

Service of Tenebrae

Adapted from United Methodist Church USA

7pm Thursday April 17, 2024

Trinity Annan UC

Prelude Music

Julian plays as we gather

Worshippers sing through the 3 chants:

- 1. Stay With Me,*
- 2. Jesus Remember Me,*
- 3. O Lord Hear My Prayer*

Greeting

God is light,
in whom there is no darkness at all.

**Jesus Christ is
the light of the world.**

And this is the judgment,
that the light has come into the world,
**and we loved darkness
rather than light.**

Chant 1

Stay With Me

**Stay with me, remain with me,
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.**

The Passion of Jesus Christ

Reading 1:

Jesus...
went forth
with his disciples
across the Kidron valley,
where there was
a garden,
which he
and his disciples
entered.

Now Judas,
who betrayed him,
also knew the place;
for Jesus often met there
with his disciples.

So Judas,
procuring
a band of soldiers
and some officers
from the chief priests
and the Pharisees,
went there with lanterns
and torches and weapons.

Then Jesus,
knowing all
that was
to befall him,
came forward
and said to them,
"Whom do you seek?"

They answered him,
"Jesus of Nazareth."
Jesus said to them,

"I am he."

Judas,
who betrayed him,
was standing with them.

When he said to them,
"I am he,"

they drew back
and fell to the ground.

Again he asked them,
"Whom do you seek?"

And they said,
"Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus answered,
"I told you that I am he;
so, if you seek me,
let these men go."

This was
to fulfill the word
which he had spoken,

"I did not lose
a single one of those
whom you gave me."

Then Simon Peter,
having a sword,
drew it

and struck
the high priest's slave
and cut off his right ear.

The slave's name was Malchus.

Jesus said to Peter,

"Put your sword
into its sheath;
shall I not
drink the cup
which the Father
has given me?"

The reader extinguishes the first candle.

Chant 1
Stay With Me

**Stay with me, remain with me,
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.**

Reading 2

So the band of soldiers
and their captain
and the officers
of the Judean authorities
seized Jesus
and bound him.

First they led him
to Annas;
for he was the father-in-law
of Caiaphas,
who was high priest
that year.

It was Caiaphas
who had given counsel
to the religious authorities
that it was expedient
that one man should die
for the people.

The second candle is extinguished.

Chant 1
Stay With Me

Reading 3

Simon Peter
followed Jesus,
and so did
another disciple.

As this disciple
was known
to the high priest,
he entered the court
of the high priest
along with Jesus,
while Peter
stood outside
at the door.

So the other disciple,
who was known
to the high priest,
went out
and spoke to the woman
who guarded the gate,
and brought Peter in.

The woman
who guarded the gate
said to Peter,

"Are not you also
one of this man's
disciples?"

He said,
"I am not."

Now the servants and officers
had made a charcoal fire,
because it was cold,
and they were standing
and warming themselves;

Peter also was with them,
standing and warming himself.

The third candle is extinguished.

Chant 1 ***Stay With Me***

**Stay with me, remain with me,
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.**

Reading 4

The high priest
then questioned Jesus
about his disciples
and his teaching.

Jesus answered him,
"I have spoken openly
to the world;
I have always taught in synagogues
and in the temple,
where all Jewish people come together;

I have said nothing secretly.

Why do you ask me?

Ask those who have heard me,
what I said to them;
they know what I said."

When he had said this,
one of the officers
standing by
struck Jesus
with his hand,
saying,

"Is that
how you answer
the high priest?"

Jesus answered him,
"If I have spoken wrongly,
bear witness to the wrong;
but if I have spoken rightly,
why do you strike me?"

Annas then sent him
bound
to Caiaphas
the high priest.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Chant 1
Stay With Me

**Stay with me, remain with me,
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.**

Reading 5

Now Simon Peter was standing
and warming himself.

They said to him,
"Are not you also
one of his disciples?"

He denied it
and said,
"I am not."

One of the servants
of the high priest,
a kinsman
of the man
whose ear
Peter had cut off,
asked,

"Did I not see you
in the garden
with him?"

Peter again denied it;
and at once the cock crowed.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Chant 1 ***Stay With Me***

**Stay with me, remain with me,
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.**

Reading 6

Then they led Jesus
from the house of Caiaphas
to Pilate's headquarters.

It was early.

They themselves
did not enter the headquarters,
so that
they might not be defiled,
but might eat the Passover.

So Pilate went out to them
and said,

"What accusation
do you bring
against this man?"

They answered him,
"If this man
were not an evildoer,
we would not
have handed him over."

Pilate said to them,
"Take him yourselves
and judge him
by your own law."

The religious authorities
said to him,

"It is not lawful
for us
to put any man
to death."

This was to fulfill the word
which Jesus had spoken
to show
by what death
he was to die.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Chant 2

Jesus, Remember Me

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

Reading 7

Pilate entered the headquarters again
and called Jesus,
and said to him,

"Are you
the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered,

"Do you say this
of your own accord,
or did others say it
to you
about me?"

Pilate answered,

"Am I a Jew?"

Your own nation
and the chief priests
have handed you over to me;
what have you done?"

Jesus answered,

"My kingship is not of this world;
if my kingship were of this world,
my servants would fight,
that I might not be handed over
to the religious authorities;

but my kingship
is not from the world."

Pilate said to him,
"So you are a king?"
Jesus answered,
"You say that I am a king.

For this I was born,
and for this I have come
into the world,
to bear witness
to the truth.

Every one
who is of the truth
hears my voice."

Pilate said to him,
"What is truth?"

The seventh candle is extinguished.

Chant 2

Jesus, Remember Me

**Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom
Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom**

Reading 8

After Pilate had said this,
he went
to the religious authorities
again,
and told them,
"I find no crime
in him.

But you have a custom
that I should release
one man
for you
at the Passover;
will you
have me
release for you
the King of the Jews?"

They cried out again,
"Not this man,
but Barabbas!"

Now Barabbas
was a robber.

The eighth candle is extinguished.

Chant

Jesus, Remember Me

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

Reading 9

Then
Pilate took Jesus
and scourged him.

And the soldiers
plaited a crown of thorns,
and put it on his head,
and arrayed him
in a purple robe;

they came up to him,
saying,

"Hail,
King of the Jews!"

and struck him
with their hands.

Pilate went out again,
and said to them,

"See,
I am bringing him
out to you,
that you may know
that I find no crime
in him."

So Jesus came out,
wearing the crown of thorns
and the purple robe.

Pilate said to them,
"Behold the man!"
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 crime
in him."

The religious authorities
answered him,
"We have a law,
and by that law
he ought to die,
because
he has made himself
the Son of God."

When Pilate
heard these words,
he was the more afraid;
he entered
the headquarters again

and said
to Jesus,

"Where are you from?"

But Jesus gave no answer.

Pilate therefore said to him,

"You will not speak to me?"

Do you not know
that I have power
to release you,
and power
to crucify you?"

Jesus answered him,

"You would have
no power over me

unless
it had been given you
from above;

therefore
he who delivered me to you
has the greater sin."

The ninth candle is extinguished.

Chant 2

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

Reading 10

Upon this
Pilate sought
to release him,
but the religious authorities
cried out,

"If you release this man,
you are not Caesar's friend;

every one
who makes himself a king
sets himself against Caesar."

When Pilate
heard these words,
he brought Jesus out
and sat down
on the judgment seat
at a place called The Pavement,
and in Hebrew, Gab' · ba· tha.

Now it was
the day of Preparation
of the Passover;

it was
about the sixth hour.

He said
to the religious authorities,
"Behold your King!"

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."

They handed him over
to them
to be crucified.

The tenth candle is extinguished.

Chant 2

Jesus, Remember Me

**Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom
Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom**

Reading 11

So they took Jesus,
and he went out,
bearing his own cross,
to the place
called the place of a skull,
which is called
in Hebrew, Gol' 'go'tha.

