

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

March 31, 2024 7:00 am

Shore Park

115 Shore Drive, Worcester, MA 01605

(on Indian Lake)

(rain location—UUCW)

Sponsored by Greendale Ecumenical Group



“A Service of Shadows”

Ecumenical Good Friday Service

March 29, 2024 7:00 PM

Sponsored by the Greendale Ecumenical Group:

Grace Ministries—Bethel & Zion Lutheran Churches

Salem Covenant Church

Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester

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Order of Service

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev. Aaron R. Payson

*Hymn #101 (SLT)

Abide with Me

The Agony of the Spirit

Scripture

Luke 22:39-46

Rev. Mark Nilson

Choral Anthem Stay With Me. . .

Reading *Salvator Mundi: Via Crucis* by Denise Levertov

Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Shadow of Arrest

Scripture

John 18:1-8

Rev. Andrew Borden

Hymn #199 *Precious Lord*

Reading *The Well of Grief* by David Whyte Rev Mark Nilson

Shadow of Denial

Scripture

Matthew 26:69-75, 27:1-5

Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Musical Meditation *Adagio K280* by W.A. Mozart

Reading Saint Peter's Worst Day by Luigi Tansillo

Rev. Andrew Borden

Shadow of Accusation

Scripture

Mark 15:8-15

Rev. Aaron Payson

Musical Meditation *Largo a mesto* by L.V. Beethoven

Reading *One Crucifixion* by Emily Dickenson

Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Shadow of Mockery

Scripture

Matthew 27:27-31

Rev. Mark Nilson

*Hymn #265 (SLT) *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

Reading

Indifference by GA Studdert Kennedy

Rev. Andrew Borden

Shadow of Crucifixion

Scripture

Matthew 27:32-50

Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Bell Choir *Ahh, Holy Jesus* by Arnold Sherman

Reading *When Death Comes* by Mary Oliver Rev. Aaron Payson

Shadow of Death

Scripture

Mark 15:38-47

Rev. Andrew Borden

Choral Anthem "When I survey the wondrous cross"

arr. Gilbert

Reading *I saw the Sun at Midnight* by Joseph Mary Plunkett

Rev. Mark Nilson

The Darkness is Complete

RETURNING HATE FOR HATE MULTIPLIES
HATE, ADDING DEEPER DARKNESS TO A NIGHT
ALREADY DEVOID OF STARS. DARKNESS
CANNOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS; ONLY LIGHT
CAN DO THAT. HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT
HATE; ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT.

- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -

*This service was adapted from "A Service of Shadows" by
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