



TRE ORE

April 3, 2026

Noon to 3pM



AS WE GATHER

The Tre Ore service is a continuation of the Triduum (Latin for “the three days”), an ancient and holy service. The service began last night with Maundy Thursday, and continues today with the Tre Ore and the Tenebrae (Service of Darkening), and then concludes with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

The name of Good Friday may have originally been “God’s Friday,” but is certainly also “good” because of the good gifts Christ won for us on this day.

Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ. It is a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. A common custom for Good Friday is that the altar is either bare or vested in black, having been stripped on Maundy Thursday.

The words “Tre Ore” are Latin for three hours. While our service today is three hours, a custom in many churches in years past, the name of the service, Tre Ore, is actually in reference to the last three hours of crucifixion (out of six) when darkness covered the earth. Due to the length of the service, the congregation is invited to come and go as they please, reflecting on Christ’s Passion as it fits in their schedule.

As this service is a continuation of the Triduum, there is no Invocation or Benediction.

RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

All worshipers are asked to take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle and return it to its spot when finished. If you are interested in membership, please provide a phone number or email address so that we may contact you. Thank you.

OFFERINGS will not be gathered during the service, but envelopes may be placed in the wooden box in the Welcome Center.

LIVE-STREAMING

Holy Cross will live stream the Good Friday services on a link at our website (hcross.com). We provide this service for our members who cannot attend worship. The video perspective from the choir loft looks toward the altar and shows all aspects of the service from the sixth row of pews forward. This includes baptisms, children’s talks, and communion.

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The congregation enters in silence.

The Suffering Servant (12:00)

Please stand and face the procession.

P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

READING: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . .

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death,

and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 13

P How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

C **How long will you hide your face from me?**

P How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

C **How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

P Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

C **light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,**

P lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

C **lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.**

P But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

C **my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.**

P I will sing to the LORD,

C **because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

HYMN: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth *LSB* 438

READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

¹⁴As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

¹Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

and no beauty that we should desire him.
³He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.
⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.
⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for meditation and prayer

The First Word (12:20)

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, in the hour of Your death You begged forgiveness for those who persecuted You. Teach us to forgive as You forgive, that we may die to sin, and walk in newness of life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C **Amen.**

PSALM 32:1-5, 10

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

C **whose sin is covered.**

P Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

C **and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

C **through my groaning all day long.**

P For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

C **my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

P I acknowledged my sin to you,

C **and I did not cover my iniquity;**

P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

C **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

READING: Luke 23:32–38

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Upon the Cross Extended *LSB* 453, *sts.* 1, 3-4, 6-7

SERMON

Silence for meditation and prayer

The Second Word (12:40)

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, in the hour of Your death You remembered the thief and gave the promise of paradise. Teach us to follow you, that we may die to sin, and walk in newness of life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

PSALM 16

P Preserve me, O God,

C for in you I take refuge.

P I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;

C I have no good apart from you.”

P As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,

C in whom is all my delight.

P The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

C their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

P The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

C you hold my lot.

P The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

C indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

P I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

C in the night also my heart instructs me.

P I have set the LORD always before me;

C because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

C my flesh also dwells secure.

P For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

C or let your holy one see corruption.

P You make known to me the path of life;

C in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

READING: Luke 23:39–43

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken *LSB* 439 sts. 1,4,7,12,15

SERMON

CHORAL RESPONSE: At The Cross

Silence for meditation and prayer

The Third Word (1:00)

PRAYER

- P** Let us pray.
Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, in the hour of Your death You thought of others and cared for their needs. Teach us to deny ourselves, that we may die to sin, and walk in newness of life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
- C** Amen.

PSALM 116:1-9

- P** I love the LORD, because he has heard
C my voice and my pleas for mercy.
P Because he inclined his ear to me,
C therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
P The snares of death encompassed me;
C the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
P Then I called on the name of the LORD:
C “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”
P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
C our God is merciful.
P The LORD preserves the simple;
C when I was brought low, he saved me.
P Return, O my soul, to your rest;
C for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
P For you have delivered my soul from death,
C my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
P I will walk before the LORD
C in the land of the living.

