

Good Friday Worship
Tenebrae Service
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • April 2, 2021
Friday at 7:00 pm

Welcome

*"He was despised and rejected,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
surely, he has borne our sorrows"*

- Isaiah 53

Prelude

What Wondrous Love is This

Greeting

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, who redeems us from sin and death.
For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Prayer

Almighty God, look with mercy on your children for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed; and to be given over to the hands of sinners; and to suffer death on the cross. For He now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 22

How shall I repay you, O Lord, for all the good things you have done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our ancestors put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and not a human, scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

"He trusted in the Lord; let the Lord deliver him; let God rescue him, if God delights in him."

The Service of Shadows

Hymn 202

“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!
At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart rolled away –
It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!*

*Was it for crimes that I have done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart rolled away –
It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!*

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away: 'tis all that I can do.
At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart rolled away –
It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!*

The Shadow of Betrayal and Arrest

Mark 14: 43-50

Immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” All of them deserted him and fled.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures forever.

The First Candle is Extinguished

Silence

The Shadow of Accusation

Mark 14: 53-65

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony 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.’” But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” Jesus said, “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’” Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.

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The Second Candle is Extinguished

Silence

The Shadow of Denial

Mark 14: 66-72

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

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The Third Candle is Extinguished

Silence

Offering of Music

Be Still

The Fray

The Shadow of Derision

Mark 15: 16-23

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.

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The Fourth Candle is Extinguished

Silence

The Shadow of Crucifixion

Mark 15: 24-32

And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

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The Fifth Candle is Extinguished

Silence

The Shadow of Death

Mark 15: 33-39

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39 Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures forever.

The Sixth Candle is Extinguished

Silence

Hymn 228

"Were You There"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble . . .

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble . . .

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble . . .

The Shadow of Burial

Mark 15: 42-47

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

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The Seventh Candle is Extinguished

Silence

Dismissal

O Savior of the world, you who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us:
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

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