

Those Assisting Us Tonight

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Good Friday Tenebrae

(congregation stands for Collect)

P: Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Psalm: Psalm 31 *(antiphon, verse 1)*

(A tradition of the church is to omit the “Gloria Patri” at the conclusion of the Psalm on Good Friday to further honor the solemnity of this day).

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Hymn, “Go to Dark Gethsemane” 436

The Reproaches
(Improperia)

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross, O My people.

C: **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn: “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

Lamb of God, pure and holy Who on the cross did suffer.

Ever patient and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer.

All sin You’ve borne now for us, Else our despair would crush us:

Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink, O My people.

C: **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, suffer us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**

Devotion

7 Our foes, O God, are in Thy hand,
Thou knowest their endeavor;
But only give us strength to stand,
And let us waver never,
Though reason strives with faith, and still
She fears to wholly trust Thy will,
And sees not Thy salvation.

8 But heaven and earth, O Lord, are Thine,
For Thou alone hast made them;
Thy light let on Thy people shine,
And in their sorrows aid them;
Kindle our hearts to love and faith
That shall be steadfast e'en to death,
Howe'er the world may murmur!

Devotion

(text: Justus Jonas, 1493-1555)

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father, Who art in heaven...**

Hymn, “In the Very Midst of Life” 755

The Offering

The Seven Last Words

Solo: “I wonder as I wander” Theresa Van Wakeman Wilson

*(following the slamming of the book,
worshippers are requested to leave in silence)*

Devotion

3 Against our souls they rage and mock,
Exciting great commotion:
As billows meet with angry shock
Out on the stormy ocean,
So they our lives with fury seek;
But God hath pity on the weak,
And Him they have forgotten.

4 They call us heretics, and aye
Their Christian name are flaunting;
They seek to spill our blood, while they
Their fear of God are vaunting.
Ah, God! that precious name of Thine
O'er many a wicked deed must shine,
But Thou wilt once avenge it.

Devotion

5 They open wide their ravenous jaws,
And threaten to devour us,
But thanks to God, who rules our cause,
They shall not overpower us;
Their snares He yet will bring to naught,
And overthrow what they have taught;
God is too mighty for them.

6 How richly He consoleth those
Whom no one else befriendeth!
The door of grace doth never close;
Sense cannot comprehend it,
How this may be, and deems all lost,
When through this very cross a host
Of champions God is raising.

Hymn: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

Lamb of God, pure and holy Who on the cross did suffer.

Ever patient and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer.

All sin You've borne now for us, Else our despair would crush us:

Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank Your God? O My people.

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

Lamb of God, pure and holy Who on the cross did suffer.

Ever patient and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer.

All sin You've borne now for us, Else our despair would crush us:

Your peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Psalm 124

(antiphon, verse 8; read responsively; the Gloria Patri is omitted on Good Friday)

"If God were not upon our side"

1 If God were not upon our side
When round us foes are raging,
Were not Himself our help and guide
When bitter war they're waging,
Were He not Israel's mighty shield,
To whom their utmost craft must yield,
We surely must have perished.

2 But now no human wit or might
His chosen people frighteth,
God sitteth in the highest height,
And He their counsels blighteth;
When craftiest snares and nets they lay,
god goes to work another way,
And makes a path before us.