

Mentor UMC Good Friday Drive-in Tenebrae Service 2021

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Prelude "Ah, Holy Jesus" arr., Janet Linker

Call to Worship (Isaiah 53:1, 4-5)

L: Who has believed our message, and to whom
has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**P: Surely, he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by God, and afflicted.**

L: But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him;

P: And by his wounds we are healed.

Opening Prayer

**Most gracious God, we are like sheep who have gone astray,
seeking to find our own way. We call to you in the name of
Christ our Lord, who was betrayed, given into sinful hands,
and suffered death upon the cross. Through the offering of
our Lord, we know that we will see the light of life. We call
to you in the name of Christ our Lord who now lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and
ever. Amen.**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" # 297 verses 1 & 2
Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the
burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

Invitation

When we hear the passion story, we are often tempted to think
of it happening long ago and having nothing to do with us. Yet,
Jesus' journey to the cross is our journey. The pain and ridicule
hurled at him is our brokenness. The sin Jesus takes on is our sin.
The redemption that Jesus seeks is for us. Let us hear with fresh
ears and open hearts, and receive what God offers in Christ.

"Via Dolorosa"

Billy Sprague & Niles Borop

Laurie Eppler, soloist

The Service of Shadows

Darkness of Betrayal

Matthew 26:1 -5, 14 - 16

"Father, Forgive Them"

Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir & Charter Members; recorded March 30, 2018

The first candle is extinguished

Darkness of Temptation

Matthew 26:31 - 39

"As You Will, It Will Be"

Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir & Charter Members; recorded April 19, 2019

The second candle is extinguished

Darkness of Abandonment

Matthew 26: 40 - 56

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

292 verse 1 & 2

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wonderous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

The third candle is extinguished

Darkness of Accusation

Matthew 26: 57 – 68

"Were You There" Traditional. Spiritual/arr. Elaine Schram

The fourth candle is extinguished

Darkness of Denial

Matthew 26: 69 – 75

"Ah, Holy Jesus" # 289 verse 1 & 2

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.

The fifth candle is extinguished

Darkness of Sentencing

Matthew 27:11 - 31

"Let Him Be Crucified"

Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir & Charter Members; recorded April 19, 2019

The sixth candle is extinguished

Darkness of Ridicule

Matthew 27:32 – 44

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Choral Setting by Joel Raney

Charter Members; recorded March 30, 2018

The seventh candle is extinguished

Darkness of Crucifixion

Matthew 27:45- 50

"Christ, We Do All Adore You"

Theodore Dubois

Chancel Choir & Charter Members; recorded April 19, 2019

Silence

Dismissal Blessing

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto
death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you
this night and forever.

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake was laid in a grave ...
only to assure that his rising to life would secure victory and
hope, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever.

Amen.

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