



Crucified

For Me!

Jesus, My Righteousness

A Tenebrae Service for Good Friday

March 29, 2024

This is a service of meditation and silence, commemorating what is the most solemn day of the church year. We will hear Isaiah's prophecy of the suffering Servant and the account of the passion of our Lord. At the end of the service pause to reflect on the unsurpassed, divine love which caused the Son of God to sacrifice Himself for us.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (Spoken): Amen.

P: Holy Father, on this day Your Son Jesus carried the burden of our sin to the cross, there to suffer and die for the darkness of our trespasses. Your love for us is so great that You sacrificed Your only Son in our place. He willingly took the guilt, pain, and punishment that we so rightfully deserve. The darkness of His death gives us the light of salvation through faith. For this we give You the praise, honor, and glory due Your most holy name.

C: Amen.

Hymn 560: Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blest

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 53:1-6

P: Who has believed our message

C: and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

P: He grew up before him like a tender shoot,

C: and like a root out of dry ground.

P: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,

C: nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

P: He was despised and rejected by men,

C: a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

P: Like one from whom men hide their faces

C: he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

P: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,

C: yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

P: But he was pierced for our transgressions,

C: he was crushed for our iniquities;

P: the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,

C: and by his wounds we are healed.

P: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;

C: and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Hymn 451: *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

I. Righteousness, betrayed for me

(Extinguishing of first candle)

Hymn 436: *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

II. Righteousness, condemned for me

(Extinguishing of second candle)

Hymn 449: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

III. Righteousness, rejected for me

(Extinguishing of third candle)

Prayer

Hymn 456: *Were You There*

IV. Righteousness, prophesied for me

(Extinguishing of fourth candle)

Choir: Last Words

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Forgive them, they know not what they do.

Today, you will be with me in Paradise, you will be with me today.

Behold your son, behold your mother, behold your son.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why have you forsaken me?

I thirst, I thirst.

It is finished, it is finished.

Father, into your hands, into your hands, I commit my spirit.

V. Righteousness, crucified for me

(Extinguishing of fifth candle)

VI. Righteousness, speaking for me

(Extinguishing of sixth candle)

The Lord's Prayer spoken softly

VII. Righteousness, buried for me

(Extinguishing of seventh candle)

Benediction.

Sealing of the Tomb.

Tolling of the bell.