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PRELUDE

Were You There
Hymnal Selection 240, arr. Norman Johnson
Sam Parnin, Organ

SILENT PROCESSION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 53:1-12

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**For he grew up before him like a young plant;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him.**

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity.

He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities.

Upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

God of suffering and redemption, as we gather to worship you this night; to bear witness to your suffering and death, may we be reminded that you, our Great High Priest, are not unfamiliar with our weaknesses and temptations. You are not unable to understand our suffering and pain; and this truth makes your sacrifice all the greater and more difficult to fathom. Lord Jesus, as we worship this evening, we give you all thanks and praise and ask for your continued grace and mercy as we strive to live as your servants in the world. These things we pray in your name and with the words you gave us...

* HYMN 238

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

* CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, hear us as we confess our sins.

Forgive us, we pray, for trusting not in the free and perfect gift of your grace, but in our own ability to somehow earn it.

Silence

Forgive us, we pray, for seeking assurance, hope, and salvation in anything and anyone that is not You, our Triune God.

Silence

Forgive us, we pray, for the ways in which we are blind to the injustices of this world and fail to truly love a brother or sister in Christ.

Silence

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, our merciful God forgives all who earnestly repent. Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not reckon sin. The slate has been wiped clean. You are forgiven.

+ THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS +

+ THE FIRST LIGHT - THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL +

Matthew 26:20-25
Choral Response

Libby Piotrowski, Reader
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)
from *Gospel Mass*
Robert Ray
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director
Joel Piotrowski, Tenor

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

For You came to die for me,
suffered, bled, and died,
died on Calvary.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

In Your word You showed us how,
we are trying, Lord, hear our pray'r right now.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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

Matthew 26:36-50
Choral Response

Les Carlstrom, Reader
When Jesus Wept
Hymnal Selection 231

+ THE THIRD LIGHT - THE SHADOW OF DENIAL +

Matthew 26:69-75

Congregational Response 234

Johanna Frisk, Reader

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

+ THE FOURTH LIGHT - THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION +

Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

Vocal Response

Jeff Hunter, Reader

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Fernando Ortega

Robert Johnson, Baritone

Lauren Wargaski, Violin

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!

'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!

'Tis the long-expected prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
by His Son, God now has spoken. 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?

Friends through fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress.

Many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;
yet the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great
here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.

Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;
'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;

Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast.

Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!

None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

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

Matthew 27:31-43

Congregational Response

Emily Cody, Reader

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

Led by Jon Boyd, Chris Hickey, Kristen Hunter,
Anders Johnson, Samantha Johnson, and Brian Ward

+ THE SIXTH LIGHT - THE SHADOW OF DEATH +

Matthew 27:45-54
Vocal Response

J.P. DeNeui, Reader
Still My Little Boy
J.J. Heller
Maria Ward, Soprano
Anders Johnson, Bass Guitar

When you were a child, I remember
your tiny hand in mine, fragile as a flower.
I would watch you sleep and listen to you breathing.
I'd hold you when you cry; I wish I could hold you now.

Chorus: If I sing your lullaby; will you hear my voice?
I know you are the Lamb of God, but you're still my little boy.

In the dead of night you would call me:
"Water, mama, please." Life was simple then.
I hear you calling now, suffering and bleeding.
This your cup to drink, so I'd never thirst again.

Chorus

I didn't know how much this would hurt
when I saw you play in the dirt,
when I watched you climb in the trees.
I didn't know you would climb one for me.

Chorus

+ THE SEVENTH LIGHT - THE SHADOW OF THE TOMB +

Matthew 27:57-60
Choral Response

Jeanette Mottl, Reader
Who Crucified My Lord?
Ralph R. Belcher

Who crucified my Lord?
Who nailed Him to the cross?
Who crowned Him with a wreath of thorn?
Who crucified my Lord, my Lord?

Nobody knew Him, His suffering and shame,
when He hung on the cross all torn with pain.
O Lord, my Lord, my Lord!
Who crucified my Lord, my Lord?

