



# GOOD FRIDAY

April 10, 2020

7:00 pm

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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# SERVICE OF DARKNESS

The Service of Darkness is a movement through the events of Jesus' last day on earth. The service begins by recounting Jesus' last night with his disciples and ends with his death on the cross the following afternoon. The last events of Jesus' life will be represented through scriptural readings and song. The service will culminate in total darkness, with the exception of one light that will represent the resurrection.

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## PRELUDE

“Have Mercy on Me, O Lord God”

*J. S. Bach, arr. Fox*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Judy Hockenberry

One: It is through the telling of stories that we find ourselves. We hear of people who are so very different from ourselves, and yet, we locate a piece of ourselves in them. Tonight, as we hear the story of Jesus' death, may we be able to center ourselves and find ourselves in his story. Furthermore, may we, through the act of confession, locate those parts of ourselves that have suffered, died, and are in need of resurrection.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**All: Lord, as we come to you on this dark night where we remember the death of our Lord, help us to remember that the greatest thing each person can do is to give oneself to God utterly and unconditionally—weakness, fears, and all. For God loves obedience more than good intentions or second-best offerings, which are all too often made under the guise of weakness. Help us in our weakness. Forgive our sins and grant us the knowledge that through Jesus' suffering we see your redemption in the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## HYMN 215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Wondrous Love

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: OUR OFFERING

TC Anderson

## OFFERTORY

“Lenten Meditation”

*Craig Carnahan*

*“Were you there? Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Sometimes it causes me to tremble.  
Follow to the judgment hall; O the wormwood and the gall!  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Sometimes it causes me to tremble.  
O the pangs his soul sustained! Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete; 'It is finished!' hear him cry;  
learn from Jesus Christ to die. Sometimes it causes me to tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?”*  
Chancel Quartet (Recorded April 19, 2019)

## A PLEA FOR HELP IN EVIL TIMES

Psalm 12

SCRIPTURE READING

Alex Lang

ANTHEM

“Psalm 12”

Adam Hendrickson

*“Help, O Lord, for there is no longer anyone who is godly; the faithful have disappeared from humankind, from humankind. They utter lies to each other; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak. May the Lord cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts, those who say, “Without tongues we will prevail; our lips are our own—who is our master?” “Because the poor are despoiled, because the needy groan, I will now rise up,” says the Lord; “I will place them in the safety for which they long.” The promises of the Lord are promises that are pure, silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times. You, O Lord, will protect us; you will guard us from this generation forever. On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among humankind, this humankind.”*

## BETRAYAL, ARREST, AND DENIAL

Luke 22:47-62

SCRIPTURE READING

Judy Hockenberry

SONG

“Until the End of the World”

Clayton, Evans, Hewson, & Mullen, Jr.

*“Haven't seen you in quite a while. I was down the hold, just passing time.  
Last time we met it was a low-lit room. We were as close together as a bride and groom.  
We ate the food, we drank the wine, everybody having a good time except you. You were talking about the end of the world. I took the money, I shared your drink. You miss too much these days if you stop to think. You led me on with those innocent eyes, and you know I love the element of surprise. In the garden I was playing the tart. I kissed your lips and broke your heart.  
You? You were acting like it was the end of the world. Love...  
In my dream, I was drowning my sorrows, but my sorrows they'd learned to swim. Surrounding me, confounding me, spilling over the brim. Waves of regret and waves of joy. I reached out for the one I tried to destroy. You? You said you'd wait till the end of the world.*

TC Anderson, guitar; Adam Hendrickson, piano/vocals

## PERVERTING OUR NATION

Luke 22:66-71, 23:1-5

SCRIPTURE READING

TC Anderson

ANTHEM

“For I Am Under the Same Accusation With My Saviour” Benjamin Britten

*“For I am under the same accusation with my Saviour. For they said, he is besides himself.  
For the officers of the peace are at variance with me, and the watchman smites me with his staff.  
For Silly fellow! Silly fellow is against me and belongeth neither to me nor to my family.  
For I am in twelve Hardships, but he that was born of a virgin shall deliver me out of all.”*

Chancel Choir (Recorded April 19, 2019)

## A GALILEAN PAST

Luke 23:6-12

SCRIPTURE READING

Alex Lang

## MOB JUSTICE

Luke 23:13-25

SCRIPTURE READING

Judy Hockenberry

ANTHEM

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Donald McCullough

*“Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted! Who was the guilty?  
Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. Twas I, Lord Jesus, I  
it was denied thee; I crucified thee. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave  
hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.”*

Chancel Quartet (Recorded April 19, 2019)

## A VISION OF PARADISE

Luke 23:26-43

SCRIPTURE READING

TC Anderson

HYMN 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hamburg

## MOMENT OF DARKNESS

Luke 23:44-49

SCRIPTURE READING

Alex Lang

SERMON

“Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness”

Alex Lang

HYMN 228

“Were You There”

Were You There

*vv. 1-4*

THE STREPITUS

A loud noise symbolizing the earth shaking  
and rock splitting that followed Jesus’ crucifixion (Matthew 27:51)

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***Turn off the service in silence, remaining in a state of worship until we gather again on Sunday morning for the continuation of this worship.***

***Our response to the Word, spoken, sung, and heard this night, comes on Sunday morning. Easter Sunday service will be streamed online at 9:00 and 10:30 am.***