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✠ Good Friday ✠

Tenebrae Vespers: Seven Last Words from The Cross

2 April 2021, 8:00 PM

*Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the nave.
If you need to leave the service please do so during the hymns.*

*The altar represents God's presence. It is fitting to act and speak
reverently when we enter the sanctuary / worship space.*

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD WELCOMES OUR VISITORS TO THIS GOOD
FRIDAY VESPERS OF DARKNESS.**

We welcome you to this service of God's Word at which the words and action of Jesus Christ are central. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the narthex (entrance) and complete the Visitor Registration Card on the back of the pews. Please join us for the remainder of services for this *Triduum* (Three Days) in which the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ is made known.

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Pre-Service Preludes - 7:30 PM

Variations on "Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen"

Ah, Holy Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken... Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

- Var. 1..... H. Walcha
Var. 2..... R. S.Schilling
Var. 3..... G.F. Kauffmann
Var. 4..... A. Mahnke
Var. 5..... J.S. Bach
Var. 6..... C. Callahan (w/ Viola soloist)
Var. 7..... S. Karg-Elert

✠ **Tenebrae Vespers: Seven Words from the Cross** ✠

Silent Procession

stand

Opening Versicles

P O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **Make haste to help me, O lord.**
Praise to You, O Christ, for by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Prayer of the day

P Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Psalmody

Psalm 51 *chanted*

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!
- ³ For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
- ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.
- ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.
- ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and | gladness;*
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face | from my sins,*
and blot out all my in- | iquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,*
and sinners will re- | turn to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my sal- | vation,*
and my tongue will sing aloud of your | righteousness.
- ¹⁵ O Lord, open | my lips,*
and my mouth will de- | clare your praise.
- ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would | give it;*
you will not be pleased with a burnt | offering.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.
- ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good | pleasure;*
build up the walls of Je- | rusalem;
- ¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt | offerings,*
then bulls will be offered on your | altar.

**▲ Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12

13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

14 As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

15 so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand

53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

9 And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

LSB #450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (*verses 1-3 only*)

1 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.

- 2 How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now languish
That once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cruel rigor,
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor,
Thy strength, in this sad strife.
- 3 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,
And grant to me Thy grace.

The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

LSB #450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded *(verses 4-7 only)*

- 4 My Shepherd, now receive me;
My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me,

O Source of gifts divine.
Thy lips have often fed me
With words of truth and love;
Thy Spirit oft hath led me
To heav'nly joys above.

5 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 for Thee.

6 My Savior, be Thou near me
When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own!

7 Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

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Kneel or stand for prayer

The Bidding Prayer

A Let us pray for the whole catholic Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

P Almighty and everlasting God, since you have revealed your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask you, in safety the works of your mercy so that your holy catholic Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve you in true faith and persevere in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word in Christ's holy Church, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God:

P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all servants in your holy Church; for pastors, doctors and teachers of theology, deaconesses, teachers, DCEs. For the leaders of your holy Church: Matthew, our Synodical President; John, our District President and of the Council of Presidents of our Synod; for Elizabeth, Bishop of the ELCA; Daniel, Bishop of the North American Lutheran Church; Mark, President of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod; Francis, Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and all who oversee Christ's holy Church, that all the Baptized may serve you according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of his mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism into Christ, and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

P Almighty God and Father, because you always grant growth to your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our youth and adult catechumens receiving instruction in the Faith: especially Ian, Mason, Wills and John, that, rejoicing in their new birth in the waters of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the true faith among those whom you adopt as your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for all who hold civil authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

P O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray you graciously to regard your servants, Joseph, our President; the Congress of these United States; Henry, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as your ministers may bear it according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that he would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick, and a safe journey to all who travel:

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to you graciously come before you, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for all who are estranged from or outside of Christ's holy Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God the Holy Trinity, and gather them into his family, the Church:

P Almighty and everlasting God, because you seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of you, free them from their error, and for the glory of your name bring them into the fellowship of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before him as is fitting for Christians:

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore you, your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve you in true fear, to the praise and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

P O almighty, everlasting God, through your only Son, our blessed Lord, you have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore you that by your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down his blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them with thanksgiving according to his own good will:

P O Lord, Father Almighty, by your Word you created and you continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray you so to reveal to us your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by your grace be made ready to receive your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

Sit

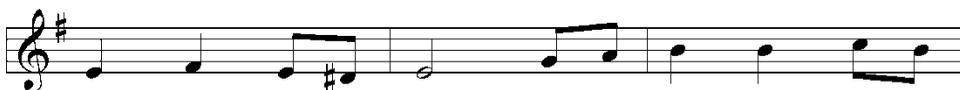
LSB Hymn # 451 *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear, His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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✠ Seven Words from the Cross ✠

The First Word

The Gospel Readings: St. John 19:14-16a

14 Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” 15 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.” 16 So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

St. Luke 23: 32-34a

32 Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

The Prayer

P Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Prince of Peace. When you were mocked, you did not respond with harsh words. When you were tormented, you did not react in anger. When you were nailed to the cross, you prayed for forgiveness for those who caused you to suffer. Grant us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and a forgiving spirit, that we may repay evil with good. Teach us also to love our enemies, and as children of the heavenly Father, to live in peace with all people.

