First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 7, 2023



WE GATHER

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #363

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me SOJOURNER

1 I want Jesus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
I want Jesus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (with me)

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
In my trials, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (with me)

3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (with me)

OPENING PRAYER

THE SHADOW OF AGONY OF THE SPIRIT

Matthew 26:36-56 Linda Filipovits

Extinguish First Candle

*Please stand if you are able

SPECIAL MUSIC Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross arr. Kevin McChesney

Chancel Ringers

SILENT REFLECTION

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Matthew 26:57-68 Bob Hunsicker

Extinguish Second Candle

ANTHEM Carol of the Atonement arr. Anthony Greening

Chancel Choir

Soul of Jesu, make me whole,
Meek and humble make my soul;
Thou most sinless Soul divine,
Cleanse this sinful soul of mine;
Hallow this my contrite heart,
Purify my inmost part,
Soul of Jesu, strengthen me;
MISERERE, DOMINE.

Jesu, by that wondrous power
Of thine awful Passion hour,
By the unimagined woe
Mortal man may never know;
By the sins upon thee laid,
By the ransom thou hast paid,
By thy suffering comfort me;
MISERERE, DOMINE.

Jesu, by thy bitter death,
By thy last expiring breath,
Grant me thine eternal life
Purchased by that mortal strife;
Thou did'st suffer death that I
Might not die eternally;
By thy Passion quicken me;
MISERERE, DOMINE.

SILENT REFLECTION

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Matthew 26:69-75 Cindy Simmons

Extinguish Third Candle

HYMN #100

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Verses 1 & 2 ROCKINGHAM

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

SILENT REFLECTION

THE SHADOW OF CONDEMNATION

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26 — Pamela Swank

Extinguish Fourth Candle

SPECIAL MUSIC Passion Chorale — Max Reger

SILENT REFLECTION

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

Matthew 27:27-44 — Al Philpotts

Extinguish Fifth Candle

HYMN #98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded — PASSION CHORALE

1 O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

3 What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.

SILENT REFLECTION

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Matthew 27:45-56 — The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

Extinguish Sixth Candle

SPECIAL MUSIC "Were You There" (excerpt), from *Ten Hymn Tunes* — Leo Sowerby

SILENT REFLECTION

THE SHADOW OF BURIAL

Matthew 27:57-66 — The Rev. J.C. Austin

SOLEMN REPROACHES FROM THE CROSS

Extinguish Christ Candle

SENDING HYMN #102

Were You There? — WERE YOU THERE

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)

3 Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)

4 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)
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? (Were you there?)

*BENEDICTION

(The people depart in silence)