



good
friday

april 18, 2025
6:30 pm

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for worship this evening. We invite you to experience the meaning of the Gospel through this service, which reflects both ancient and modern elements of Christian worship. When we gather as a worshipping community, we enter into a dialogue with the living God. God calls us into worship, we rejoice in the hope of the Gospel, confess our sins, lament the brokenness of our world, give our offerings, and hear God's Word read and preached. We hope that by worshipping with us, you will experience joy and hope from a community of people who love Jesus.

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* Congregation, please stand if able

MEDITATION & PREPARATION

This time of quiet, contemplative worship incorporates elements from the Service of Shadows, or *Tenebrae* (Latin: “Shadows”), dating back to the 4th Century. Traditionally observed during Holy Week, this time focuses on the final hours of Jesus’ life and on His Crucifixion, drawing from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapters 26 and 27.

Prelude

* Call to Worship and Biblical Setting | Mathew 26:17-19

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare 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 at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

* When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous — cross
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



on which the Prince of glo - ry died,
 save in the death of Christ my God;
 sor - row and love flow min - gled down;
 that were a pre - sent far too small;



my rich - est gain I count as loss,
 all the vain things that charm me most,
 did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
 love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

* Prayer of Invocation

* First Reading

The Shadow of Betrayal | Matthew 26:20-25

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

The Shadow of Agony of Spirit and Arrest | Matthew 26:36-50

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.” And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” And 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 again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great 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; seize him.” And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

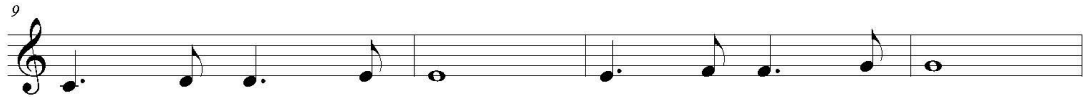
The Power of the Cross



1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day;
 2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
 3. Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath
 4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.
 quakes as its Ma - ker bows His head.
 for through Your suf - fring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
 Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood. (123) This the
 crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. (4) This the
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
 won through Your self - less love!



pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us. Took the
 pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us. What a



blame, bore the wrath; We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 love, what a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

* Second Reading

The Shadow of Denial | Matthew 26:69-75

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

The Shadow of Accusation | Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

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

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. 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 shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.” And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” Then he released for them

Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Choir Anthem | How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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* Third Reading

The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation | Matthew 27:30-44

And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. 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 garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

* Fourth Reading

The Shadow of Death | Matthew 27:45-50

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

Tenebrae Homily | “The Dimensions of Christ’s Anguish”

Rev. Dr. Curt McDaniel

Homily Notes

“And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’”

-Matthew 27:46

Miriam Webster’s Dictionary definition of anguish: “The state of being in extreme pain, distress, or anxiety.”

On Crucifixion Day, we remember the pain, distress, and anxiety felt by our Savior when at approximately 3 o’clock, he cries to His heavenly Father with personal, relational, mental, physical, and emotional agony, suffering brutal torment for our forgiveness and restoration. When we look more closely at Jesus’ words towards God His Father, *five* spectrums of anguish reveal the depth of horror that He suffered for us:

- “*My God*” shows the *personal dimension* of Jesus’ anguish. He encountered—for the first time ever—the sense of being distinctly alone. These words carry a plight of singular sorrow. Jesus felt isolated, deserted, and disowned both by His followers, but most especially by God His Heavenly Father.
- “*My God*” reveals the *relational dimension* of Jesus’ anguish. He suffered the repercussions of separation—again for the first time—from the favor and presence of His heavenly Father. A never-ending bond and love that existed from eternity past, continuing throughout His earthly life, was now interrupted with full force as the Father’s face and pleasure are turned away while the sins of the elect were laid upon His life as a sacrificial lamb for us.
- “*My God, why?*” reveals the *mental dimension* of Jesus’ anguish. He had sufficient time on the cross to think about His work and mission, even to question why things had to happen the way that they did. Earlier in the Garden, He prayed: “Father if it

be possible, let this cup pass from me...” We can only delve in wonder at the thoughts that went through His mind as physical pain and emotional separation spiked His soul in distress. But this we know: He said “my God” twice. This question to God **consumed** His mind.

- “*Have you forsaken*” shows the *physical dimension* of Jesus’ anguish. He bore a brutal, intense, and searing pain as the Roman soldiers beat, whipped, and scourged him with a cat of nine tails, and then nailed Him with spikes ripping through His hands and feet upon the cross. As this came with unspeakable pain, no doubt He felt God’s forsaking and judgment upon our sins that were laid on His broken body.
- “*Me*” shows the *emotional dimension* of Jesus’ anguish. His heart felt abandoned on the cross. Most of His disciples forsook Him, except John and His mother Mary who were close by. He felt the emotional desertion from those that He thought were His friends, but most, like Peter, left Him.

Jesus’ anguish was a torment of body, emotions, mind, will, and soul. We cannot begin to fathom the depth of anguish, torment, sorrow, and horror that He felt. Thankfully, we never will, for He did this **FOR US**. C.S. Lewis, in *The Problem of Pain*, wrote: “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pain.” I believe in these words of anguish, Jesus shouts both His **and** the Father’s pain at our sin and His work not only heals their anguish, but also our dilemma with His cleansing, redeeming, and restoring blood.

* Fifth Reading

The Shadow of Amazement | Matthew 27:51-56

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

The Shadow of Burial | Matthew 27:57-61

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

* Were You There (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____ Were you
 2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? _____ Were you
 3. Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? _____ Were you
 4. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? _____ Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____ Oh! _____
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? _____ Oh! _____
 there when they pierced Him in the side? _____ Oh! _____
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? _____ Oh! _____



Some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. _____
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. _____
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. _____
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. _____



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? _____
 Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? _____
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? _____

* **Benediction** | Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

* **The Strepitus** | Matthew 27:50-54

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.
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said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

*In keeping with the intent of this Tenebrae Service of
Shadows, we respectfully ask you to depart the sanctuary in
meditative and prayerful silence, contemplating the things
you have heard and experienced.*

Those serving this evening

Audio Visual

Todd Shafer

Vitaliy Petrenko

Musicians

Charles and Angela Brant

Scripture Readers

First Reader: RE John Thompson

Second Reader: Cindy Thompson

Third Reader: Emily Waters

Fourth Reader: Rev. Dr. Curt McDaniel

Fifth Reading: RE John Parler

Please join us for Easter Sunday services, April 20th,
9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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for singing, games, fun
and prizes
and of course...
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by April 23rd*



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BBQ Lunch

Sunday, April 27th | after 11:00 worship

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and drinks provided

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Tomlin Hall

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Max class size - 12

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if you plan
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April 30th

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