



# TENEBRAE

## SERVICE OF DARKNESS

Friday, April 3, 2015 | 7:30pm

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**Prelude**

“O Darkest Woe”

John A. Behnke

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymn No. 178**

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Passion Chorale

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Hymn**

“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”

Horsley

There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains He had to bear;  
But we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiv'n He died from sin to free,  
That we might go at last to Heav'n, and gain eternity.

There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin;  
He only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has He loved, and we must love Him, too,  
And trust in His redeeming blood, and try His works to do.

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn**

“Alas and Did My Savior Bleed?”

Alas and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head, for sinners such as I?

Thy body slain, sweet Jesus, Thine—and bathed in its own blood—  
While the firm mark of wrath divine, His Soul in anguish stood.

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut His glories in,  
When Christ, the mighty Maker died, for man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.

## Call for the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

### Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

#### Offertory

“Were You There?”

Raymond Haan

*Gary Glick, tenor; Hrant Parsamian, cello;  
Daniel Mears, timpani; and Sanctuary Choir*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when He bowed His head and died?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when He rose up from the tomb?  
Were you there when He rose up from the tomb?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

#### Scripture Lesson

Hosea 11:1-11

pages 757-8, pew Bible

#### Sermon

“The Divine Passion”

Dr. Robert Norris

#### Hymn

“Here is Love”

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten, all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God’s mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured unceasing from above,  
Heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me seek Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

## SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

“Tenebrae” is the Latin word meaning shadows. The series of Scripture lessons depicts the shadows gathering about the Lord Jesus Christ, until the darkness is complete as Jesus is placed on the cross. As each lesson ends a candle is extinguished until the final candle is quenched, indicating the death of our Lord.

### THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL (Matthew 26:20-25)

**Evangelist:** *When it was evening, He reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, He said;*

Jesus: Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me.

**Evangelist:** *And they were very sorrowful, and began to say to Him, “Is it I Lord?” and He answered and said..*

Jesus: 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.

**Evangelist:** *Judas, who would betray Him, answered...*

Judas: Is it I, Rabbi?

**Evangelist:** *He said to him.*

Jesus: You have said so.

*(the first candle is extinguished)*

### THE SHADOW OF DESERTION (Matthew 26:30-35)

- Evangelist:** *And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them...*
- Jesus: You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered before you go to Galilee.
- Evangelist:** *Peter answered Him...*
- Peter: Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.
- Evangelist:** *Jesus said to him...*
- Jesus: Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.
- Evangelist:** *Peter said to Him...*
- Peter: Even if I must die with You, I will not deny You!
- Evangelist:** *And all the disciples said the same.*

*(the second candle is extinguished)*

### THE SHADOW OF THE UNSHARED VIGIL (Luke 22:39-46)

- Evangelist:** *And He came out and went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him. And when He came to the place, He said to them...*
- Jesus: Pray that you may not enter into temptation.
- Evangelist:** *And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying...*
- Jesus: Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will but Yours, be done.
- Evangelist:** *And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when He rose from prayer, He came to His disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and He said to them...*
- Jesus: Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.

*(the third candle is extinguished)*

### THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION (Mark 14:43-65)

- Evangelist:** *And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying...*
- Judas: The one I will kiss is the man. Seize Him and lead Him away under guard. And when he came, he went up to Him at once and said...Rabbi! And he kissed Him. And they laid hands on Him and seized Him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to him...Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.
- Evangelist:** *And they all left Him and fled. And a young man followed Him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked. And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came together. And Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against Him, saying, "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.' Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus... Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you? But He remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said....*
- Jesus: I am, and you shall see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.
- Evangelist:** *And the high priest tore His garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard His blasphemy, What is your decision? And they all condemned Him as deserving death. And some began to spit on Him and to cover His face and to strike Him, saying to Him, Prophecy! And the guards received Him with blows.*

*(the fourth candle is extinguished)*

THE SHADOW OF THE CRUCIFIXION (Matthew 27:27-38)

**Evangelist:** *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!" 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. And 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.*

*(the fifth candle is extinguished)*

THE SHADOW OF DEATH (Luke 23:44-49)

**Evangelist:** *It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling with a loud voice, said...*

**Jesus:** *Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!*

**Evangelist:** *And having said this He breathed his last.*

*(Drum Roll)*

**Evangelist:** *When the Centurian saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"*

*(the sixth candle is extinguished)*

THE SHADOW OF THE TOMB (John 19:38-42)

**Evangelist:** *After these things Joseph of Arimathea who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away His body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.*

*(only one candle remains burning. This is removed, symbolizing Christ's three days in the tomb)*

**Choir Response**

"Surely, He Is The Son of God"

Adam Kunsberg

*Daniel Mears, timpani; and Hrant Parsamian, cello; and Sanctuary Choir*

The people said, "Crucify! Crucify Him! Crucify this man! The man who claims He is the Son of God!  
Blasphemy! Blasphemy! Take this man and nail Him to the cross!"

And they took Him to a place called Golgotha. And they hung Him on a tree and mocked Him.

"He calls Himself the Son of God!" "My God, My God!" the Savior cried out.

"Save yourself, O King of Jews! Save yourself, King of Jews! Son of God."

"It is finished!"

"Surely, this was the Son of God." He has carried our sorrows,  
Bled for our sins, and suffered in our place.  
His wounds have healed us.

Praise the Lord! For He has carried our sorrows,  
Bled for our sins, and suffered in our place.

Sacrificed for sinners, He has paid our debt,  
Forever ransomed us, Our Lord has carried our sorrows,  
Bled for our sins, and suffered in our place.

Suffered in our place.

*~ Madeline Leong and Adam Kunsberg*

*There is no Benediction to this service as we await the Resurrection on Easter Morning*