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now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.

~ Paul Gerhardt, 1656

Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows The Remembrance of Christ

April 2, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Anthem

William Billings (1746-1800)

When Jesus Wept

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

Summons to Worship – from Isaiah 53

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

He was despised and rejected by all;
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom persons hide their faces.
He was despised and we esteemed him not.
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,
he was bruised for our iniquities.
Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole.
And by his stripes we are healed.

Hymn

PASSION CHORALE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully
surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown; how pale Thou art with anguish, with sore
abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

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. ~ *Paul Gerhardt, 1656*

The Word of Betrayal

Doris Hornbuckle

Luke 22:1-6

Anthem

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, Holy Jesus

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that that we to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted. Who was the guilty? Who brought
this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, that has undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was
denied you; I crucified you. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee,
and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.
~ *Johann Heermann, 1630*

The Word of Surrender

Perry Dixon

Matthew 26:36-42

Anthem

Timothy Shaw

O Come and Mourn

O come and mourn with me awhile; and tarry here the cross beside; O come, together let us mourn; Jesus, our Lord, is crucified. Here we no tears to shed for him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride? Ah! look how patiently he hangs; Jesus, our Lord, is crucified. Seven time he spoke, seven words of love; and all three hours his silence cried for mercy on the souls of all; Jesus, our Lord, is crucified. O love of God! O sin of man! In this dread act your strength is tried, and victory remains with love; for Christ, our Lord, is crucified. ~ *Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863*

The Word of Judgment

Carol Harston

Luke 22:66-23:3a

Hymn (171)

WONDROUS LOVE

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I Am,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be;
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity, I'll sing on.

The Word of Compassion

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Luke 23:26-43

Anthem

René Clausen

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

The Word of Completion

Renee Purtlebaugh

John 19:25b-30

Hymn

GETHSEMANE

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray. Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of Life arraigned; Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross. ~James Montgomery 1771-1954

Jesus Dies on the Cross ~Malcolm Guite

Bill Campbell

The Word of Commitment

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Matthew 27:57-60

Removal of the Light

The Christ Candle is removed from the table, symbolizing the burial of the Light of the world.

Preparing the Room for the Darkness of Saturday

Hymn

WERE YOU THERE

Were You There

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



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Singers in tonight's service are from Highland's Sanctuary Choir:
Mary Miller Dwyer and Linda Campbell, Soprano; Lisa Holm and Hannelore Mehler, Alto;
Nicholas Claussen and Ben Horman, Tenor; Cameron Carnes and Austin Echols, Bass.
We appreciate the musical gifts of Len Sjogren, Oboist, in tonight's service.

Highland's Easter service can be viewed on our Facebook page
and YouTube channel beginning at 10:00 a.m., on Sunday, April 4.