

First Presbyterian Church
April 2, 2021

Good
Friday

WELCOME

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Thank you for joining us for worship.

To decrease the risk of COVID for all gathered, please observe the following:

- Wear a mask
- Please remain seated for this service
- Maintain social distance from other worshipers
- Place offering in plates in the narthex
- Child Care during worship is open for very young children in Room 110/111 in Education Wing. If you need assistance in finding the room, please ask an usher.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

A Taizé service is a contemplative worship service centering on simple, soft music, Scripture reading, prayer and silence. It comes from the ecumenical Christian community in Taizé, France founded in 1940.

The Tenebrae service follows a tradition of the church dating back to the 8th century. From Latin, the word Tenebrae means "darkness" and commemorated the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross. The candles represent the failing loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The candles are progressively extinguished as the service ends in complete darkness, as we wait in hope for Easter's joy.

This Good Friday service combines elements of both the Taizé and Tenebrae traditions.

PRELUDE

Were You There?

GATHERING IN SILENCE

WELCOME

BIDDING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

42. Come and Pray in Us

Taize

$\text{♩} = 89$

Vieni, Spirto creatore

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Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and pray in us,
come and vis - it us, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Spir - it come, Spir - it come.

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 26:20-25

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

This is the Night

$\text{♩} = 70$

MY NEIGHBOR

This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep ing, when powers of
 This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep fold, be trays him-
 This night the Lord by slaves shall be ar - rest _ ted, he who de -

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 dark - ness o - ver - come the day, the night the faith - ful mourn the weight of
 self in to his vic - tim's will, the Lamb of God for sac - ri - fice pre -
 stroys our slav - er - y to sin; ac - cused of crime, to crim - i - nals be

12
 e - vil where - by our sins the Son of Man be tray.
 par - ing; sin - brings a - bout the cure for sin's il own ill.
 giv - en, that judg - ment on the righ - teous Judge be - gin.

The first candle is extinguished

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 26:36-46

THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Shadows Lengthen into the Night

TENEBRAE

$\text{♩} = 60$

Sally Ann Morris

In the grove of ol - live trees un - der -neath a dark - ening sky,
 In the gar - den, still and deep, those he asked to watch and pray,
 Deep - er in the gar-den's chill, Je - sus kneels to pray a - lone,

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 Je - sus warns as he fore - sees: Pe - ter al - so will de - ny.
 heavy - y - lid - ded, fall a - sleep, wea - ry from the anx - ious day.
 wrest - ling with God's ho - ly will, cry - ing out, "Let it be done!"

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 Shad - ows length - en in - to night.

The second candle is extinguished

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 26:47-50

THE SHADOW OF THE ARREST

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

Ah, Holy Jesus

♩ = 70

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

The third candle is extinguished

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 26:69-75

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

**Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The fourth candle is extinguished

SCRIPTURE READING MATTHEW 27:31-36 THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION AND HUMILIATION

After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

♩ = 60

PASSIONE CHORALE

O sacred head, now wounded,
What thou my head, now hast I grief and shame weighed down.
Now scornful, ly sur-
What lan- guage, Lord, shall gain; Now mine was thy the trans-
What all sin- ners' friend, mine this thy dy-
ing thank dear - est for, gres- sion, but thy with thine thine on - ly crown; how
so - row, pi - ty the dead - ly pain end? Lo,
pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and
here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy
make me thine for - e - ver; and shoud I faint -
scorn! How does that vis - age lan - guish which
place; be, look Lord, on let me me with ne - ver, fa - vor, vouch -
once was bright as morn!
safe to my me thy grace.
live love to thee.

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 27:37-43

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

**We remember His death,
We proclaim His resurrection,
We await His coming in glory.**

Jesus, Remember Me

Taize



The sixth candle is extinguished

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger,
Senior Pastor

The Rev. Brett Gudeman,
Associate Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,
Pianist/Organist

Chamber Ensemble

Veronika Johnson, violin

Ariana Arcu, cello

Ushers:
Harriet Bibb- candles
Marilyn McCorkle

Video and Sound:
Mike Hyatt, Tom Stroud,
Brian Bulger, Jeff Hyatt,
Dave Young

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 27:45-54

THE SHADOW OF HIS DEATH

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. (Organ music pause) The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

MUSICAL OFFERING

It is Finished

MARY MCDONALD

*"It is finished." These words He cried. Silence! Silence! He bled and died.
Then the earth shook the darkened sky. "It is finished," My Lord was crucified.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes my to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb.?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?*

The seventh candle (Christ Candle) is carried out

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATION DEPARTS IN SILENCE

Worship Resources Adapted From:

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Join us on Easter Sunday!

6:15 am

GBH Garden

8:30 am

Sanctuary*

11:00 am

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**Childcare available*