READING: John 19:23–27

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom,
²⁴so 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 which says,

“They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross LSB 425

SERMON

Silence for meditation and prayer

The Fourth Word (1:20)

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, in the hour of Your death You bore the consequences for our sin, and endured the separation we chose. By Your Spirit, draw us ever closet to the Father, that we may die to sin, and walk in newness of life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C **Amen.**

PSALM 22:1-8, 11

P My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C **Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**

P O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

C **and by night, but I find no rest.**

P Yet you are holy,

C **enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

P In you our fathers trusted;

C **they trusted, and you delivered them.**

P To you they cried and were rescued;

C **in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

P But I am a worm and not a man,

C **scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

P All who see me mock me;

C **they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**

- P** “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
C **let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**
P Be not far from me,
C **for trouble is near, and there is none to help.**

READING: Matthew 27:39–49

³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted *LSB* 451

SERMON

Silence for meditation and prayer

The Fifth Word (1:40)

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, in the hour of Your death You fulfilled the promises of God. Keep us always mindful of Your promises, that we may die to sin, and walk in newness of life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C Amen.

PSALM 42:1-3, 7-11

P As a deer pants for flowing streams,

C so pants my soul for you, O God.

P My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

C When shall I come and appear before God?

P My tears have been my food day and night,

C while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

P Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls;

C all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

P By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,

C and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

P I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me?"

C Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

P As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me,

C while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

P Why are you cast down, O my soul,

C and why are you in turmoil within me?

P Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,

C my salvation and my God.

READING: John 19:28–29

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded *LSB 450, sts. 1–4*

SERMON

Silence for meditation and prayer

The Sixth Word (2:00)

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, in the hour of Your death You completed all that we could not. Teach us to trust in Your completed work, that we may die to sin, and walk in newness of life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C Amen.

PSALM 130

P Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

C **O Lord, hear my voice!**

P Let your ears be attentive

C **to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

P If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

C **O LORD, who could stand?**

P But with you there is forgiveness,

C **that you may be feared.**

P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

C **and in His word I hope;**

P my soul waits for the LORD

C **more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

P O Israel, hope in the LORD!

C **For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.**

P And He will redeem Israel

C **from all his iniquities.**

READING: John 19:30

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: O Perfect Life of Love *LSB* 452

SERMON

Silence for meditation and prayer

The Seventh Word (2:20)

PRAYER

- P** Let us pray.
Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, in the hour of Your death You committed Yourself to the care of your Father. Teach us to commit our whole selves to the same loving Father, that we may die to sin, and walk in newness of life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
- C** **Amen.**

PSALM 143:1-8

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
- C** **In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!**
- P** Enter not into judgment with Your servant,
- C** **for no one living is righteous before You.**
- P** For the enemy has pursued my soul;
he has crushed my life to the ground;
- C** **he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.**
- P** Therefore my spirit faints within me;
- C** **my heart within me is appalled.**
- P** I remember the days of old;
- C** **I meditate on all that You have done;**
I ponder the work of Your hands.
- P** I stretch out my hands to You;
- C** **my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.**
- P** Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails!

- C** Hide not Your face from me,
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.
- P** Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust.
- C** Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

READING: Luke 23:44–49

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded *LSB 450, sts. 5–7*

SERMON

Silence for meditation and prayer

Prayer (2:40)

Please Stand

BIDDING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

- A** Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

- A** Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:
- P** Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

- A** Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:
- P** O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially [name], our President; the Congress of the United States; [name], our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

- A** Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that

in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

P Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

P O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

P O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

C **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.

Please be seated

The following Reproaches are the words of the Lord against His people, the Church, to which the congregation replies with a plea for mercy.

REPROACHES

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.

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



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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

**2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er 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.

A 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.

**3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

P Let us pray.
We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Following the closing collect, the pastors and congregation leave in silence.
You are free to remain in silent prayer and meditation as long as you wish*

*The Triduum service continues today at 7PM with Choral Tenebrae Vespers,
tomorrow at 7PM with the Vigil of Easter, and at 7, 9, and 11AM on Easter Sunday.*

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