

Good Friday



April 7, 2023

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

"Have Mercy on Me, O Lord God"

J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

CALL TO CONFESSION

Laura Sherwood

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 forgive as you have forgiven us. In the same way that the unconditional love of God can heal the brokenness inside of us, help us to see how offering love to those who have hurt us can heal the brokenness in our world. Help us to walk in Jesus' footsteps by releasing our pride, our fear and our selfishness so that we are willing to sacrifice everything we have to bring redemption to our world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✦ HYMN 223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: OUR OFFERING

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? O!

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

Follow to the judgement hall; O the wormwood and the gall! 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. O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? 'It is finished!' hear him cry."

Chancel Choir

GARDEN OF PRAYERS AND BETRAYAL

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:36-56

Alex Lang

SONG

"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."

Adam Hendrickson, piano/voice; Greg Schultz, accordion

BLASPHEMY AND DENIAL

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:57-75 Laura Sherwood

HYMN 207 (vv. 2, 6, 7) "Shadows Lengthen into Night" TENEBRAE

PILATE AND THE "KING OF THE JEWS"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27:11-31 Alex Lang

ANTHEM "Ah Holy Jesus"
Text from Hymn 218 Donald McCullough
Chancel Choir

BENEATH THE CROSS

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27:32-44 Laura Sherwood

HYMN 216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ST. CHRISTOPHER

FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:14-15 Alex Lang

SERMON "The Forgiveness of Sins" Alex Lang

MOMENT OF DARKNESS

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

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27:45-55 Laura Sherwood

ANTHEM

“The Mother”

Frank Ferko

“I do not grudge them: Lord, I do not drudge my two strong sons that I have seen go out to break their strength and die, they and a few, In bloody protest for a glorious thing: They shall be spoken of among their people, The generations shall remember them, and call them blessed; But I will speak their names to my own heart in the long nights; The little names that were familiar once round my dead hearth. Lord, thou art hard on mothers: We suffer in their coming and their going; And though I grudge them not, I wear of the long sorrow and yet I have my joy: My sons were faithful, and they fought.”

Chancel Choir; Megan Hendrickson, soprano

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, Laura Sherwood

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban



Join Us for Easter Worship

Celebrate Christ’s Resurrection!

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service at North School Park
(if inclement weather, service will be in the Chapel)
- 8:00 am Modern Worship
- 9:30 am Traditional Worship
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship

Childcare will be available at the 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Easter services.

♥ Choose love. 🏰 Be the light. 🌍 Change the world.