THIRD READING

Matthew 27: 27-31

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

## THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE THIRD CANDLE

## MEDITATION MUSIC

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (words on the screen)*

## THE FOURTH READING

Luke 23:26, 32-43

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who was hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

## THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE

#### THE FIFTH READING

Mark 15:33-39

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

#### HOMILY

Rev. Emily L. Chapman

#### PRAYER

#### HYMN

*Ah, Holy Jesus (St. Mark's Handbell Choir)*

#### THE SIXTH READING

John 19:38-42

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

#### MEDITATION MUSIC

He Never Said a Mumblin' Word (William C. West)

#### THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE FIFTH CANDLE

# THE SILENCE

*You are encouraged to sit in the silence for at least 2 minutes, or longer if you wish. This concludes the service. There will be no Benediction until the end of The Triduum on Saturday night.*

*Our service continues tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Visit [smumc.org](http://smumc.org) for info.*

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## A PRAYER TO SUSTAIN US THROUGH THE SILENCE

Lord,  
You have always given bread for the coming day;  
and though I am poor,  
**today I believe.**

Lord,  
You have always given strength for the coming day;  
and though I am weak,  
**today I believe.**

Lord,  
You have always given peace for the coming day;  
and though of anxious heart,  
**today I believe.**

Lord,  
You have always kept me safe in trials;  
and now, tried as I am,  
**today I believe.**

Lord,  
You have always marked the road for the coming day;  
and though it may be hidden,  
**today I believe.**

Lord,  
You have always lightened this darkness of mine;  
and though the night is here,  
**today I believe.**

Lord,  
You have always spoken when time was ripe;  
and though you be silent now,  
**today I believe.**

From the Northumbria Community's Evening Prayer office.