

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.

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A Time of Meditation: Meditate on the text of “Tenebrae Factae Sunt” (just below)

Tenebrae Factae Sunt

Tenebrae factae sunt, dum crucifixissent Jesum Judaei. Et circa horam nonam exclamavit Jesus voce magna: *Deus meus, ut quid me dereliquisti?*

Et inclinato capite, emisit spiritum

Exclamans Jesus voce magna ait: *Pater, in manus tuas commendo spiritum meum.*

Et inclinato capite, emisit spiritum.

**Translation:**

There was darkness over the earth when they crucified Jesus. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice: *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*

And he bowed his head and gave up His spirit.

Jesus cried with a loud voice and said, *Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.*

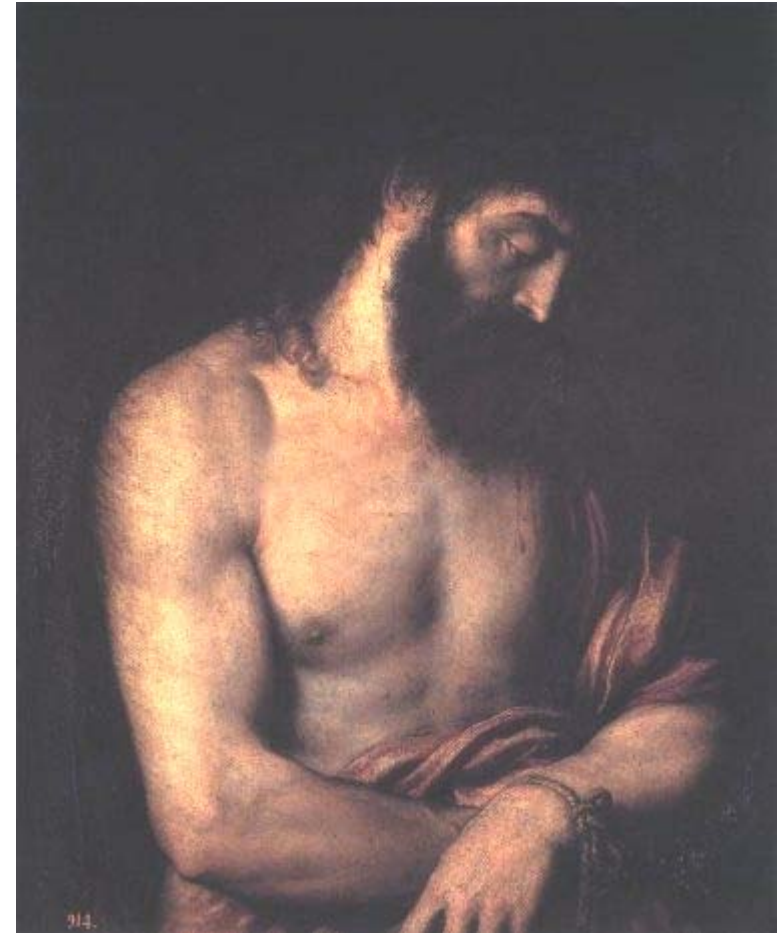
And he bowed his head and gave up His spirit.

DEPARTING. We invite worshipers to leave in silence.

Image: Ecce Homo (Behold the Man). Titian.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Embrace the Cross:  
A Service of Shadows



ENTERING. We invite worshipers to enter, and then pray, in silence.

A Time of Meditation

Jesus, Remember Me (Taize)

A Time of Meditation: Meditate on Psalm 22

Psalm 22 (chanting)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest

All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Be not far from me, for trouble is near; \*  
and there is none to help.

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S forever.

\* They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

A Time of Meditation: Meditate on John 6:25; 31-41

COMMUNION

Jesus says: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never  
be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty...and anyone  
who comes to me I will never drive away."

Communion Meditation

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

EMBRACE THE CROSS. We encourage worshippers to interact with the  
cross if so led.

Overture

Matthew 7:13-14

Little Narrow Gate (Paty)

Colossians 2:13-15

To The Cross (Mason)

Galatians 6:14

(singing) How Deep the Father's Love for Us (Townend)

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.