

Reflect on Jesus' Suffering



Good Friday, 2 April 2021
Magdalena Community Church

Tenebrae
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Prelude

Call to Worship:

One: We gather to remember.

All: We remember that Jesus willingly chose to die for our sin.

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All: We remember the agony of the garden.

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All: We remember the sting of betrayal.

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All: We remember the pain and suffering on the cross.

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All: We remember the utter desolation of the burial.

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All: We remember the precious sacrifice of our loving Lord. Let us worship God.

Hymn: "Meekness and Majesty"

Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity,

In perfect harmony, the Man Who is God.

Lord of eternity dwells in humanity;

Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

O what a mystery, meekness and majesty;

Bow down and worship, for this is your God.

THE NAIL OF PRIDE (Mark 12:38-40)

Prayer:

Loving God, help us to consider our own pride and where it leads. Do not let us deceive ourselves. Our pride hurts us and creates walls between us and others. O God, we know that our pride hurts you too. Help us to put our pride aside. Amen.

Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Go to dark Gethsemane,
ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
watch with Him one bitter hour,
Turn not from His griefs away;
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

THE NAIL OF BETRAYAL (Matthew 26:47-50,56b)

Prayer:

O God - help us consider how we betray others, how we abandon them in their time of need, how we think of ourselves first. Do not let us deceive ourselves. Our acts of betrayal hurt us and create walls between us and others. Gracious God, we know too that our betrayal hurts you. Please forgive us. Amen.

Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended,
That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee.
'Twas I, Lord, Jesus, I it was denied Thee!
I crucified Thee.

THE NAIL OF ENVY (Mark 10:35-41)

Prayer:

Loving God, help us to keep our focus on You. Help us consider how we envy others, how we desire more than we receive and seek to influence and rule over others. Lord, do not let us deceive ourselves. We know that our envy hurts us and creates walls between us and others. We also know that our envy hurts You. Help us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

O Master, let me walk with Thee,
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

O Master, let me walk with Thee,
Before the taunting Pharisee;
Help me to bear the sting of spite,
The hate of men who hide Thy light.

The sore distrust of souls sincere
Who cannot read Thy judgments clear,
The dullness of the multitude,
Who dimly guess that Thou art good.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer, company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

THE NAIL OF INDECISION (Matthew 27:20-24)

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, there are times when we know that we should speak out but we are too afraid. Give us the courage to stand up for those things that we know are right. Help us to speak when You would have us speak. Amen.

Hymn: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

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.

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,
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

THE NAIL OF DENIAL (Luke 22:54-62)

Prayer:

Dearest Jesus, Please forgive us when we fail to acknowledge You. We are afraid. Afraid of being an outspoken advocate for You, We are ashamed and beg Your mercy. Give us the strength to be Your personal representative to this broken. world. Amen.

Hymn: "Bread of the World"

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed!
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead!

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be Thy feast to us the token,
That by Thy grace our souls are fed!

THE NAIL OF DEATH (Luke 23:44-49)

Prayer:

O Lord our God, everything is dark. The world seems hopeless. They have killed the Light of the world. Your Son, Your only Son, Jesus the Christ has died on the cross. How do we carry on? Where should we go? What should we do? We need Your help so desperately. Please come to our aid. Amen.

Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden 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 stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess;
The wonders of redeeming love And my unworthiness.

THE NAIL OF BURIAL (John 19:38-42)

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we feel so alone. Jesus has been sealed in a cold, dark tomb. His disciples have fled. Everything that Jesus promised just seems like empty words.

Yet, we want to hope. Is there hope? Please give us hope for today, for tomorrow and for all the days that follow. Amen.

Hymn: "Were You There?"

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?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Tolling of the bell

Streptus

After the *Streptus*, the congregation is asked to leave in silence.