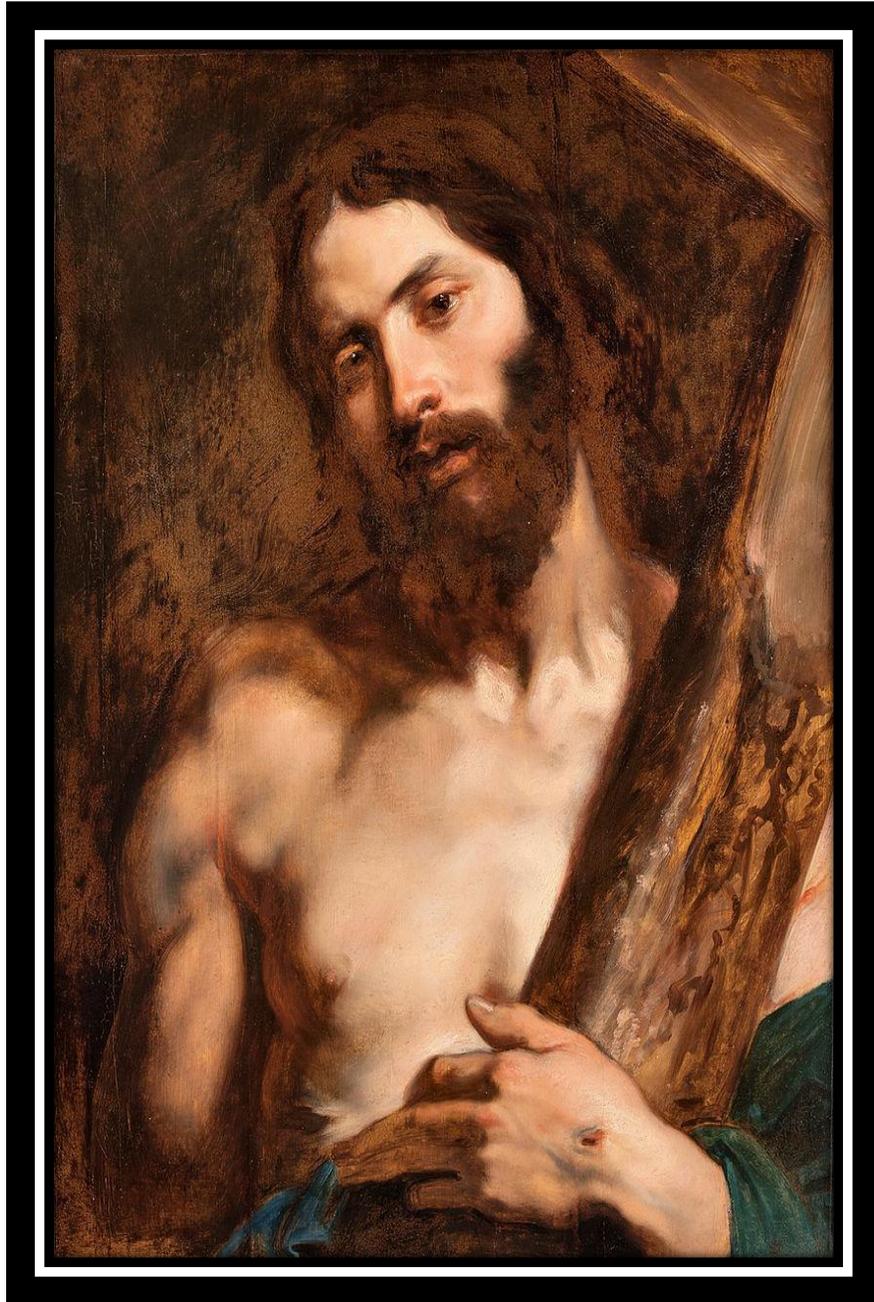


# ***Good Friday***

**April 10, 2020**

**3:30 p.m.**



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# Order of Service

## Introduction to *Tenebrae*

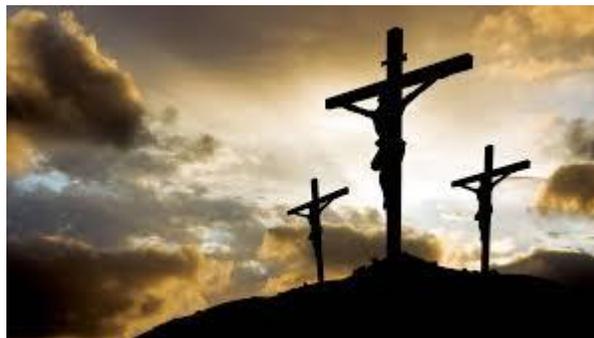
*Tenebrae*      [*Lighting of Candles*]      *Lent at Ephesus*  
Benedictines of Mary,  
Queen of Apostles

## Reading I

Matthew 26:30-35

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, *You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.* Peter said to him, *Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.* Jesus said to him, *Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.*

Peter said to him, *Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.* And so said all the disciples.



**Readings II & III**    Matthew 26:36-56    The Book of God,  
W. Wangerin Jr.

***Bleibet Hier*** (Stay Here)                      *Music of Unity & Peace:*  
Taizé

**Reading IV**    Matthew 26:57-75

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, *This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'* The high priest stood up and said, *Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?* But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, *I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.* Jesus said to him, *You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.* Then the high priest

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tore his clothes and said, *He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?* They answered, *He deserves death.* Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, *Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?*

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, *You also were with Jesus the Galilean.* But he denied it before all of them, saying, *I do not know what you are talking about.* When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, *This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.* Again he denied it with an oath, *I do not know the man.* After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, *Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.* Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, *I do not know the man!* At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: *Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.* And he went out and wept bitterly.

## **Extinguishing of Candles**

### **Reading V**

Matthew 27:1-10

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and

handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, *I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.* But they said, *What is that to us? See to it yourself.* Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, *It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.* After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, *And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.*

## Reading VI

Matthew 27:11-23

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, *Are you the King of the Jews?* Jesus said, *You say so.* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, *Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?* But he gave him no answer, not even to a single

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charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, *Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?* For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, *Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.* Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, *Which of the two do you want me to release for you?* And they said, *Barabbas.* Pilate said to them, *Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?* All of them said, *Let him be crucified!* Then he asked, *Why, what evil has he done?* But they shouted all the more, *Let him be crucified!*

### Reading VII

Matthew 27:24-26

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, *I am innocent of this*

*man's blood; see to it yourselves.* Then the people as a whole answered, *His blood be on us and on our children!* So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

***This Is a Mean World***

*In This Land*  
Sweet Honey in the Rock

**Reading VIII**

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.



**Extinguishing of Candles**

**Reading IX**

Matthew 27:32-44

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, *You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.*" In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, *He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."* The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

***O Sacred Head Now Wounded****St. Matthew Passion*

J. S. Bach

Monteverdi Choir

**Reading X**

Matthew 27:45-56

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, that is, *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, *This man is calling for Elijah.* At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, *Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, *Truly this man was God's Son!* Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

***When I Die***

*In This Land  
Sweet Honey in the Rock*

**Reading XI**

Matthew 27:57-61

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

**Extinguishing of Candles****Reading XII**

Matthew 27:62-66

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, *Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead," and the last deception would be worse than the first.* Pilate said to them, *You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.* So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

***Abide with Me***

*Great Hymns of Faith*  
St. Olaf Choir

**[Silence]**

# Easter Worship Service

10:30 AM

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