

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF THE WORD

SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM)

APRIL 15, 2022 – 7:00 PM



WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Tenebrae" is Latin for "darkness." As portions of the Passion of our Lord are read, light in the candelabra is extinguished. The gloom caused by the gathering darkness is broken by the flame of the Christ candle, which represents the presence of the risen Lord despite the darkness of the world. By the light of the Christ candle, the congregation leaves the sanctuary, recognizing that the light of Christ shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

WELCOME

Rev. Kevin Horrigan

*The Friendship Pad is located in the pew at the center aisle.
Please sign and pass it to your neighbor.*

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

arr. Dale Wood

Dr. Stephen Jacoby, organist

The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. (I Peter 2:24)

People: Blessed is the name of the Lord.

* HYMN #223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

*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.*

(Isaac Watts, 1707)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER

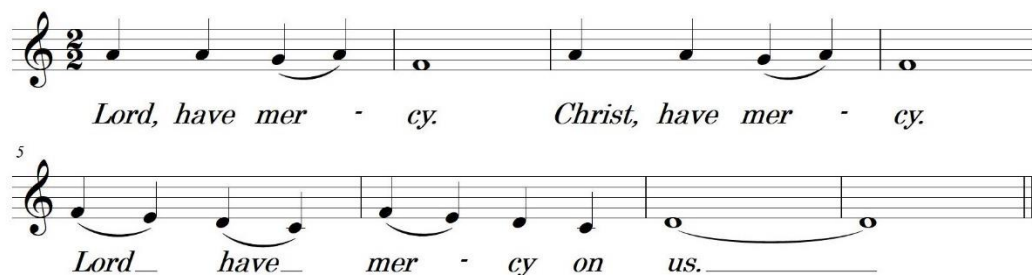
O God, our God, how often we fail you. With Judas, we chafe at your teachings and betray you. With Peter, we stand at a distance and deny you. With the high priests, we question and doubt you. With Pilate, we give up, and wash our hands of you. With the soldiers, we wound you. And with all who love you, we mourn. This heavy day reminds us how you have borne our infirmities and been crushed by our transgressions. We remember how you suffered to make us whole, how you died to deliver us. Cleanse us, Lord, and make true our hearts that we may hold fast to you and live with you, come what may. In Christ we pray. Amen.

(A Brief Time for Silent Confession)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"The Kyrie"

SINGAPURA



(Swee Hong Lim, 1995)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA

GLORIA (Mass of Creation)



(Marty Haugen, 1984)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Betsy Rice

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:1-6

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”

arr. H.T. Burleigh

Samantha Reeves, soprano

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

(African American Spiritual)

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION/THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: Beloved people of God,
as Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross
to offer life and salvation to all,
let us pray for the world that God loves so much.

Let us pray for the church throughout the world.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.
By your Holy Spirit, guide the church
and gather it throughout the world.
Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen

Leader: Let us pray for this presbytery and congregation.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.
Strengthen and uphold pastors and other leaders;
keep them in health and safety for the good of the church.
Help each of us to do faithfully
the work to which you have called us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen

Leader: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
you continue to bless the church with new members.
Increase the faith and understanding
of those preparing for baptism.
Give them new birth as your children.
Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church.
Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith
and keep us united in the fellowship of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for people of other faiths.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
gather into your embrace

all those who call out to you under different names.
Bring an end to interreligious strife,
and make us more faithful in our witness
to the love made known to us in your Son.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen**

Leader: Let us pray for those who cannot believe.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
You created humanity so that all might long to know you
and find peace in you.
Grant that all may recognize signs of your love and grace
in the world and in the lives of Christians,
and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen**

Leader: Let us pray for God's creation.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
you are the creator of a magnificent universe.
Hold this world in the arms of your care,
heal the damage we have done,
and bring all things to fulfillment in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen**

Leader: Let us pray for the leaders and people of all nations.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
you are the champion of the poor and the oppressed.
In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority
so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom,
and a share in the goodness of your creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray for all who suffer or are in need.
Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,
you give strength to the weary
and new courage to those who have lost heart.
Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Leader: As our Savior Christ has taught us,
We are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have 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, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.*

*Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.*

*For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.*

*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,
trans. Robert Seymour Bridges, 1899, alt.)

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Jennifer Hambrick and Timothy Dickey, readers

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:17-25

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Matthew 26:26-35

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

THE SHADOW OF UNKEPT VIGIL

Matthew 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

Matthew 26:47-56

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Matthew 26:57-68

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found

none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power
and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

THE SHADOW OF DERISION

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-31

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor...

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

Matthew 27:32-50

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Moments of silence

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

Leader: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.
People: Oh, come, let us worship our Savior.
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Leader: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.
People: Oh come, let us worship our Savior.
Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

DEPART IN SILENCE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers: **Team E— John Gray, Dick Jones**, Captains

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