



April 9, 2020

Musical Meditation

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Welcome

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Worship:

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.
Oh, come let us worship Him.

THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:32-38

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

First Candle is extinguished

Hymn: “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

**Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

***Refrain:* In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

**"Truly, I say to you,
today you will be with me in paradise."**

Second Candle is extinguished

Hymn: "Jesus, Remember Me"

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.**

THE THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

"Woman, behold your son; son, behold your mother."

Third Candle is extinguished.

Hymn: "What Wondrous Love is This?"

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

THE FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:45-49

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Fourth Candle is extinguished.

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

**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.**

THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28-29

"I thirst."

Fifth Candle is extinguished.

Hymn: "Lamb of God"

**Your only Son, no sin to hide, yet you have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the Holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in Your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

THE SIXTH WORD

John 19:30

"It is finished."

Sixth Candle is extinguished.

Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

THE SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:44-49

"Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit."

Seventh Candle is extinguished.

Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

The Christ Candle is removed as a sign of Christ's death and burial in the tomb.

Solo

"Were You There"

Then the Christ Candle is returned as a sign of the hope of resurrection.

Worshippers are invited to light a prayer vigil candle within their home as a sign of their devotion to Christ and as a prayer for healing for our world.

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Worship Leaders

Pastors Susan and Phil Berge

NOTE: The office of Tenebrae (the name means "darkness" or "shadows") is a Holy Week devotion dating back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. It is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses. The Christ Candle is removed for a time, symbolizing our Lord's death and burial. The "strepitus" is heard (a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb). Then the Christ Candle is returned to its place in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection.