



He was
wounded
for our
transgressions.

Isaiah 53:5



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Tonight's service of darkness, also known as **Tenebrae** (the name means "darkness" or "shadows"), is a Holy Week devotion that dates back to the seventh century A.D.; and is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses.

Near the conclusion of the worship service, the congregation will speak the Lord's Prayer. Then, after the Good Friday prayer, the Christ Candle will be extinguished, symbolizing our Lord's death and burial. Then the strepitus is heard, a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb.

PRELUDE

Were You There – arr. C. Dobrinski

Heavenly Handbells

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INVOCATION

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

(The Song of the Suffering Servant)

See, My Servant will act wisely; He will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

Just as there were many who were appalled at Him

*-- His Appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and His Form marred beyond human likeness--
so will He sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of Him.*

For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Who has believed our message and to whom has the Arm of the LORD been revealed?

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His Appearance that we should desire Him.

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

*Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.
But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His Wounds we are healed.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His Mouth;
He was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His Mouth.
By oppression and judgment He was taken away. And who can speak of His descendants?
For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of My people He was stricken.
He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death,
though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His Mouth.
Yet it was the LORD's Will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes His Life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days,
and the Will of the LORD will prosper in His Hand.
After the suffering of His Soul, He will see the light [of Life] and be satisfied;
by His Knowledge My Righteous Servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong,
because He poured out His Life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.
For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

SERMON

Vicar Alan Shaw

Isaiah 53

PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your Never-Ending Love by giving Your Son, Jesus Christ unto death on the cross.

C **Give us grace to know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Strengthen the ministry of Your Holy Church; that we, Your people, may confess the dying Love of Christ to all people. For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Beneath the Cross of Jesus – arr. J. Linn

Cantus Christe

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within a wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat
And burdens of the day.*

*Upon that Cross of Jesus,
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of
One who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart, with tears,
Two wonders I confess:
The wonder of His glorious love,
And my own worthlessness*

*I confess; I take, O Cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all, the Cross.*

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THE WORDS FROM THE CROSS

✠ THE FIRST WORD ✠

John 19:14-16; Luke 23:32-34a

It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

But they shouted, "Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!"

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed.

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Him,
along with the criminals--one on His right, the other on His left.

Jesus said, "***Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.***"

L We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You;

C **by Your Cross and Precious Death, You have redeemed the world.**

L God forbid that I should glory

C **Except in the Cross of our Lord, Jesus.**

L Almighty God, Your Dear Son, our Lord, did not go up to joy before He first
suffered pain; He did not enter into glory before He was crucified. Mercifully grant
that we in Faith may walk the way of His Cross and find in it the way to Life and
peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

(The first candle is extinguished.)

RESPONSE

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420, vs. 1–2, 6–7

1. Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
6. Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

✠ THE SECOND WORD ✠

Luke 23:35-43

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him.
They said, "He saved others;
let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."
The soldiers also came up and mocked Him.
They offered Him wine vinegar and said,
"If You are the king of the Jews, save Yourself."
There was a written notice above Him, which read:
THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.
One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him:
"Aren't You the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"
But the other criminal rebuked him.
"Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?
We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve.
But this Man has done nothing wrong."
Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."
Jesus answered him,
"I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

L We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **by Your Cross and Precious Death, You have redeemed the world.**

L Surely, He has borne our griefs
C **and carried our sorrows.**

L Lord Jesus, while You hung on the cross, You showed mercy to the dying thief.
With that mercy look on us also, we pray; and at our last hour, comfort us with
Your Promise that we will dwell forever in Paradise with You.
C **Amen.**

(The second candle is extinguished.)

RESPONSE

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436, vs. 1–3

1. Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2. Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

3. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

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✠ THE THIRD WORD ✠

John 19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister,
Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby,
He said to His mother, "**Dear woman, here is your son,**"
and to the disciple, "**Here is your mother.**"
From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

L We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C by Your Cross and Precious Death, You have redeemed the world.

L Bind us to each other with bonds of charity and love
C **that we may ever reflect the great and sacrificial love that You have showed to us through Your Suffering, Pain and Death on the cross.**

L O God, You know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

(The third candle is extinguished.)

