

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Cross Eye" JJ Jacobs

Good Friday

April 2, 2021

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

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Service of Tenebrae

Tenebrae is the Latin word for darkness; the ancient service of Tenebrae dates from the Eighth Century. With each segment of the story, a candle will be extinguished until the sanctuary is completely dark, commemorating the darkness that fell over the land as Christ was crucified.

PRELUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Robert Hughes

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We enter into a holy place through the new and living way Jesus Christ has opened for us.

Many: **We stand near the cross – disturbed, distraught, discouraged.**

Yet we gather here as disciples, those whom Jesus loved.

One: On this solemn day, let us stand as witnesses to God's great love for all the world.

Love is revealed to us in the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Many: **Come, let us worship.**

* 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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and grace, God of steadfast love, God who is faithful even when we are not, forgive us. We are the ones who scatter from you when our faith is tested. While in the company of friends, family and strangers, we are the ones who deny that we know you by our actions and our silence. We are the ones who betray you with our selfish ways and our wandering faith. Forgive us, for we know not what we are doing. By the power of the cross, put to death all that separates us from you and your children. This we pray. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

RESPONSE 227 (Sing twice)

REMEMBER ME

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Hebrews 10:16-17

One: This is the new covenant I make with you, says the Lord.

Many: **I will put my law in your hearts; I will remember your sin no more.**

One: Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

Many: **By Jesus' self-giving love we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus
Lauren Decker, Violin Solo

W. A. Mozart

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

When I Am Laid in Earth
Lauren Decker, Violin Solo

Henry Purcell

SERVICE OF SHADOWS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Mark 14:10-13, 16-21

THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF THE SPIRIT AND ARREST

Luke 22:39-48, 54

Congregation: 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?

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Luke 22:54-62

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Mark 15:1-15

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THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY

Matthew 27:27-31

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

Luke 23:32-43

Congregation: Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

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Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

DRAMATIC READING

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Mark 15:33-39

Congregation: Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

THE SHADOW OF BURIAL

John 19:38-42

Congregation: 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?

DRAMATIC READING

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

The bells will toll thirty-three times, remembering the years of our Savior's life.

EXTINGUISHING THE CHRIST CANDLE

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MUSICIANS

John Michael Osteen, Vocalist

Lauren Decker, Violin

Denise Lynch, Organ

EASTER SERVICE

11:00 am (Outdoors and Online)

*Please bring blooms from your yard to decorate the cross in celebration of the risen Christ.
The cross will be located by the fountain.*

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