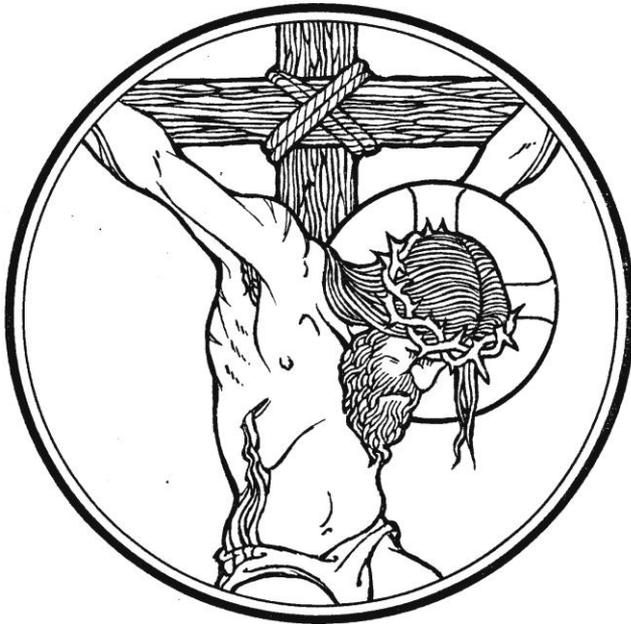


# GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE VESPERS

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## *Good Friday: A God Who Bleeds, a God Who Dies*

Why has God become man? Why does God have flesh? Why does God have a heart that beats, lungs that breathe, a brain with synapses that fire? For this: to die. His heart beats so that it can stop beating. His lungs draw in breaths and exchange oxygen for carbon dioxide so that they can fill with fluid and stop taking in breath. His brain conducts an electrochemical symphony so that it can stop abruptly before the final act. His eyes see so that they can be blind. His ears hear so they can be deaf. His hands work so they can be pinned to a wooden cross. His blood courses through His veins so it can flow in rivulets down the post of a torture device and leave a crimson stain in the dirt at a place named "Skull."

God is man so that He can die. For you.

### *The Congregation and Pastor enter in silence*

*Stand*

#### **Opening Versicles**

- P O Lord, open my lips,  
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**  
**Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

*Sit*

#### **Psalm 2**

*Psalm 2:1–12*

- <sup>1</sup>Why do the | nations rage\*  
and the peoples | plot in vain?
- <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,\*  
against the LORD and against his anointed, | saying,
- <sup>3</sup>**“Let us burst their | bonds apart\*  
and cast away their | cords from us.”**
- <sup>4</sup>**He who sits in the | heavens laughs;\*  
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.**
- <sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,\*

and terrify them in his fury, | saying,  
6“As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill.”

**7I will tell of | the decree:\***

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have be- | gotten you.**

**8Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.**

**9You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”**

**10Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**

**11Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling.**

**12Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\***

**Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.**

## Psalm 51

*Psalm 51:1–19*

**1**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your | steadfast love;\*  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my trans- | gressions.

**2**Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,\*  
and cleanse me | from my sin!

**3****For I know my trans- | gressions,\*  
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.**

**4****Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil | in your sight,\*  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your | judgment.**

**5**Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,\*  
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

**6**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,\*  
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

**7****Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;\*  
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.**

**8****Let me hear joy and | gladness;\*  
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.**

- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my in- | iquities.
- <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, | O God,\*  
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
- <sup>11</sup>**Cast me not away from your | presence,\*  
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.**
- <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,\*  
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.**
- <sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,\*  
and sinners will re- | turn to you.
- <sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my sal- | vation,\*  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your | righteousness.
- <sup>15</sup>**O Lord, open | my lips,\*  
and my mouth will de- | clare your praise.**
- <sup>16</sup>**For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would | give it;\*  
you will not be pleased with a burnt | offering.**
- <sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.
- <sup>18</sup>Do good to Zion in your good | pleasure;\*  
build up the walls of Je- | rusalem;
- <sup>19</sup>then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt | offerings;\*  
then bulls will be offered on your | altar.