C Amen

The Hymn: “Our Savior Speaks In Grace” (*Tune: Southwell*)

C **Our Savior Speaks in Grace**

With Words of Mercy True:

“Forgive Them, Father,” Thus He Prays:

“They Know Not What They Do.”

(The first candle is extinguished.)

The Second Word

The Gospel Reading: St. Luke 23:35-43

35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ 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." 39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? 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 justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Prayer:

P Lord Jesus Christ, in your infinite mercy you heard the plea of the dying thief on the cross next to you. We pray that you would open our ears in mercy to welcome those who turn to you, and rejoice in their salvation. When our last hour comes, hold us firm in our faith, and bring us also to live with you in Paradise.

C Amen.

The Hymn: "Our Savior Speaks in Grace."

C His Wondrous Pity See!
Unto The Thief He Cries:
"Today, I Tell You, You Will Be
With Me In Paradise."

(The second candle is extinguished.)

The Third Word

The Gospel Reading: St. John 19:25-27

25 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

The Prayer:

P Lord Jesus Christ, while you suffered the agony of the cross, your thoughts turned to the welfare of others. Your concern was for your mother in her sorrow. We pray that you would regard with pity all parents who mourn the death of their children, and all parents who sorrow because their children have gotten into trouble or forsaken their faith. By the power of your healing, we pray that parents and children may know peace, and that relationships may be restored.

C Amen.

The Hymn: “Our Savior Speaks in Grace.”

C To Mary, Looking on,
“Behold Your Son,” He Says.
“Behold Your Mother,” Thus on John
Love’s Burden Gently Lays.

(The third candle is extinguished.)

The Fourth Word

The Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 27: 45-47

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” **47** And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

The Prayer:

P Lord God, Father of all people and Creator of all that exists, you hold all people in your power. We pray that you would not forsake the world which your Son died to redeem. Even though we still see the influence of sin and evil all around us, assure us of your continued presence in our midst. Help us to know your love in our lives, so we can show your presence to others..

C Amen.

The Hymn: “Our Savior Speaks in Grace.”

C Now Hear The Awful Cry.
Sin’s Dreadful Burden See;
“My God, My God,” The Son Shouts, “Why
Have You Forsaken Me?”

(The fourth candle is extinguished.)

The Fifth Word

The Gospel Readings: Matthew 10:38-42

38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 40 “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. 41 The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

St. John 19:28-29

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

The Prayer:

P Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, you endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing and life that only you can provide. When we suffer, mercifully grant us peace and patience to endure the pain that comes our way. Bring to our minds all that you endured for us, and give us the strength to bear our burdens by the grace of your holy example.

C Amen.

The Hymn: “Our Savior Speaks in Grace.”

C As Man For Men He Dies.
Sin's Pow'r Has Done its Worst.
From Hell's Dread Agony He Cries
A Simple Word: “I Thirst.”

(The fifth candle is extinguished.)

The Sixth Word

The Scripture and Gospel Readings:

Hebrews 9:11-12, 15, 27-28

11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. 15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

St. John 19:30a

30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The Prayer:

P Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to you by your Father. We pray that you, who have begun the work of salvation in us through Baptism into your own life and death, would also bring it to completion, accomplishing everything that you intend for us, so that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for his glory.

C Amen.

The Hymn: Our Savior Speaks in Grace.”

C “Tis Finished,” Says The Lord
**The Burden On Him Laid
Of Sinful Thought and Deed And Word—
The Debt Is Fully Paid.**

(The sixth candle is extinguished.)

The Seventh Word

The Gospel Readings: St. Luke 23:44-46

44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

Matthew 27:54

St. Matthew 27:54

54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

The Prayer:

P Lord Jesus Christ, as you offered your life on the cross in our place, you commended your spirit into the loving hand of your heavenly Father. Grant us the grace to trust in you for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace, that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.

C Amen.

The Hymn: "Our Savior Speaks in Grace."

C "Father, Into Your Hands
My Spirit I Commend."
And He Who Hears and Understands
Receives Him In The End
Beneath The Cross May I
For Whom All This Was Done,
Repentant and Believing Cry,
"This Truly Is God's SON!"

(The seventh candle is extinguished.)

(The last and largest candle is carried out. During the darkness you are invited to meditate silently on Christ's suffering and death. A loud noise is made symbolizing the closing of the tomb at the Christ's burial.)

Solo: Were You There

PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE