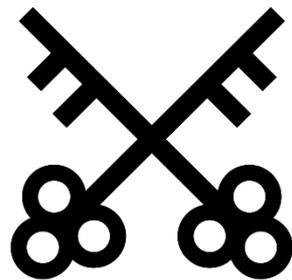


The Last Hour

A Tenebrae Service for Good Friday Evening



Huddersfield

PARISH CHURCH

Welcome to St Peter's

St Peter's church is a Church of England Parish Church and part of the Inclusive Church movement. We welcome you today wherever you come from. We hope all who visit here will know that God and God's people here welcome them. If you are new to church and faith please do speak to one of the clergy team before you leave today about the opportunities to find out more.

During the Service

Please switch off mobile phones. We invite everyone present to join in with the service, following the words in this sheet and saying the words in bold type together. The places where we may wish to sit, stand or kneel are indicated in the sheet.

We remain seated as the ministers enter and the service begins.

The Gathering

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

We gather here to worship God.

**We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us
and to thank God for his love and his mercy**

Seven candles are lit – representing the seven last words of Jesus.

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

**He grew up before God like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.**

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by humanity,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
**Like one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

We remain seated to sing.

Hymn

**Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving-kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
shed for us His precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven's eternal days.**

**On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.**

Let us pray.

Merciful God

**as we remember how your son Jesus
bore our sins in his body on the cross,
how seven times he spoke, seven words of love,
we ask you to bless our hearing this night.**

Father,

as we recall how his silence cried for mercy on the souls of all,
we ask you to help us understand the mystery of your love,
and make us into a people who are ever more worthy of it. **Amen.**

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

Silence is kept.

The First Word: Luke 23:33-34

When they came to the place called "The Skull",
they nailed Jesus to the cross there, and the two criminals,
one on his right and one on his left.

Jesus said "Forgive them, Father!
They do not know what they are doing."

Silence is kept.

The first candle is extinguished.

Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Silence is kept.

The Second Word : Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals hanging there threw insults at him:

"Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

The other one, however, rebuked him, saying:

"Don't you fear God?"

Here we are all under the same sentence.

Ours, however, is only right.

We are getting what we deserve for what we did;

but he has done no wrong."

And he said to Jesus,

"Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!"

Jesus said to him,

"I tell you this: today you will be in Paradise with me."

Silence is kept.

The second candle is extinguished.

Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Silence is kept. We remain seated to sing.

Hymn

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

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The Third Word: John 19:25-27

Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother,
his mother's sister, Mary
the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there;
so he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son."

Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."

And from that time the disciple took her to live in his home.

Silence is kept.

The third candle is extinguished.

Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Silence is kept.

The Forth Word: Mark 15:33-34

And when the sixth hour had come,
there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud
voice, "Elo-i, elo-i, lama sabach-thani?" which means,
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Silence is kept.

The forth candle is extinguished.

Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

We remain seated to sing.

Hymn

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

The Fifth Word: John 19:28

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), "I thirst."

Silence is kept.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

The Sixth Word: John 19:29-30

A bowl was there, full of cheap wine mixed with vinegar, so a sponge was soaked in it, put on a stalk of hyssop and lifted up to his lips. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished";

Silence is kept.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

We remain seated to sing.

Hymn

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.

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.

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

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.

The Seventh Word: Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

Silence is kept.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Silence is kept.

As the choir sing we are invited to approach the cross, kneel, pray and touch this symbol of Jesus amongst us.

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 53-4-6,9

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

**But he was wounded for our transgressions
and he was bruised for our iniquities.**

Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all.

**He was assigned a grave with the wicked
and with the rich in his death,
although he had done no violence
nor was any deceit in his mouth.**

Hymn

**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 in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when they rolled the stone away
Were you there when they rolled the stone away
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid rolled the stone away

Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, you have given us everything.

You have held nothing back.

Help us in like manner to give of ourselves.

Sanctify us Christ's name.

**Bless us and all that we think, feel, say, and do
that we, like Jesus, may be a blessing to others.**

We ask this and all things that we ask of you through him,
and pray as our friend and teacher, saviour and healer taught us:

**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.
Prayers of Intercession**

Blessing & Dismissal

We depart now in peace.
May the Spirit of Christ go with you,
may Christ's faith and trust abide within you,
may the knowledge of Christ's love support you
now and forevermore. **Amen**

We depart in silence.

