

*Westminster*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*GOOD FRIDAY*

MARCH 25, 2016

# Good Friday Tenebrae Service

## Call to Worship

## Prayer of Invocation and Confession

**Almighty God, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Let us confess our sins.

**O Christ, we are stripped bare by your suffering. You see our dreams, our demons, and the secrets we keep even from ourselves. Forgive all that needs to be forgiven, heal all that needs to be healed, awaken all the good that sleeps in us, banish all the fears that paralyze us. Put the power of your cross into our lives forever, and clothe us with hope and love.**

**Kyrie** (The People Sing Responsively)

Eleanor Whitsett

Leader: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

**People: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.**

Leader: Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us.

**People: Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us.**

Leader: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

**People: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

We have turned our hearts to God in repentance and our sins are laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ. In the name of the living God, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

**\*Response to Forgiveness: #215 What Wondrous Love Is This** (Verse 1)

Wondrous Love

## THE TENEBRAE

### Reading I:

Luke 22: 39-46, p. 87

**Musical Reflection:** *The Agony* from *The Crucifixion*

John Stainer

*Evangelist:* And they came to a place named Gethsemane: and Jesus saith to His disciples, sit ye here, while I shall pray.

*Jesus:* Could ye not watch with me one brief hour? Could ye not pity my sorest need?

Ah! if ye sleep while the tempests lower, surely, my friends, I am lone indeed!

*Disciples:* Jesu, Lord Jesu, bowed in bitter anguish, and bearing all the evil we have done,

Oh, teach us how to love Thee for Thy love; help us to pray, and watch, and mourn with Thee.

*Jesus:* Could ye not watch with me one brief hour? Did ye not say upon Kedron's slope, ye would not fall into the Tempter's power?

Did ye not murmur great words of hope? Could ye not watch with me? Even so: willing in heart, but the flesh is vain.

Back to mine agony I must go, lonely to pray in bitterest pain.

*Chancel Choir; Jim Henline, Bass; John Peebles, Tenor; Steve Thompson, Organ*

## Candle I extinguished

### Reading II:

Luke 22:47-53, p. 87

**\*Hymn: #207 Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine** (Vs. 1-6)

Tenebrae

## Candle II extinguished

### Reading III:

Luke 22:54-62, p. 87

**Musical Reflection:** *O Divine Redeemer*

Charles Gounod

Ah, turn me not away, receive me though unworthy. Hear Thou my cry, hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress!  
Answer me from Thy throne, haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid! Thy pity show in my deep anguish: let not the sword of vengeance smite me,  
though righteous Thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call!

O divine Redeemer, O divine Redeemer! I pray thee grant me pardon, and remember not, remember not my sins! Forgive me!

O divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, remember not, O Lord, my sins!

Night gathers round my soul. Fearful, I cry to Thee, come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!

Hear my cry, hear my cry. Save me, Lord in Thy mercy; hear my cry, hear my cry! Come and save me, O Lord!

O divine Redeemer! O divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, remember not, O Lord, my sins!

Save in the day of retribution, from death shield Thou me, O my God! O divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me Savior!

*Cheryl Taylor, Soprano; Dr. Sallie Pollack, Piano*

## Candle III extinguished

### Reading IV:

Luke 22:63-70p. 88

**Musical Reflection:** *Agnus Dei*

Georges Bizet

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

*John Peebles, Tenor; Steve Thompson, Organ*

## Candle IV extinguished

### Reading V:

Luke 23:13-25, p. 88

**Musical Meditation:** *God So Loved the World* from *The Crucifixion*

John Stainer

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up;

that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

*Jim Henline, Bass; Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, Organ*

## Candle V extinguished

### Reading VI:

Luke 23:26-33, p. 89

**Musical Meditation:** *At the Cry of the First Bird*

David W. Guion

At the cry of the first bird, they began to crucify Thee, they began to crucify Thee, at the cry of the first bird.

O cheek like a swan! O cheek like a swan! It was not right ever to cease lamenting. It was like the parting of day from night.

Ah! though sore the suffering put upon the body of Mary's Son, sorer to Him was the grief that was upon her for His sake.

At the cry of the first bird, they began to crucify Thee, they began to crucify Thee. O cheek like a swan! O cheek like a swan!

*Anne Dawson, Mezzo-Soprano; Dr. Sallie Pollack, Piano*

## Candle VI extinguished

**Musical Meditation:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* from *St. John Passion*

Bob Chilcott

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled saith, *"I thirst."*

Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar and put it on a hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, *"it is finished."*

And He bowed His head and gave up the ghost.

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. 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.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*John Peebles, Tenor; Jim Henline, Bass; Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, Organ*

**\*Departing Hymn: #221 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

Passion Chorale

**Candle VII extinguished**

**\*Sending Forth**

**\*The Congregation Departs in Silence\***

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\*This sign is an invitation, to all who are able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

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