HOLY WEEK TENEBRAE

OPENING SONG, sing each day:  
Agnus Dei
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

Sunday
READ: Matthew 21:1-11 (11)
The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”
PRAY: Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem the people waved palms with shouts of acclamation. Grant that when the shouting dies we may still walk beside you even to a cross. Hear our prayer for your love’s sake. Amen.

CLOSING SONG, sing each day except Friday:  
Dunedin
O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new; uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

Monday
READ: Matthew 21:12-17 (15)
He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.
PRAY: Teach us, Jesus, how to live and worship without being worldly or greedy. Drive from our lives what spoils them and make us temples of the Spirit. Hear our prayer for your love’s sake. Amen.
Tuesday
READ: Matthew 21:33-45 (45)
When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

PRAY: When all we are and everything we do are called into question, grant us the dignity and direction, grant us patience; Jesus, be there then. Hear our prayer for your love’s sake. Amen.

Wednesday
READ: Matthew 26:1-5 (4)
. . . and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.

PRAY: Jesus, they hung you on a cross because you love sinners. Save us from our self-righteousness and from our contempt for those who differ from us. Hear our prayer for your love’s sake. Amen.

Thursday
READ: John 13:1-35 (34)
I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

PRAY: Everlasting God, your Son Jesus Christ girded himself with a towel and washed his disciples’ feet; grant us the will to be the servant of others as he was servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Friday
Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Christ has humbled himself, and become obedient unto death: even the death of the cross.

PRAY: Lord Jesus Christ, as we kneel at the foot of your cross, help us to see and know your love for us, so that we may place at your feet all that we have and are. Hear our prayer for your love’s sake. Amen.

CLOSING SONG:
Were you there
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?

Saturday
READ: Matthew 27:62-66

PRAY: We remember, O God, the grief of the disciples when Jesus died. Lead us beyond our fear of death to the joyful knowledge of eternal life in him who lives for ever. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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