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.*

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*

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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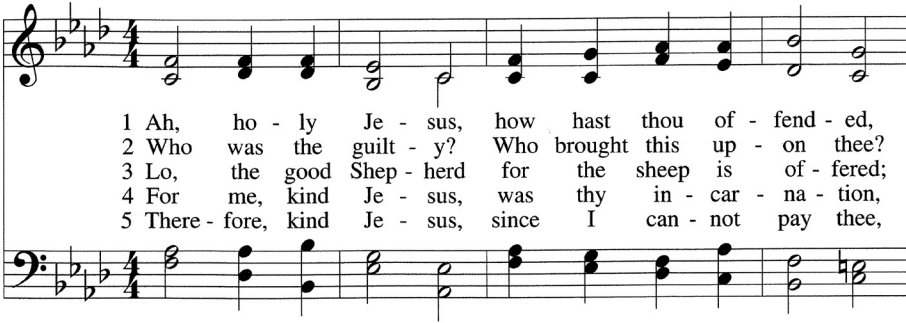
1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighd down,
 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thy on - ly crown;
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

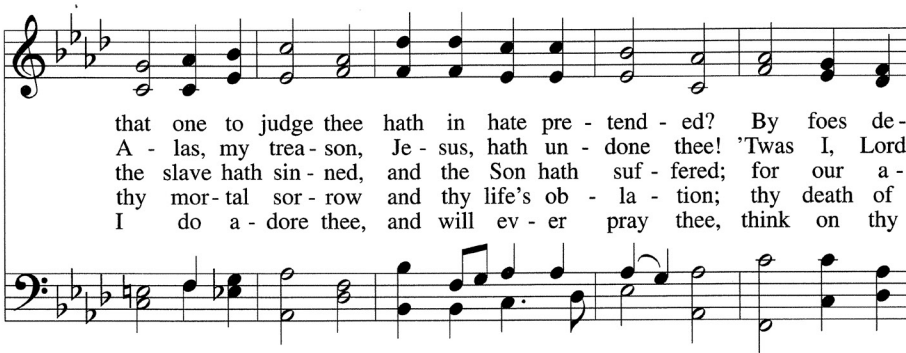
how art thou pale with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and, should I faint - ing be,

How does that vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!
 look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee. A - men.

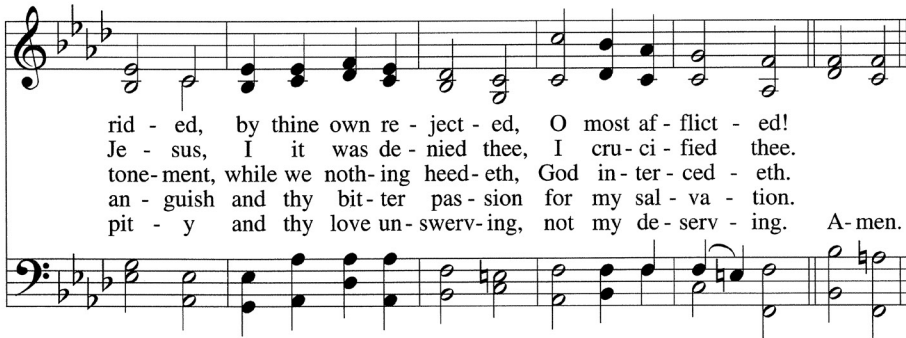
Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended 234



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
 3 Lo, the good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion,
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that one to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee! 'Twas I, Lord
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee, I cru - ci - fied thee.
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing. A - men.

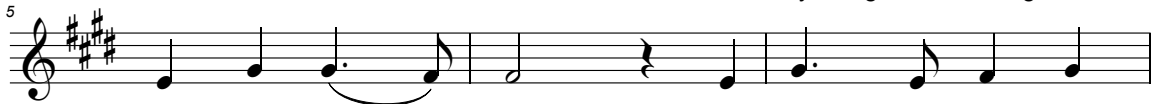
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

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1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be -
2. Be - hold the Man u - pon a cross: my guilt u -
3. I will not boast in a - ny-thing: No gifts, no



yond all mea - sure that He would give His
pon His shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my
powr's, no wis - dom, but I will boast in



on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How
mo-cking voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
Je - sus Christ: His death and re - sur-rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sea - ring loss; the Fa - ther
was my sin that held Him there un - til it
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not



turns His face a - way as wounds which mar the cho - sen One
was ac-com - plished. His dy - ing breath has brought me life:
give an an - swer, but this I know with all my heart:



bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
I know that it is fi - nished.
His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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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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