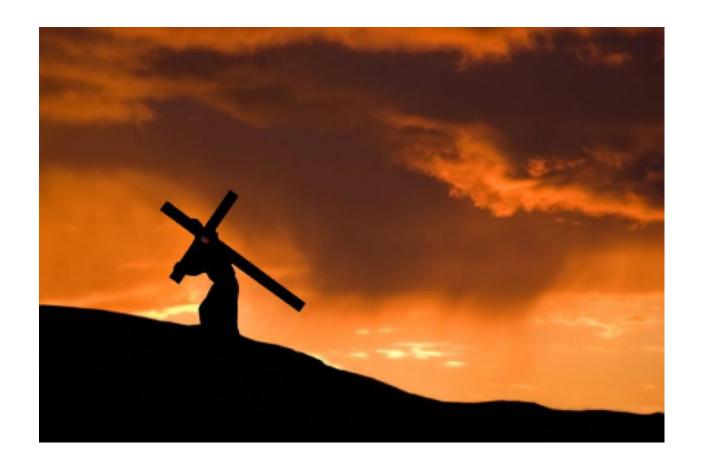
Good Friday



April 15, 2022 7:00 pm



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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.

PRELUDE "Adagio for Strings" Samuel Barber

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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" WOUNDROUS LOVE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Grace Before Sleep" Susan LaBarr

"How can our minds and bodies be grateful enough that we have spent, here in this generous room, this evening of content. Each of us has walked through storm and fled the wolves along the road. But here the hearth is wide and warm. And for this shelter and this light, accept, O Lord, our thanks tonight."

Chancel Choir

A GARDEN OF PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:36-46 TC Anderson

ANTHEM "When You Prayed Beneath the Trees" Lloyd Larson

"When you prayed beneath the trees, it was for me, O Lord; when you cried upon your knees, how could it be, O Lord? When in blood and sweat and tears, you dismissed your final fears, when you faced the soldiers' spears, you stood for me, O Lord. When their triumph looked complete, it was for me, O Lord; when it seemed like your defeat, they could not see, O Lord! When you faced the mob alone, you were silent as a stone, and a tree became your throne; you came for me, O Lord. When you stumbled up the road, you walked for me, O Lord; when you took your dearly load, that heavy tree, O Lord; when they lifted you on high, and they nailed you up to die, and when darkness filled the sky, it was for me, O Lord."

Chancel Choir

BETRAYAL, ARREST, AND BLASPHEMY

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:47-68 Judy Hockenberry

ANTHEM

"Until the End of the World" Evans, Hewson, Clayton, & 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. 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/voice; Adam Hendrickson, piano/voice; Greg Schultz, accordion

PETER'S DENIAL OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:69-75 TC Anderson

PILATE

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27:11-26 TC Anderson

ANTHEM "Ah Holy Jesus" Donald McCullough

Text from Hymn 218 Chancel Choir

KING OF THE JEWS

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27:27-31 Judy Hockenberry

HYMN 223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

THE CRUCIFIXION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27:32-44 Alex Lang

SERMON "Complicity" Alex Lang

HYMN 228 (vs 1-4) "Were You There" WERE YOU THERE

MOMENT OF DARKNESS

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27:45-55 TC Anderson

ANTHEM "Lament" Howard Shore Chancel Choir arr. Adam Hendrickson

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

SILENT RECESSIONAL

After a moment of silent darkness, Narthex lights will turn on.

All depart 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.

†Please stand as you are able.

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson **Associate Director of Music and Organist:** Chris Urban



Join Us for Easter Worship

Celebrate Christ's Resurrection!

6:30 am Sunrise Service at North School Park

(in the event of rain, Sunrise service will be cancelled)

8:00 am Modern Worship **Traditional Worship** 9:30 am 11:00 am Traditional Worship

Childcare will be available at the 9:30 & 11:00 am Easter services.

