



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

MARCH 29, 2024

7:30 p.m.

This is a service of meditation. Worshipers are asked to enter and leave the sanctuary in silence, with only silent recognition of friends.

The congregation will remain seated.

The word *tenebrae* means shadows.
The gradual extinguishing of the lights during the service
is symbolic of the approach of the dark hate of Jesus' enemies,
the flight of the disciples, and the trial and passion of our Lord.
The moment of total darkness will recall
the days our Lord was in the tomb.



INTROIT: Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our HeartsHenry Purcell (1659-1695)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not, shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from Thee. Amen.
– words from The Book of Common Prayer, 1662

PRAYER Jill Duffield

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: No. 220 – Go to Dark Gethsemane REDHEAD

SHADOW OF BETRAYAL
Matthew 26:20-25

Ah, Holy Jesus..... John Ferguson (b. 1941)

Rachel Keplin, viola

Jesus, hast thou offended?
Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected.
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I crucified thee.

– Johann Heermann, tr: Robert Bridges

SHADOW OF DESERTION
Matthew 26:30-35

O Vos Omnes Pablo Casals (1876-1973)

*O vos omnes, qui transitis per viam,
attendite, et videte:
si est dolor, sicut dolor meus.*

O ye people, who are passing by me and see me,
behold and see and consider:
if there can be any sorrow, any sorrow as mine.

*– text: Mechtild of Magdeburg (1207-1294);
Mark 9:7, Luke 9:35*

SHADOW OF AN UNSHARED VIGIL
Luke 22:39-46

Jesus, So Lowly Harold Friedell (1905-1956)

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth:
Christen me wholly, Bring me new birth.

Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad;
Teach me that only Love maketh glad.

Jesus, so broken, Silent and pale;
Be this the token Love will not fail.

Jesus, victorious, mighty and free;
Teach me how glorious death is to be.

– *Edith Williams*

SHADOW OF ACCUSATION
Mark 14:43-65

Meditation on 'Passion Chorale' Hans Leo Hassler (1564 – 1612)
arr. Fred Bock (1939-1998)

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.
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.

– *Bernard of Clairvaux*

SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION
Matthew 27:27-38

Were You There arr. Christopher H. Harris (b. 1985)
Lane Ridenhour, baritone

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 crucified my Lord?

Were you there when the stone was rolled away?
Were you there when the stone was rolled away?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

SHADOW OF DEATH

Luke 23:44-49

Ex Ore Innocentum.....John Ireland (1879-1962)

Women of the Chancel Choir Ensemble

It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heav'n, and die to save a child like me.
And yet I know that it is true: He chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died, for love of those who loved him not.

I sometimes think about the Cross, and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns, and Jesus crucified for me.
But even could I see him die, I should but see a little part
of that great love, which, like a fire, is always burning in his heart.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord; O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art.

– W. W. How

SHADOW OF THE TOMB

John 19:38-42

O Sorrow Deep.....David Hurd (b. 1950)

O sorrow deep! Who would not weep with heartfelt pain and sighing!
God the Father's only Son in the tomb is lying.
The Paschal Lamb, like Isaac's ram, in blood was offered for us,
pouring out his life that he might to life restore us.
Blest shall they be eternally who ponder in their weeping
that the glorious Prince of Life should in death be sleeping.
O Jesus blest, my help and rest, with tears I pray thee, hear me:
now, and even unto death dearest Lord be near me.

– translated by Winfred Douglas

The congregation is invited to depart in silence.

Chancel Choir

SOPRANO

Anne Albert
Julie Celona-VanGorden
Louann Clarke
Joyce D'Arconte
Detra Davis
Jean Davison
Amanda Scholz Edwards
Ralice Gertz
Lee Lashley
Karen Messina
Bonnie McAlister
Wendy McNeill
Judith Ransom
Louise Reynolds
Karen Ridenhour
Connie Shorter
Colbert Trotter

ALTO

Jill Amidon Strickland
Karyl Beavers
Kit Conner
Linda Davis
Susan Fancher
Stephanie Foley Davis
Rosalind Grier
Carolyn F. Hall
Terry Lashley
Pam Murphy
Marlo Nall
Lynn Simpson
Safiatou Souaré
Radha Upton
Alice Ward
B.J. Williams

TENOR

Greg Allen
Ty Buckner
Will Edwards
Tom Gillespie
Robby Hassell
Elijah Henderson
Joshua Thomas

BASS

Trip Adams
Jerry Beavers
Gabriel Coll-Bettencourt
Tim Cook
Nathan Crabtree
Ralph Davison
Steve Hall
Austin Jeffries
Dan Kerns
David McDonald
Bob Rhodes
Lane Ridenhour
Bill Schink
Harry Young

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor
Newton Cowan, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Rachel Fitch, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident
Doug McLeroy, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir
Rachel Keplin, Viola

OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES TOMORROW
*at 7:30 p.m. with the Great Vigil of Easter,
beginning in the Memorial Columbarium
and moving into the Sanctuary*

OUR WORSHIP FURTHER CONTINUES SUNDAY:

- *7 am sunrise service in Memorial Columbarium*
 - *Identical 9 & 11 am services
with Chancel Choir and Brass Quintet*
- *Rejoice! Easter Celebration, 10-10:40 am in the Life Center.
Join us for an Easter sing-along and donut & coffee fellowship.*
- *10 am Resurrection Egg Hunt,
Elm Street Prayground (preschool-5th grade)*



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