

Good Friday Service

Tenebrae

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Mark 14:53-65

They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. ⁵⁴ Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

Mark 14:53-65

⁵⁵ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put Him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against Him, but their statements did not agree.

Mark 14:53-65

⁵⁷ Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against Him: ⁵⁸ “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

Mark 14:53-65

⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against You?” ⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again, the high priest asked Him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

Mark 14:53-65

⁶² “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶³ The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. ⁶⁴ “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

Mark 14:53-65

They all condemned Him as worthy of death. ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit at Him; they blindfolded Him, struck Him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took Him and beat Him.

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴Then seizing Him, they led Him away and took Him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them.

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.”

⁵⁷ But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said.

⁵⁸ A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.”

“Man, I am not!” Peter replied.

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with Him, for he is a Galilean.”

⁶⁰ Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter.

Luke 22:54-62

Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown Me three times.” ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Matthew 27:1-10

¹Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. ² So they bound Him, led Him away and handed Him over to Pilate the governor.

Matthew 27:1-10

³ When Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴ “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

Matthew 27:1-10

⁵ So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

⁶ The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷ So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners.

Matthew 27:1-10

⁸ That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on Him by the people of Israel, ¹⁰ and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Luke 23:1-12

¹Then the whole assembly rose and led Him off to Pilate. ²And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”

³So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

Luke 23:1-12

⁴ Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

⁵ But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by His teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

⁶ On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean.

Luke 23:1-12

⁷ When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see Him. From what he had heard about Him; he hoped to see Him perform a sign of some sort.

Luke 23:1-12

⁹ He plied Him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing Him. ¹¹ Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked Him. Dressing Him in an elegant robe, they sent Him back to Pilate.

Luke 23:1-12

¹² That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

Matthew 27:15-26

¹⁵Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Matthew 27:15-26

¹⁸ For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹ While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message:
“Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of Him.”

Matthew 27:15-26

²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

²¹ “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor. “Barabbas,” they answered.

²² “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!”

Matthew 27:15-26

²³ “Why? What crime has he committed?”
asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify
him!”

²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was getting
nowhere, but that instead an uproar was
starting, he took water and washed his
hands in front of the crowd.

Matthew 27:15-26

“I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

²⁵ All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!”

²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed Him over to be crucified.

Matthew 27:27-34

²⁷Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around Him. ²⁸They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, ²⁹and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They put a staff in His right hand. Then they knelt in front of Him and mocked Him.

Matthew 27:27-34

“Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. ³⁰ They spit on Him, and took the staff and struck Him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked Him, they took off the robe and put His own clothes on Him. Then they led him away to crucify Him. As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross.

Matthew 27:27-34

³³ They came to a place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). ³⁴ There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, He refused to drink it.

John 19:18-22

There they crucified Him, and with Him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city,

John 19:18-22

and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

Matthew 27:39-43

³⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at Him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if You are the Son of God!” ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked Him.

Matthew 27:39-43

⁴² “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save Himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue Him now if He wants Him, for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

Luke 23:39-43

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

Luke 23:39-43

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise.”

John 19:23-24

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

John 19:23-24

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

“They divided My clothes among them
and cast lots for My garment.”

So, this is what the soldiers did.

Mark 15:33-47

³³At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?”).

Psalm 22

¹ My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

² My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. ³ Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the one Israel praises.

⁴ In You our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

Psalm 22

⁵ To You they cried out and were saved; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

⁸ “He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him.

Psalm 22

Let Him deliver him, since He delights in him.” ⁹ Yet You brought me out of the womb; You made me trust in You, even at my mother’s breast. ¹⁰ From birth I was cast on You; from my mother’s womb You have been my God. ¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. ¹² Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

Psalm 22

¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me. ¹⁵ My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; You lay me in the dust of death.

Psalm 22

¹⁶ Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. ¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. ¹⁹ But You, Lord, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

Psalm 22

²⁰ Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

²² I will declare Your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise You. ²³ You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor Him! Revere Him, all you descendants of Israel!

Psalm 22

²⁴ For He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help. ²⁵ From You comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear You, I will fulfill my vows.

Psalm 22

²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord will praise
Him— may your hearts live forever! ²⁷ All
the ends of the earth will remember and
turn to the Lord, and all the families of
the nations will bow down before Him,
²⁸ for dominion belongs to the Lord and
hHe rules over the nations.

Psalm 22

²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him—those who cannot keep themselves alive. ³⁰ Posterity will serve Him; future generations will be told about the Lord. ³¹ They will proclaim His righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

Mark 15:35-47

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, He’s calling Elijah.”

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave Him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take Him down,” he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last.

Mark 15:35-47

³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how He died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

⁴⁰ Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome.

Mark 15:35-47

⁴¹ In Galilee these women had followed Him and cared for His needs. Many other women who had come up with Him to Jerusalem were also there.

⁴² It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached,

Mark 15:35-47

⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that He was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died.

Mark 15:35-47

⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

John 3:16-17

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.