

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

* Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE *Mon âme cherche une fin paisible* Jean Langlais
("My soul longeth to depart in peace") (1907-1991)

* GREETING AND CONFESSION

LEADER: Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you?

PEOPLE: I am here.

LEADER: Peter, slave of fear, where are you?

PEOPLE: I am here.

LEADER: Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you?

PEOPLE: I am here.

LEADER: Men and women of Jerusalem, enslaved to mob rule, where are you?

PEOPLE: I am here.

LEADER: Pilate, slave of expediency, where are you?

PEOPLE: I am here.

LEADER: The story of Christ's passion and death mirrors for us much of our own weakness and sin. We all come here as men and women who have missed the mark and who are alienated from God and our neighbor near and far. Let us join together in the prayer of confession.

Yes, dear God, it is true. We are not worthy of your love. We promise to be faithful, but we fall away; we forsake you; we flee from you; we betray you; we deny you; we watch from afar; we don't tell anyone that your reign is at hand; we are afraid. Change us, we pray. Amen

* OPENING HYMN NO. 286 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*
PASSION CHORALE

INVITATION

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

Reading 1: Jesus Betrayed John 18:1-11
The first candle is extinguished.

Reading 2: Jesus Arrested John 18:12-14
The second candle is extinguished.

Reading 3: Peter Denies Jesus John 18:15-18
The third candle is extinguished.

Reading 4: Jesus Before Annas John 18:19-24
The fourth candle is extinguished.

Reading 5: Peter Denies Jesus John 18:25-27
The fifth candle is extinguished.

Reading 6: Jesus Before Pilot John 18:28-32
The sixth candle is extinguished.

Reading 7: Jesus is The Truth John 18:33-38
The seventh candle is extinguished.

Reading 8: Jesus or Barabbas John 18:39-40
The eighth candle is extinguished.

Reading 9: Jesus is Flogged and Mocked John 19:1-11
The ninth candle is extinguished.

Reading 10: Jesus Handed Over John 19:12-16
The tenth candle is extinguished.

Reading 11: Jesus is Crucified John 19:17-22
The eleventh candle is extinguished.

Reading 12: They Cast Lots John 19:23-24
The twelfth candle is extinguished.

Reading 13: Mary and the Loved Disciple John 19:25-27
The thirteenth candle is extinguished.

Reading 14: Jesus Dies John 19:28-30
The fourteenth candle is extinguished.

Reading 15: They Pierced His Side John 19:31-37
The Christ candle is taken away or extinguished.

Reading 16: Jesus is Buried John 19:38-42
Silence.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Were You There* Spiritual
William Inabnit, tenor

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

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. Amen.

All depart in silence.

Worship Note:

Jean Langlais was a French composer of modern classical music, organist, and improviser. He studied at the Paris Conservatory: organ under Marcel Dupré and composition under Paul Dukas. He was organist at Ste. Clotilde from 1945 to the end of 1987, retiring at the age of 80. His works include masses and organ music, some based on Gregorian themes, enhanced by polymodal harmonies. "Mon âme cherche une fin paisible" is from a set of pieces titled *Neuf Pièces* ("Nine Pieces") that were composed during the war years (1942 and 1943). The set is divided into three parts: the first part includes four chants (songs), the second part includes works based on Lutheran chorales, and the third part includes free paraphrases on Gregorian chants. This piece is based on the Lutheran chorale "O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden" ("O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"). The text of this Passion hymn uniquely expresses the meaning of Good Friday for the Christian.

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