## *The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

### 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*sts. 1-3*



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weigh-ed down,  
2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!  
3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
How doth Thy face now lan-guish That once was bright as morn!  
Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup>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 guilt in him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

<sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it

was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus,

*A candle is extinguished.*

**450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

*sts. 4-7*



4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard-ian, own me Thine.  
 5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,  
 6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;  
 7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.  
 For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
 Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!  
 Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;  
 O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,  
 When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,  
 Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.  
 But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!  
 My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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*Stand*

<sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

<sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>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 which says,

“They divided my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

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

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup>He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”



Office Hymn -- 448 O Darkest Woe (Vs.5 Women, Vs. 6 Men)



1 O dark - est woe! Ye tears, forth flow! Has  
 2 O sor - row dread! Our God is dead, Up -  
 3 O child of woe; Who struck the blow That  
 4 Thy Bride - groom dead! God's Lamb has bled Up -



earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's  
 on the cross ex - tend - ed. There His love en -  
 killed our gra - cious Mas - ter? "It was I," thy  
 on thy sin for - ev - er, Pour - ing out His



on - ly Son Now is bur - ied yon - der.  
 liv - ened us As His life was end - ed.  
 con - science cries, "I have wrought dis - as - ter!"  
 sin - less self In this vast en - deav - or.

5 Such innocence!  
 His countenance  
 A fount of faith undying!  
 Worlds on worlds cannot contain  
 Grief at Him here lying.

6 O Virgin's Son,  
 What Thou hast won  
 Is far beyond all telling:  
 How our God, detested, died,  
 Hell and devil felling.

7 O Jesus Christ,  
 Who sacrificed  
 Thy life for lifeless mortals:  
 Be my life in death and bring  
 Me to heaven's portals!

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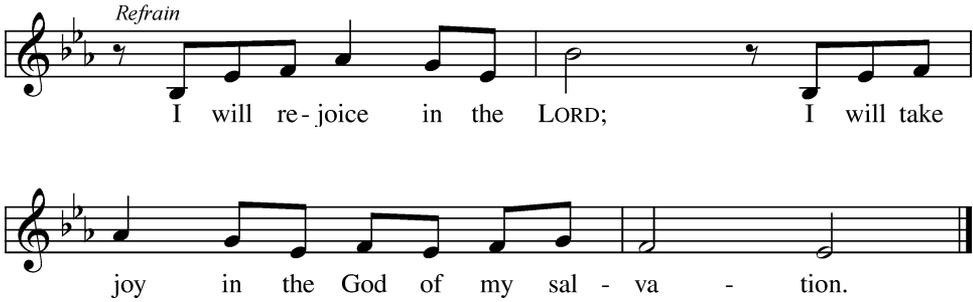
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*Stand*

**986 Song of Habakkuk, sung responsively**

*Refrain is sung for the first time by the cantor*

*Refrain*



I will re-joice in the LORD; I will take  
joy in the God of my sal - va - tion.

- 1 O LORD, I have heard the re- | port of You,\*  
and Your work, O LORD, | do I fear.
- 2 In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years | make  
it known; \*  
in wrath remember | mercy.

**REFRAIN**

- 3 God came from | Teman,\*  
and the Holy One from Mount | Paran.
- 4 His splendor covered the | heavens,\*  
and the earth was full | of His praise.
- 5 **His brightness was like the light; rays flashed | from His  
hand;\***  
and there He | veiled His power.
- 6 **Before Him went | pestilence,\*  
and plague followed | at His heels.**
- 7 He stood and mea- | sured the earth; \*  
He looked and shook the | nations;
- 8 then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills |  
sank low.\*  
His were the ever- | lasting ways.

## REFRAIN

- 9 You went out for the salvation of Your | people,\*  
for the salvation of Your a- | noointed.
- 10 You crushed the head of the house of the | wicked,\*  
laying him bare from | thigh to neck.
- 11 **Yet I will rejoice | in the LORD;\***  
**I will take joy in the God of my sal- | vation.**
- 12 **GOD, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet | like the**  
**deer's;\***  
**He makes me tread on my high | places.**

## REFRAIN

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*Stand*

## Prayers

- P Lord, have mercy.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Christ, have mercy.  
C **Christ, have mercy.**
- P Lord, have mercy.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- 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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*The final candle is extinguished.*

*The congregation leaves in silence and minimal light.*

*~Offerings may be left in the offering plate in the narthex as you leave*

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