



TENEBRAE

Service of Darkness

Friday, April 14, 2017

7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Good Friday stands at the center of the cycle of Holy Week services. Following Maundy Thursday, recalling the Last Supper, Good Friday focuses on Jesus' abandonment and death. The service of Tenebrae, which means "shadows," is an extended meditation on the cross of Christ. Using Scripture passages, music, and light, the story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion is retold. After each lesson a candle is extinguished until the final candle is quenched, symbolizing the death of our Lord. The service concludes without a benediction, awaiting the resurrection of our Lord on Easter morning.

Prelude

"Elegy"

arr. Douglas Mears

Cynthia Keith, flute; Phil Sargeant, oboe; Eric Sabatino, harp; Fred Markey, organ

*Congregational Introit

"Just As I Am"

Woodworth

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bid'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, with waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Silent Prayer of Confession

Congregational Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:10–12

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Hymn

"Here Is Love"

Cymraeg

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness 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, throughout heav'n's eternal 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 incessant from above,
And heav'n'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.

In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
And thy grace my need is meeting, as I trust in thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness thou art pouring thy great love and power on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Anthem

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Sanctuary Choir, Cynthia Keith, flute;
Phil Sargeant, oboe; Eric Sabatino, harp; Fred Markey, organ;
Daniel Mears, timpani; Hanna Marra, percussion

traditional English folk tune
 arr. Dan Forrest and Douglas Mears

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?

(The congregation is invited to stand and join in singing)

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

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Rob Yancey

Hymn No. 183

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

St. Christopher

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Corey Gray

Offertory

“Pie Jesu”

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Douglas Mears

Valerie Kraft Simonsen, soprano; Natalie Conte, mezzo soprano;
Cynthia Keith, flute; Phil Sargeant, oboe; Eric Sabatino, harp

Pie Jesu,
 Qui tollis peccata mundi,
 Miserere nobis.
 Dona eis requiem.

Blessed Jesus,
 Who takes away the sins of the world,
 Have mercy upon us.
 Grant us rest.

Agnus Dei,
 Qui tollis peccata mundi,
 Miserere nobis.
 Dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Lamb of God,
 Who takes away the sins of the world,
 Have mercy on us.
 Grant us rest eternal.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 27:27–31

page 834, pew Bible

Sermon

“The Christ Stripped for the Christian's Shame”

Dr. Todd Smedley

Silent Prayer**Responsive Reading**

Pastor: This is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light.

People: **God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.**

Pastor: For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world may be saved through him.

Service of Tenebrae

LESSON I—Matthew 26:20–25

The Shadow of Betrayal

LESSON II—Matthew 26:30–35

The Shadow of Desertion

LESSON III—Luke 22:39–46

The Shadow of the Unshared Vigil

LESSON IV—Mark 14:43–65

The Shadow of Accusation

LESSON V—Matthew 26:69–75

The Shadow of Denial

LESSON VI—Matthew 27:27–38

The Shadow of the Crucifixion

LESSON VII—Luke 23:44–49

The Shadow of Death

Hymn

“Alas and Did My Savior Bleed?”

Martyrdom

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

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

Silence is observed as we leave the Sanctuary in preparation for the resurrection of Christ.

Easter Sunday Services

6:00am Sunrise; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am; and 6:00 pm

Pastors

Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Corey Gray, Rev. Ron Meyer
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