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**Good Friday Tenebrae**

**Clear Water Church**

**April 10, 2020, 7:00 PM**

*Begin in silence.*

*The service of Tenebrae, or “darkness,” is an ancient Good Friday service that remembers the events leading up to Jesus’ death. The gradual extinguishing of the candles symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus’ death. This somber service allows us to poignantly process the agony of his betrayal, abandonment, and suffering. The victory of Resurrection Sunday is most ardently felt after we’ve spent time at the cross. May the Lord use this time to stir in us needed repentance and a deeper appreciation for what Jesus did on our behalf.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.  For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.”  But they understood none of these things.  This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. (Luke 18:31-34)

***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS***

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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**PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray: *A brief silence.*

Most Gracious God,

Look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of his passion; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***THE WONDERFUL CROSS***

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

## 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

## Chorus

## O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross All who gather here by grace Draw near and bless Your name

## Were the whole realm of nature mine That were an offering far too small Love so amazing so divine Demands my soul my life my all

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**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

*Twelve candles are lit, along with a central Christ candle. They will be extinguished at specific times throughout the reading.*

***WHERE YOU THERE***

Were you there when they

crucified my Lord (nailed Him to the tree/laid Him in the tomb)

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crucified my Lord (nailed Him to the tree/laid Him in the tomb)

Oh-oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,

Tremble, tremble

Were you there when they

crucified my Lord (nailed Him to the tree/laid Him in the tomb)

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**SONG OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT** – ISAIAH 53:4-9 NIV (Responsive)

*The Christ candle is relit for this reading.*

4 Surely he took up our pain  
    and bore our suffering,  
**yet we considered him punished by God,  
    stricken by him, and afflicted.**5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
    he was crushed for our iniquities;  
**the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
    and by his wounds we are healed.**6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
    each of us has turned to our own way;  
**and the Lord has laid on him  
    the iniquity of us all.**

7 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 its shearers is silent,  
    so he did not open his mouth.**8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
    Yet who of his generation protested?  
**For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
    for the transgression of my people he was** **punished.**   
9 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.

## ***HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US***

## How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow’r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

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**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.   
10Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,   
    on earth as it is in heaven.  
11Give us this day our daily bread,   
12and forgive us our debts,  
    as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
13And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom and**

**the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

**DISMISSAL**

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

*All depart in silence. Bell tolls seven times—an indication of completion. Fasting is often observed through Easter morning.*

Mike and Sabrina Merriner, Readers

Sofia Swan, Worship Leader