



GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, 2021

A Service of Worship
First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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.

PRELUDE

"Abide With Me"

arr. Don Hustad

Chuck Beech, piano; Chris Urban, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 12:1-2, 7-8)

Judy Hockenberry

One: Help, O Lord, for there is no longer anyone who is godly; the faithful have disappeared from humankind. 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

All: Almighty God, look with mercy on your family, 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. Lift up your Word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully all the way to the cross; 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 Choir

THE PARABLE OF THE WICKED TENANTS

Mark 12:1-12

SCRIPTURE READING

Judy Hockenberry

BETRAYAL AND ARREST

John 18:1-14

SCRIPTURE READING

Alex Lang

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.

Adam Hendrickson, piano/vocals

JESUS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

John 18:19-24; 28-40

SCRIPTURE READING

TC Anderson

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 Choir

(Recorded April 19, 2019)

MOB JUSTICE

John 19:1-16a

SCRIPTURE READING

Judy Hockenberry

HYMN 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hamburg

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

John 19:16b-25a

SCRIPTURE READING

TC Anderson

HYMN 228

“Were You There”
vv. 1-4

Were You There

THE DEATH OF JESUS

John 19:25b-30

SCRIPTURE READING

Alex Lang

SERMON

“Death and Destruction”

Judy Hockenberry

ANTHEM

“Abide With Me”

arr. Donald Busarow

“Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide! When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me. I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see. O thou who changest not, abide with me. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. ”

Chancel Choir; Michelle Fielder, oboe
(Recorded March 30, 2018)

THE STREPITUS

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

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 held outdoor, in our parking lot, as well as streamed online.

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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