



Anglican Parish of Bundaberg

A Service of

Tenebrae Christ Church Cnr Maryborough & Woongarra Streets 7:30 pm 10th April, 2019

The Service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the Church dating back to the eighth century. From Latin, the word Tenebrae means darkness, and the service commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth. In the early Church, the service of Tenebrae was celebrated on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week.

As the candles are extinguished, we remember the fading loyalty of the disciples of Jesus. The gradual darkening of the Church reminds us of the diminishing light as Christ was departing from it.

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross have their origin in the Good Friday Liturgy of the early church. Some of these can be traced back to the seventh century. The Reproaches are a set of reproofs addressed by the Crucified Saviour to his ungrateful people.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Christ Church Bundaberg 59 Woongarra Street

Maundy Thursday 18th April 7.30 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 19th April 12 noon
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Easter Day 21st April 7 a.m. & 9.30 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

St Mark's Church Gooburrum
Easter Day 21st April 9.30 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

St Peter's Church Bargara Bauer Street

Holy Saturday 20th April 5.00 pm
A service of healing and thanksgiving

Easter Day 21st April 9.00 am
Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

**St John the Divine Church
Burnett Heads**
Mittelhauser Street

Easter Eve 20th April 6.00 pm
Vigil Mass of Easter

Christ Church Childers
24 Macrossan Street
Easter Eve 20th April 8.30 a.m.



The priests enter the church as the prelude is played.

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God
Who redeems us from sin and death.

For us and our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

HYMN:

**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 language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.**

Dear people of God, in this Holy Week let us hear once more of our Lord's passion and death. With heart and mind let us go to Gethsemane, and to the halls of judgement and to the hill of Calvary.

Let us hear in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose in Christ's suffering and his ultimate sacrifice for all humankind. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died

Let us remember, in Christ's name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed, all who are sick and who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

We remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the crucified and risen Lord.

SEVENTEENTH LESSON

The curtain of the temple is torn, the earth shakes

Suddenly the curtain of the Temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. Even the tombs of the dead were opened.

The organ plays "The earthquake" and a drum is beaten.

Now the centurion on watch and the others who were with him saw all that was taking place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly, this man was the Son of God!"

The fourteenth candle is extinguished

Stand

HYMN : "Were you there"

SOLOISTS:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord.

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.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, yes, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night, and forevermore.

All leave the church in silence.

SOLOISTS: Claire Finter, Taylah Halpin, Jael Sitte, Logan Tinney
Members of the Bundaberg Sinfonietta

ORGAN: Barry Davis

CONDUCTOR: Sue Davis

CHOIR & PEOPLE : “When I survey the wondrous cross”

CHOIR: 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.

CHOIR & PEOPLE: Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

SOLOIST: See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did ever such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

CHOIR & PEOPLE: Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

SIXTEENTH LESSON *Jesus breathes his last breath*

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?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him. Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

The thirteenth candle is extinguished

ORGAN “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Let us pray that we may be taught humility as we remember Christ's humiliation, that we may be taught obedience as we remember Christ's obedience unto death, and that we might be taught to love one another as we remember Christ's love for all people.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours.
Now and for ever. Amen**

Please kneel

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

O my people, O my church,
What have I done to you,
Or in what have I offended you
That you should testify against me?

I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of Baptism,
But you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

I led you through the desert forty years,
And fed you with manna;
I brought you through tribulation and pestilence,
And gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
But you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

What more could I have done for you
That I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
But when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink
And pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour,
And you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
And you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,
But you have scourged, mocked and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
But you have given me gall and left me to thirst,
And you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

I gave you a royal sceptre,
And bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
But you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
But you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
And washed your feet as a sign of my love,
But you draw the sword to strike my name
And seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
But you scatter and deny and abandon me,
And you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
And you close your hearts to the Counsellor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
But you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,

FOURTEENTH LESSON

The Roman soldiers mock Jesus proclaiming, "Hail, King of the Jews"

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's head-quarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

The eleventh candle is extinguished.

FIFTEENTH LESSON

Jesus is crucified

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

The twelfth candle is extinguished.

TWELFTH LESSON

Jesus is put on trial before Pontius Pilate

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

*(The tenth candle is extinguished.) *

THIRTEENTH LESSON

The crowd shouts, "Crucify Him!" Crucify Him!"

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus* Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah? For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!' So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

CHOIR : "Crucify Him!"

But you cast lots for my clothing,
And you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
Naked and you did not clothe me,
Sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
And you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.
Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal One, have mercy upon us. Amen.

HYMN :

CHOIR: All who pass this way, look and see;
ONLY: All who pass this way, look and see;
See the Lord of life, see him now;
See his sorrow; Kum ba yah.

CHOIR & PEOPLE: All who pass this way, look and see;
All who pass this way, look and see;
See the Lord of life, see him now;
See his suffering; Kum ba yah.

CHOIR & PEOPLE: All who pass this way, look and see;
All who pass this way, look and see;
See the Lord of life, see him now;
See him dying; Kum ba yah.

CHOIR : See him dying; Kum ba yah.

FIRST LESSON

The religious leaders conspire against Jesus

It was two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The religious leaders who collaborated with the Roman occupation were conspiring against Jesus. They had gathered in the palace of Caiaphas the high priest. This man had received the high priesthood at the hand of Valerius Gratus, the former Roman governor, and now retained the office under Pontius Pilate. They all were planning to arrest and destroy Jesus quietly so as to avoid a revolt among the Jews.

The first candle is extinguished.

SECOND LESSON

Judas plots with the authorities to deliver Jesus

The one of the twelve named Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, went to the chief priests and asked, "What will you give me if I deliver Jesus to you for the governor?" When they heard the offer, they were glad and promised Judas thirty pieces of silver. From that hour he sought an opportunity to betray Jesus.

The second candle is extinguished.

THIRD LESSON

Jesus tells his disciples where to celebrate the Paschal meal.

At the beginning of the feast, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, the disciples of Jesus approached him and asked, "Where do you wish us to prepare the Paschal meal?" Jesus took two of his disciples and instructed them, "Go into the city, and you will see there a man carrying a water jar. He will show you a suitable place." The two did as Jesus commanded. They entered the city where they found the man with the water jar, who brought them to a large upper room.

Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know the man!' At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

The eighth candle is extinguished

CHOIR: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended, That mortal judgement has on you descended? By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee? It is my treason, Lord, that has undone Thee. '

**SOLOIST: Twas I, Lord, Jesus, I it was denied Thee!
I crucified Thee.**

ELEVENTH LESSON

Jesus is put in custody of Pontius Pilate.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.' After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

The ninth candle is extinguished.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

NINTH LESSON

Jesus' trial begins in the court of the high priest Caiaphas.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, 'This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days." ' The high priest stood up and said, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, 'I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.' Jesus said to him, 'You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.' Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?' They answered, 'He deserves death.' Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, 'Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?'

The seventh candle is extinguished

TENTH LESSON

Peter denies having any knowledge of Jesus.

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.' But he denied it before all of them, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.' When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, 'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.' Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.' After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.'

FOURTH LESSON

Jesus announces that one of his disciples will betray him.

When evening had come, Jesus arrived with the twelve. While they were eating, he said, "I tell you truly that one of you is going to betray me." The disciples were stunned with grief and began to protest one after the other, "Surely not !!" Jesus replied, "The betrayer is one of you dipping his hand in the dish with me. The Son of Man is fulfilling scripture, but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is betrayed." The Judas slipped out into the night.

The third candle is extinguished.

FIFTH LESSON

Jesus recites the Words of Institution

As they were eating, Jesus took bread. After reciting the blessing, he broke it and gave it to his disciples as he said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then taking the cup with the traditional blessing, he gave it to his disciples as he said, "This is my blood of the covenant which is being shed for many. I tell you in truth that I shall not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it fresh in the kingdom of God." Having sung a hymn, they left the city for the Mount of Olives.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

PSALM 116 CHOIR & CONGREGATION

SOLOIST: Lord, we offer thanks; we call upon your name.

RESPONSE: Lord, we offer thanks; we call upon your name.

SOLOIST: O Lord, how can we offer thanks to you?
Your goodness is all around us.
We will lift up high the cup of love and call upon your name.

**CHOIR &
PEOPLE:** *Response*

SEVENTH LESSON

In Gethsemane the disciples fall asleep.

SOLOIST: O Lord, we will pay our vows to you;
We will pay them before the people.
The death of all your faithful saints is precious in your sight.

**CHOIR &
PEOPLE:** *Response*

SOLOIST: Your servants, O Lord, we are your servants,
Yes, children of a humble house.
You have freed us, Lord, we offer thanks; we call upon your
name.

**CHOIR &
PEOPLE:** *Response*

SOLOIST: O Lord, we will pay our vows to you;
We will pay them before the people.
O Jerusalem, within your courts we offer thanks and praise.

**CHOIR &
PEOPLE:** *Response*

SIXTH LESSON

Jesus tells his disciples that they will desert him.

As they walked, Jesus said to his disciples, "You will all desert me this very night. So it is written in the prophet Zechariah, "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." Then Peter protested, "Though all desert, I will remain by you." Jesus replied, "I tell you truly that in this very night, before the cock crows twice you shall deny me three times." Still Peter maintained, "Even though I must die with you, I will never deny you." and so declared all the disciples.

Jesus halted at an olive grove called Gethsemane. Then going apart with Peter, James, and John, he left them on watch and continued a little farther alone. There he fell on his face in anguished prayer. Soon he returned to the three on watch and found them sleeping. Rousing them, he asked Peter, "Could you not watch with me for just one hour? Watch and pray that you are not put to the test; for the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Again Jesus went apart in troubled prayer; and again he returned to find the disciples sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. A third time Jesus withdrew to pray, and a third time he found the disciples sleeping. The Jesus said, "Sleep on and finish your rest. Now is the time for the Son of Man to be delivered into the hands of sinners. Here comes my betrayer."

The fifth candle is extinguished.

SOLOISTS and CHOIR

"Could you not watch"

EIGHTH LESSON

Jesus is betrayed by Judas and then is seized by the Roman soldiers.

Jesus had not finished speaking before Judas, one of his own disciples, arrived with a group of Roman soldiers and other armed men from the Temple. Now the betrayer had arranged with the authorities for a sign and had said, "The man whom I kiss is the one you want." In accord with this arrangement, Judas went directly to Jesus and cried out, "Greetings, Master." Then he gave him a kiss. Jesus responded, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" Immediately the soldiers laid hands on Jesus and held him fast. The one of the disciples with Jesus drew his sword and cut off an ear from the slave of the high priest; but Jesus said to him, "Sheathe your sword. All who take up the sword will perish by the sword. Do you not know that I can call upon my Father and that he will respond at once with more than twelve legions of angels?" Then turning to the mob, Jesus continued, "Have you come for me as a rebel bandit with swords and clubs? Why did you not seize me in the Temple, where I sat teaching by day? Nevertheless, your actions are fulfilling the words of the prophets." Then all of his disciples forsook him and fled.