There they crucified him,
and with him
two others,
one on either side,
and Jesus between them.

Pilate also wrote a title
and put it on the cross;

it read,
"Jesus of Nazareth,
the King of the Jews."

Many of the Judeans
read this title,
for the place
where Jesus was crucified
was near the city;

and it was written
in Hebrew,
in Latin,
and in Greek.

The Jewish chief priests
then said to Pilate,

"Do not write,
'The King of the Jews,'

but,
'This man said,
I am King of the Jews.'"

Pilate answered,

"What I have written
I have written."

The eleventh candle is extinguished.

Chant 3

O Lord Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:

When I call, answer me

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:

Come and listen to me.

Reading 12

When the soldiers
had crucified Jesus
they took his garments
and made four parts,
one for each soldier;
also his tunic.

But the tunic was without seam,
woven from top to bottom;

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,

"They parted my garments
among them,
and for my clothing
they cast lots."

The twelfth candle is extinguished.

Chant 3

O Lord Hear My Prayer

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
When I call, answer me**

**O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
Come and listen to me.**

Reading 13

So the soldiers did this.

But standing by
the cross of Jesus
were
his mother,
and his mother's sister,
Mary the wife of Clopas,
and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw
his mother,
and the disciple
whom he loved
standing near,
he said to his mother,

"Woman,
behold,
your son!"

Then he said
to the disciple,

"Behold,
your mother!"

And from that hour
the disciple took her
to his own home.

The thirteenth candle is extinguished.

Chant 3

O Lord Hear My Prayer

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
When I call, answer me
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
Come and listen to me.**

Reading 14

After this
Jesus,
knowing
that all was now finished,
said
(to fulfill the scripture),
"I thirst."

A bowl full of vinegar
stood there;
so they put a sponge
full of the vinegar
on hyssop
and held it
to his mouth.

When Jesus
had received the vinegar,
he said,

"It is finished";
and he bowed his head
and gave up his spirit.

The fourteenth candle is extinguished.

Chant 3
O Lord Hear My Prayer

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
When I call, answer me
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
Come and listen to me.**

Reading 15

Since
it was the day
of Preparation,
in order
to prevent the bodies
from remaining
on the cross
on the sabbath
(for that sabbath
was a high day),

the religious authorities
asked Pilate
that their legs
might be broken,

and that
they might be
taken away.

So the soldiers came
and broke the legs
of the first,

and of the other
who had been crucified
with him;

but when
they came
to Jesus

and saw
that he was
already dead,

they did not
break his legs.

But one of the soldiers
pierced his side
with a spear,

and at once
there came out
blood and water.

He who saw it
has borne witness
—his testimony is true,
and he knows
that he tells the truth—
that you also
may believe.

For these things took place
that the scripture
might be fulfilled,

"Not a bone of him
shall be broken."

And again
another scripture
says,

"They shall look on him
whom they have pierced."

*The Christ candle is taken away or extinguished.
A loud noise is made by a cymbal or other means.
The last section is read in darkness.*

Reading 16

After this
Joseph of Arimathea,
who was a disciple
of Jesus,
but secretly,
for fear
of the religious authorities,
asked Pilate
that he might take away
the body of Jesus,
and Pilate gave him leave.

So he came
and took away
his body.

Nicodemus also,
who had at first
come to him
by night,

came
bringing a mixture
of myrrh and aloes,
about a hundred pounds' weight.

They took the body of Jesus,
and bound it in linen cloths
with the spices,
as is the burial custom
of the Jews.

Now in the place
where he was crucified
there was a garden,
and in the garden
a new tomb

where no one
had ever been laid.

So
because of
the Jewish day
of Preparation,
as the tomb
was close at hand,
they laid Jesus
there.

Silence.
The room remains darkened
with only illumination necessary for safety.
The room now remains barren until Easter Day

Dismissal

Go in peace.
May Jesus Christ,
who for our sake
became obedient
unto death,
even death
on a cross,
keep you
and strengthen you
this night
and for ever.
Amen.

All depart in silence.

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