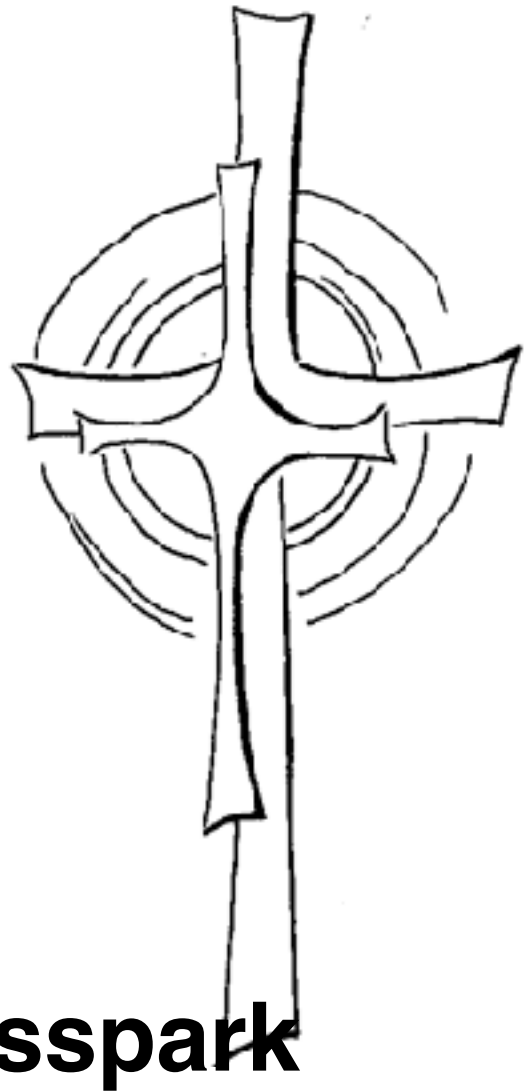




**WELCOME**



# **Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church**

**Holy Week 2021**


**Good Friday**

# **A Meditation on the Passion and Death of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**

An Adaptation of Tenebrae for local use

Tenebrae was the medieval Office of Matins sung on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week. *Tenebrae* is the Latin word for darkness. In this adaptation as we listen to the story of the last hours of Jesus' life candles are extinguished to symbolize the enveloping darkness. The singing of plainsong and moments of silence mark the solemnity of the occasion and in response we find our voice in song and prayer.

The candles are lit

 *below denotes a candle extinguished*

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# Order of Service

**Hymn:** 35 O send thy light forth and thy truth

1 O send thy light forth and thy truth;  
let them be guides to me,  
and bring me to thine holy hill,  
even where thy dwellings be.  
Then will I to God's altar go,  
to God my chiefest joy:  
yea, God, my God, thy name to praise  
my harp I will employ.

2 Why art thou then cast down, my soul?  
what should discourage thee?  
Any why with vexing thoughts art thou  
disquieted in me?  
Still trust in God; for him to praise  
good cause I yet shall have:  
he of my countenance is the health,  
my God that doth me save.

**Reading: John 18.1–11**

Jesus is arrested

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas, procuring a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” <sup>5</sup> They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When he said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Again he asked them, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he; so, if you seek me, let these men go.” <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfil the word which he had spoken, “Of those whom thou gavest me I lost not one.” <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s slave and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup> Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?”



**Psalm 59.1–5**

- 1 Rescue me from my enemies, O my God;  
set me high above those that rise up against me.
- 2 Save me from the evildoers  
and from murderous foes deliver me.
- 3 For see how they lie in wait for my soul  
and the mighty stir up trouble against me.
- 4 Not for any fault or sin of mine, O Lord;  
for no offence, they run and prepare themselves for war.
- 5 Rouse yourself, come to my aid and see;  
for you are the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel.

**Reading: John 18.12–27**

Peter disowns Jesus

<sup>12</sup> So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they led him to Annas; for he was the father-in-law of Ca'ia<sup>1</sup>phas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> It was Ca'ia<sup>1</sup>phas who had given counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. As this disciple was known to the high priest, he entered the court of the high priest along with Jesus, <sup>16</sup> while Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the maid who kept the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The maid who kept the door said to Peter, "Are not you also one of this man's disciples?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup> Now the servants<sup>[a]</sup> and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves; Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup> The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together; I have said nothing secretly. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup> Annas then sent him bound to Ca'ia<sup>1</sup>phas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said to him, "Are not you also one of his disciples?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup> One of the servants<sup>[b]</sup> of the high priest, a kinsman of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup> Peter again denied it; and at once the cock crowed.



### **Psalm 31.11–13**

- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street they flee from me.
- 12 I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;  
I have become like a broken vessel.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side;  
they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.

### **Reading: John 18.28–40**

#### Jesus before Pilate

<sup>28</sup> Then they led Jesus from the house of Ca'iaphas to the praetorium. It was early. They themselves did not enter the praetorium, so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup> They answered him, "If this man were not an evildoer, we would not have handed him over." <sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." <sup>32</sup> This was to fulfil the word which Jesus had spoken to show by what death he was to die.

<sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have

come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice.” <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again, and told them, “I find no crime in him. <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover; will you have me release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>40</sup> They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barab’bas!” Now Barab’bas was a robber.



**Hymn:** 398 Sing my tongue, how glorious battle

1 Sing, my tongue, how glorious battle  
glorious victory became;  
and above the cross, his trophy,  
tell the triumph and the fame:  
tell how he, the earth's Redeemer,  
by his death for all o'ercame.

2 When the thirty years were ended,  
humbly lived for all to see,  
willingly he met his passion,  
born to set his people free:  
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,  
there the sacrifice to be.

3 His the nails, the spear, the spitting,  
reed and vinegar and gall;  
from his patient body piercèd  
blood and water streaming fall:  
earth and sea and stars and mankind  
by that stream are cleansèd all.

4 Faithful cross, above all other,  
one and only noble tree,  
none in foliage, none in blossom,  
none in fruit your match can be:  
focus of the world's redemption,  
your dear burden makes us free.

5 Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
one in might, and one in glory,  
while eternal ages run.

**Reading: John 19.1–16**

Jesus is handed over

Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; <sup>3</sup> they came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup> Pilate went out again, and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him.” <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” <sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him.” <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God.” <sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; <sup>9</sup> he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave no answer. <sup>10</sup> Pilate therefore said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin.”

<sup>12</sup> Upon this Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend; every one who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar.” <sup>13</sup> When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gab’batha. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” <sup>15</sup> They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” <sup>16</sup> Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

## Psalm 71.9–12

- 9 Do not cast me away in the time of old age;  
forsake me not when my strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies are talking against me,  
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.
- 11 They say, 'God has forsaken him; pursue him and take him,  
because there is none to deliver him.'
- 12 O God, be not far from me;  
come quickly to help me, O my God.



## Reading: John 19:17–22 Jesus is taken to the Place of the Skull

<sup>7</sup> So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Gol'gotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup> The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."



## Psalm 25.16–21

- 16 The sorrows of my heart have increased;  
O bring me out of my distress.
- 17 Look upon my adversity and misery  
and forgive me all my sin.
- 18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many  
and they bear a violent hatred against me.
- 19 O keep my soul and deliver me;  
let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you.
- 20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,



for my hope has been in you.  
21 Deliver Israel, O God,  
out of all his troubles.

**Motet: *O vos omnes* – Victoria**

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam, attendite et videte:  
*O all ye that pass by the way, attend and see:*

Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.  
*If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.*

Attendite, universi populi, et videte dolorem meum.  
*Attend, all ye people, and see my sorrow:*

Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.  
*If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.*



<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom; <sup>24</sup> so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfil the scripture,

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

<sup>25</sup> So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag’dalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup> After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup> A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished”; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



*Silence is kept*

**Psalm 22.11–16**

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand  
and there is none to help.

12 Mighty oxen come around me;  
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths,  
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart has become like wax melting in the depths of my body.

15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue cleaves to my gums;  
you have laid me in the dust of death.

16 For the hounds are all about me, the pack of evildoers close in on me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.

<sup>31</sup> Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; <sup>33</sup> but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup> He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup> For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, “Not a bone of him shall be broken.” <sup>37</sup> And again another scripture says, “They shall look on him whom they have pierced.”



### **Psalm 88.3–6**

- 3 For my soul is full of troubles;  
my life draws near to the land of death.
- 4 I am counted as one gone down to the Pit;  
I am like one that has no strength,
- 5 Lost among the dead,  
like the slain who lie in the grave,
- 6 Whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.

**Hymn**      223   All praise to thee, my God this night

1 All praise to thee, my God, this night,  
for all the blessings of the light!  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
beneath thine own almighty wings.

2 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done,  
that with the world, myself, and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

3 Teach me to live, that I may dread  
the grave as little as my bed;  
teach me to die, that so I may  
rise glorious at the awesome day.

4 O may my soul on thee repose,  
and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close, --  
sleep that may me more vigorous make  
to serve my God when I awake.

5 When in the night I sleepless lie,  
my soul with heavenly thoughts supply;  
let no ill dreams disturb my rest,  
no powers of darkness me molest.

6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Prayers**

<sup>38</sup> After this Joseph of Arimathe'a, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. <sup>40</sup> They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.



*Silence is kept*

**Kyrie** (Plainsong, *Summe Deus*)

Kyrie eleison. (x3)	<i>Lord have mercy.</i>
Christe eleison. (x3)	<i>Christ have mercy.</i>
Kyrie eleison. (x3)	<i>Lord have mercy.</i>

**Psalm 16.6–10**

6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,  
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

7 I have set the Lord always before me;  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;  
my flesh also shall rest secure.

9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death,  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

10 You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

There is no final hymn or blessing at the conclusion of this act of worship since it is one of the Services which find their conclusion in the celebration of Easter on Sunday morning.

The service ends with the church darkened. Please, therefore, take care as you leave and depart quietly.

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