



O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns,
Thine only crown.

~ Paul Gerhardt, 1656

Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows

The Remembrance of Christ

April 15, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday of Holy Week

The Service of Darkness commemorates the suffering and death of Christ and is based on the ancient word *Tenebrae*, which means “shadows.” The service depicts the events that led to the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. The story will be told through music and scripture. The extinguishing of the candles, the gradual dimming of the lights, and the stripping of the altar symbolize the flight of the followers and the death of our Lord. Our worship concludes with the removal of the Christ Candle, recalling the hours Jesus was dead in the tomb.

Chiming of the Hour

Silent Procession

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. Have 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

Summons to Worship – from Isaiah 53

Bill Campbell

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.

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.

The Word of Betrayal

Lilly Glover

Luke 22:1-6

Hymn (191) †

PASSION CHORALE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

The Word of Surrender

Erin Phelps

Matthew 26:36-42

Hymn (171) †

WONDROUS LOVE

What Wondrous Love Is This

† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*

The Word of Judgment

Renee Purtlebaugh

Luke 22:66-23:3a

Hymn (180) †

REDHEAD

Go to Dark Gethsemane

The Word of Compassion

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Luke 23:26-43

Anthem

LOVE UNKNOWN

My Song Is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? Here might I stay and sing— no story so divine! Never was love, never was grief, dear King like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend! ~ *Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683*

The Word of Completion

Jim England

John 19:25b-30

Anthem

Craig Courtney

Thy Will Be Done

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death. Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life, and gave us hope, gave us himself. My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done. In blackest night we hear him in dark Gethsemane. Pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day. My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done. Then they took our Savior, and led him to a tree; and there they broke his body, poured out his life, put him to death – to rise again! My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done. ~ *adaptation of Matthew 26:36-42*

Jesus Dies on the Cross

Sally Evans

Removal of the Light

The Christ Candle is taken from the altar, symbolizing the burial of the Light of the world.

Preparing the Room for the Darkness of Saturday

The Word of Commitment

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Matthew 27:57-60

Hymn

WERE YOU THERE

Were You There
Phil Collier, Clarinet

**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 laid him in the tomb?

A time of stillness. Please depart in silence

Jesus Dies on the Cross

The dark nails pierce him and the sky turns black.
We watch him as he labors to draw breath.
He takes our breath away to give it back,
Return it to its birth through his slow death.
We hear him struggle, breathing through the pain,
Who once breathed out his spirit on the deep,
Who formed us when he mixed the dust with rain
And drew us into consciousness from sleep.
His Spirit and his life he breathes in all,
Mantles his world in his one atmosphere,
And now he comes to breathe beneath the pall
Of our pollutions, draw our injured air
To cleanse it and renew. His final breath
Breathes and bears us through the gates of death.

~ *Malcolm Guite*

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Please invite family and friends to join us for services on Easter Sunday morning, April 17, at 8:45 and 11:15. Bible study classes for all ages meet at 10:00 a.m.



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