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PRELUDE

Were You There? (240) arr. Cindy Berry Sam Parnin, Piano

SILENT PROCESSION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God forbid that I should boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead; by him we are redeemed and set free.

May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face shine upon us.

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using sins)

* HYMN 230 Go to Dark Gethsemane

* CONFESSION OF SIN

God of Passion, on this day of betrayal and death, we remember those times we have been part of the crowd, seeking our best interest over what is right and good.

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On this day of fear and denial, we remember those times when we chose the path of safety over loyalty to your Way.

Ever present God, on this day of despair and loss, we remember the ways we have wandered away from your presence, only to complain that we are abandoned.

God of the Cross, for all the ways we have missed the mark, all the ways we have come up short, forgive us. Through your Grace bring us back into relationship. Help us find the path again.

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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+ THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS +

+ THE FIRST LIGHT - THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL +

Matthew 26:20-25 Congregational Response 238 Jeanette Mottl, Reader O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

+ THE SECOND LIGHT - THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF SPIRIT AND ARREST +

Matthew 26:36-50

James Edstrom, Reader Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended (234)

Vocal Response Ah, Holy Barbara Hunt, Soprano

+ THE THIRD LIGHT - THE SHADOW OF DENIAL +

Matthew 26:69-75

Suelexia Rodriguez, Reader

Instrumental Response

Wir setzen uns mit Tränen nieder

(We sit down in tears) from St. Matthew Passion by J.S. Bach

Sam Parnin, Organ

+ THE FOURTH LIGHT - THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION +

Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

Steve Paska, Reader

Congregational Response (Insert)

Jesus Paid It All

John T. Grape

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Led by Kristen Hunter, Sam Parnin, and Brian Ward

+ THE FIFTH LIGHT - THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION AND HUMILIATION +

Matthew 27:31-43

Mary Chase-Ziolek, Reader

Choral Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (222)

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

+ THE SIXTH LIGHT - THE SHADOW OF DEATH +

Matthew 27:45-54

Jeff Hunter, Reader

Choral Response

'Tis Finish'd

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

'Tis finish'd! 'Tis finish'd! So the savior cried, and meekly bowed His head and died: 'Tis finish'd! Yes, the race is run, the battle's fought, the vict'ry's won.

+ THE SEVENTH LIGHT - THE SHADOW OF THE TOMB +

Matthew 27:57-60 Vocal Response Libby Piotrowski, Reader He's Gone Paul Zach

Jeanette Mottl and Brian Ward

After the cross had been carried, after the weight is laid down; after the body is buried, down where the darkness surrounds;

after the end of the violence, after the sky has gone dark; now there is nothing but silence, broken by the beat of our hearts.

He's gone.

After the last words are spoken, we lay him down in the grave. After our hearts have been broken, have all our hearts been betrayed?

DISMISSAL

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on the cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever. Amen.

The choir will recess in silence, pausing to drop the nails they have been given into the bucket in the narthex. The congregation may follow.

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

& Candle Extinguishers &

Talitha Kiltz Annalisa Ward

THE LORD'S PRAYER

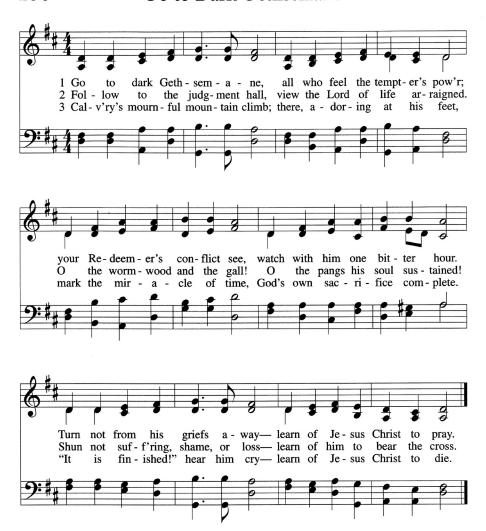
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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Traditional

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Go to Dark Gethsemane

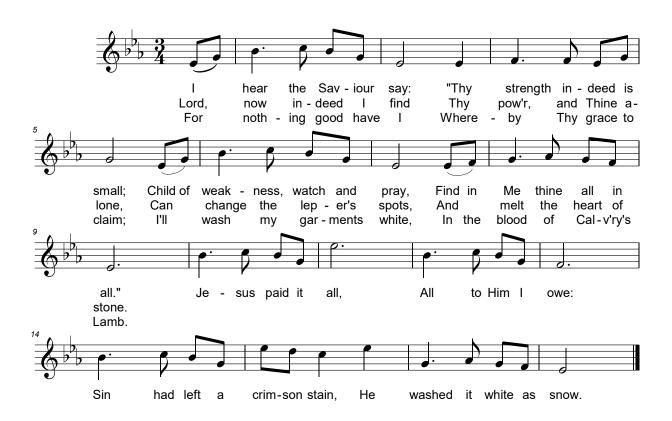




WORDS: Latin; twelfth century; German, Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, tr. James W. Alexander, 1804-1859, alt. MUSIC: Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

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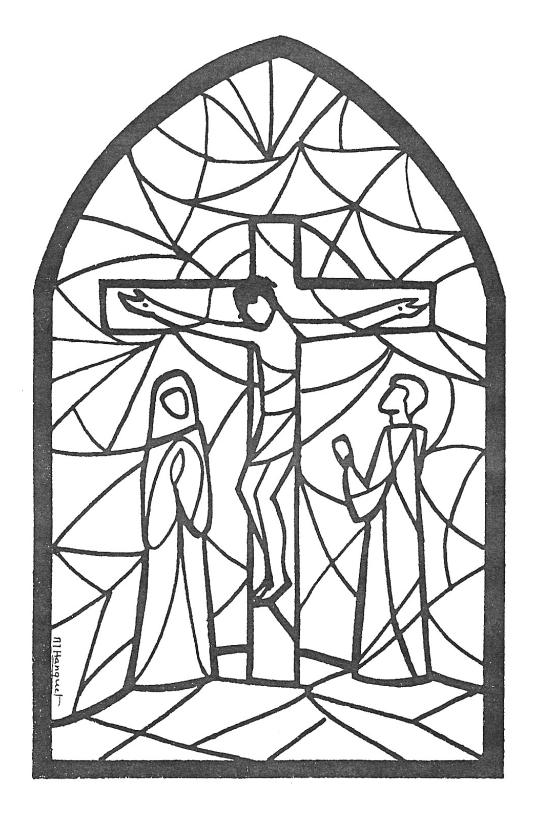
WHAT IS "TENEBRAE"?

The service of Tenebrae, or "shadows", dates back to eighth-century Rome. It grew out of a combination of night and early morning prayer, focusing on the commemoration of the passion of Jesus. The most significant aspect of this service is the gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles in the room, symbolizing the flight of the apostles and the darkness and disturbance that accompanied the suffering. The candles represent the apostles and all followers of Christ. The larger candle—the one we call "The Christ Candle"—represents Jesus himself. The dramatic high point occurs when complete darkness is reached, and a loud noise is sounded at Jesus' death. As Christians, we believe that it is of central importance that the reality of Christ's death be encountered; for there can be no resurrection without death.

- Adapted from the Covenant Book of Worship

A Tool for Children and Adults Alike

The Good Friday service can be a hard one for kids to sit through (and stay sort of quiet for), so we have included a coloring page on the next page, along with some colored pencils, if they would be helpful to any younger ones among us. But also, coloring can be a really helpful meditative practice for adults in worship, too. So, feel free to color as you listen to the scripture, engage with the music, and journey through the story of Jesus' crucifixion.



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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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