RESPONSE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425

1. **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.**
2. **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**
3. **See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
4. **Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

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✠ THE FOURTH WORD ✠

Matthew 27:45-47

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

"Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means,
"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

L We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You;

C **by Your Cross and Precious Death, You have redeemed the world.**

L Keep us mindful of Your Abiding Presence with us

C **that our witness to the love You have shown us may never falter or fail.**

L Grant, we pray, Merciful Lord, to Your faithful people, pardon and peace; cleanse us from all our sins, so that we may serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

(The fourth candle is extinguished.)

RESPONSE

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted

LSB 451

1. **Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.**

2. **Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause
disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.**

3. **Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.**

**Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.**

✠ THE FIFTH WORD ✠

Matthew 10:38-42; John 19:28-29

[Jesus said to His disciples,]

“anyone who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My Sake will find it.

He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me.

Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward,
and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man
will receive a righteous man's reward.

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones
because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth,
he will certainly not lose his reward.”

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled,

Jesus said, ***“I am thirsty.”***

A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it,
put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

L We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You;

C **by Your Cross and Precious Death, You have redeemed the world.**

L Grant us peace and patience under all trials;

C **keep us mindful of the great sacrifice You willingly made for us, to pay the price for our sins.**

L O God, for our redemption, You gave Your Only Son to die the death of the cross;
and, by His Resurrection, You have delivered us from the power of our enemy.

Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His Resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

(The fifth candle is extinguished.)

RESPONSE

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

LSB 439, vs. 1-2, 4-5

1. **O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?**

2. **They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.**

4. **What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.**

5. **The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
God is committed.**

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✠ THE SIXTH WORD ✠

Hebrews 9:11-12, 15, 27-28; John 19:30a

When Christ came as High Priest of the good things that are already here,
He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made,
that is to say, not a part of this creation.

He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves;
but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His Own Blood,
having obtained eternal redemption.

For this reason Christ is the Mediator of a New Covenant,
that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—
now that He has died as a ransom

to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.
Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,
so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people;
and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin,

but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, ***"It is finished."***

L We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **by Your Cross and Precious Death, You have redeemed the world.**

L May we begin all of our works of charity and love in Your Name;
C **and may we find Your Blessing in their completion to Your Glory.**

L Lord Jesus Christ, You set the boundaries of our lives and grant us tasks to do in Your Name. In Your Great Love, You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. With the aid of the Holy Spirit, lead us to complete all You intend for us to do in this world until that time when we share Your Eternal Presence in the world to come.
C **Amen.**

(The sixth candle is extinguished.)

RESPONSE

Only His Wounds

1. **The Author of Life, the King of all kings
was wounded and beaten and hung on a hill.
The truth of the world, the sacrifice made
has risen, was given the power to save.**
Refrain
**Only His wounds can heal the broken;
only His wounds can save us from sin;
only His wounds give faith to the faithless;
only His wounds can restore us.**
2. **The day of the LORD, the promise foretold,
the judgment upon us is soon to unfold.
But still, there is hope, the way has been made;
before us is Jesus with power to save.**
Refrain
**Only His wounds can heal the broken;
only His wounds can save us from sin;
only His wounds give faith to the faithless;
only His wounds can restore us.**

✠ THE SEVENTH WORD ✠

Luke 23:44-46; Matthew 27:54

It was now about the sixth hour,
and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour,
for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
Jesus called out with a loud voice, "***Father, into Your Hands I commit My Spirit.***"
When He had said this, He breathed His last.

(Pause for silent meditation)

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake
and all that had happened; they were terrified, and exclaimed,
"Surely He was the Son of God!"

L We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **by Your Cross and Precious Death, You have redeemed the world.**

L Preserve and defend us, Gracious Lord
C **so that, when our last hour comes, we may know Your Abiding Care.**

L Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your Life on the cross in our place, You commended
Your Spirit into the Loving Hands of Your Heavenly Father. Give us the grace to
trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace; that we may
close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the Hands
of our Heavenly Father.

C **Amen.**

(The seventh candle is extinguished.)

RESPONSE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 450, vs. 1, 3, 5, 7

1. **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.**

3. What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
And grant to me Thy grace.

5. What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

7. Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

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(Pause for silent meditation)

LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken softly)*

**Our Father Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;**

and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(The Christ Candle is removed.)

SOLO

Were You There

[LSB 456]

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

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(The strepitus is heard.)

(Worshipers are asked to depart, singing the Response.)

RESPONSE (cantor sings first time, congregation sings several times thereafter while departing)

Jesus, Remember Me

LSB 767

**Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.**

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