GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

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VOLUNTARY

Adagio in A Minor, BWV 564

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day we gather to remember Jesus our Savior who loved us and gave himself for us. Let us draw near in full assurance of God's endless love and mercy.

We give our thanks and praise to Jesus Christ who carries our sorrows, heals our wounds, and redeems us from sin and death.

HYMN

Were You There?

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

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?

LAMENT based on Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far away? I cry out to you by day, but you do not answer; and at night, I find no rest. I am scorned and despised, all who see me mock me and shake their heads.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
I am poured out like water, and all my bones are dust;
my heart is like wax, melting inside;
my tongue is dry and I cannot speak;
my limbs are nothing, and my ribs are bare.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? My enemies encircle me; they stare and gloat; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O Savior, do not be far away! O my Help, come quickly to deliver me!

SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

THE FIRST WORD: Luke 22:32-34

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

[Extinguish the First Candle]

THE SECOND WORD: Luke 23:35-43

Now the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

[Extinguish the Second Candle]

THE THIRD WORD: John 19:25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

[Extinguish the Third Candle]

THE FOURTH WORD: Matthew 27:45-46

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

[Extinguish the Fourth Candle]

THE FIFTH WORD: John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."

A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So, they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

[Extinguish the Fifth Candle]

THE SIXTH WORD: John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

[Extinguish the Sixth Candle]

THE SEVENTH WORD: Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.*" Having said this, he breathed his last.

[Extinguish the Seventh Candle]

PRAYER

HYMN

Were You There?

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

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?

DRAPING THE CROSS

VOLUNTARY Adagio in G Minor

Remo Giazotto

Assisting in the leadership of worship are
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Beth Daniels, Soprano Soloist;
Timothy Belk, Director of Music Ministries

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Aaron Hilsinger, second violin
Jonas Benson, viola
Laura Smith, cello

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