

Good Friday
March 29, 2024
7:00 PM Service of Worship
A Service of Shadows

PRELUDE AND TIME FOR QUIET MEDITATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, eternal Word of God,

People: We worship you.

Leader: O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God, dwelling place of the Most High, gate of heaven,

People: We worship you.

Leader: O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love, full of kindness, source of all faithfulness,

People: We worship you.

Leader: O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart, in you are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in you dwells the fullness of the Godhead.

People: We worship you.

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: Grant us peace.

*HYMN #213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*OPENING PRAYER

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 suffer death on the cross. In his death, we have life. In his resurrection, we have eternal life; where he now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO SEEK GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Ever-living and ever-loving God, how frayed our lives have become; a collection of loose ends, tarnished glories, and hazy dreams. We have not kept our eyes upon your saving cross nor listened with undivided attention to your voice. We have not sought your presence among the destitute nor accepted ourselves as persons for whom you died. Stretch our boundaries, stir our hearts, and inflame our souls to behold you in every fragment of life, to feel you in every moment of time, and to serve you in every occasion with obedience and joy.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God says, I will remember your sins no more.
Hold fast to this hope.

People: The sacrificial love of Christ reassures us of God's mercy. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE DARKNESS INCREASES

I. SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

MATTHEW 26:20-25 p. 985
HYMN #202 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*
(Verses 1-3)

II. SHADOW OF DESERTION

MATTHEW 26:30-35 p. 985
ANTHEM *My Song Is Love Unknown*
Catie Jewell, Flute

III. SHADOW OF UNSHARED VIGIL

LUKE 22:39-46 p. 1044
HYMN #220 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*
(Verses 1-3)

IV. SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

MARK 14:43-55 p. 1008
ANTHEM *Lamb of God*

V. SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

MATTHEW 27:27-38 p. 988

HYMN #223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

VI. SHADOW OF DEATH

LUKE 23:44-49 p. 1046-1047

DUET *He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word*
Denise DeMasi and Bruce Wolfinger

VII. SHADOW OF THE TOMB

JOHN 19:38-42 p. 1074

HYMN #212 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

(During the silence, a voice will sing the beginning line of each verse of *Were You There?* The congregation is then invited to join in singing the remainder of each verse.)

HYMN (Insert) *Were You There?*
Lindsey Culcasi

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

*SILENCE

Please observe silence after the service
until you have left the church.

*Please stand if able

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The Ministers: All The Members

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

Brian Ballentine, Music Director

Denise DeMasi, Choir Director

Henry Choi, Acolyte

“*It is finished.*”

John 19:30, ESV



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