GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE
APRIL 19, 2019
7:30 p.m.

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

1 Peter 2:24

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GATHERING AS THE CHURCH
Asterisks (*) indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.

GATHERING
Adagio in G Minor
Remo Giazotto / Tomaso Albinoni

SOLEMN PROCESSION

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Come and see the beloved Son of God.
He is high and lifted up.
Come and see the Ruler of the nations.
He is high and lifted up.
Come and see the Savior of the world.
He is high and lifted up—upon a cross

* HYMN
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Music: PASSION CHORALE - Hans L. Hassler; harm. by J. S. Bach, alt.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION
We confess to You, our Lord and Savior,
that we have betrayed and denied You,
forgotten and doubted You.
When our faith is tested,
we wonder where You are.
When we see injustice in the world,
we often stand by,
we turn our backs,
we ignore the cries of others.
We confess that again and again
we deny You and betray You with our silence
when we fail to proclaim Your Good News,
when we fail to live out Your teachings
and love our neighbor as ourselves.
Forgive us, O God,
and help us to truly repent.
Help us to remember Your sacrifice, Your love,
and to know Your forgiveness.
In the name of the One who lived,
who was crucified,
and who lives again,
Jesus the Messiah,
we pray.
Amen.

Mindi Welton-Mitchelle

A SERVICE OF DARKNESS

I. Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.
Luke 23:26-34
As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country,
and they laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.
A great number of the people followed him,
and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.
But Jesus turned to them and said,
“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me,
but weep for yourselves and for your children.
For the days are surely coming when they will say,
‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore,
and the breasts that never nursed.’
Then they will begin to say to the mountains,
‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’
For if they do this when the wood is green,
what will happen when it is dry?”
Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.
When they came to the place that is called The Skull,
they crucified Jesus there with the criminals,
one on his right and one on his left.
Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them;
for they do not know what they are doing.”
And they cast lots to divide his clothing.
O come and mourn with me awhile;
    O come ye to the Savior’s side;
    O come, together let us mourn: Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!
Have we no tears to shed for him,
    while soldiers scoff and foes deride?
How patiently he hangs: Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.
Seven times he spoke, seven words of love;
    and all three hours his silence cried for mercy on the souls of men:
    Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!
O love of God, O sin of man!
In this dread act your strength is tried;
    and victory remains with love:
    for he, our Love, is crucified!

F.W. Faber

Extinguish First Candle

Silent Meditation

II. Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

And the people stood by, watching;
    but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,
    “He saved others;
    let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”
The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,
    “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”
There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”
One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,
    “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”
But the other rebuked him, saying,
    “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?
And we indeed have been condemned justly,
    for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds,
    but this man has done nothing wrong.”
Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”
He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Anthem

Hear Us, Holy Jesus

Hear us, Holy Jesus.
Jesus, pitying the sighs of the thief, who near thee dies,
    promising him paradise: hear us, Holy Jesus.
May we in our guilt and shame still thy love and mercy claim,
    calling humbly on thy name: hear us, Holy Jesus.
May our hearts to thee incline, looking from our cross to thine;
    cheer our souls with hope divine: hear us, Holy Jesus.

Thomas Benson Pollock

Extinguish Second Candle

Silent Meditation
III. Woman, Behold thy Son! Behold thy mother!

John 19:26-27

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Anthem At the Cross, Her Station Keeping

At the cross, her station keeping, stood the mournful mother weeping, where he hung, the dying Lord; for her soul, of joy bereaved, bowed with anguish, deeply grieved, felt the sharp and piercing sword.
O how sad and sore distressed now was she, that mother blessed of the sole begotten one. Deep the woe of her affliction, when she saw the crucifixion of her ever glorious son. Jesus, may her deep devotion stir in me the same emotion, fount of love, Redeemer kind, that my heart, fresh ardor gaining and purer love attaining, may with thee acceptance find.

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Extinguish Third Candle

Silent Meditation

IV. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Matthew 27:45-49

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.”

Anthem Bound Upon the Accursed Tree

Bound upon the accursed tree, faint and bleeding, who is he? By the eyes so pale and dim, streaming blood and writhing limb? By the flesh with scourges torn, by the crown of twisted thorn, by the side so deeply pierced, by the baffled, burning thirst? Bound upon the accursed tree, dread and awful, who is he? By the sun at noonday pale, shivering rocks and rending veil? Lo! beneath the blackened sky, hear his last and bitter cry. Crucified, we know thee now: Son of God! ‘Tis thou!

Dean Milman; adapt. from “Stanzas for Good Friday”
Extinguish Fourth Candle

Silent Meditation

V.  I thirst.
John 19:28-29
After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished,
    he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.”
A jar full of sour wine was standing there.
So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Anthem  Jesus, In Thy Thirst and Pain

Jesus, in thy thirst and pain,
    while thy wounds thy life blood drain;
thirsting more our love to gain.
Thirst for us in mercy still,
    all thy holy work fulfill;
satisfy thy loving will.
May we thirst thy love to know;
    lead us in our sin and woe,
lead us where the healing waters flow.

Thomas Benson Pollock

Extinguish Fifth Candle

Silent Meditation

VI.  It is finished.
John 19:30
When Jesus had received the wine, he said,
    “It is finished.”
Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Anthem  O Perfect Life of Love

O perfect life of love, all is finished now;
    all that he left his throne above to do for us below!
No pain that we can share but he has felt its smart;
    all forms of human grief and care have pierced that tender heart.
All is finished now!
In perfect love he dies for me!
O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to thee.

Henry Williams Baker

Extinguish Sixth Candle

Silent Meditation
VII. Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.
Luke 23:44-46
It was now about noon,
and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,
while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”
Having said this, he breathed his last.

Anthem
Behold the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God, bowed down in bitter pain;
to God his dying prayer ascends.
In death, my Lord and Savior, may I cry with thee:
“My Father I commend my Spirit into thy loving hands.”
I die in thee.
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Hymn
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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.
   God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
   down. Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
   on which the Prince of Glory died,
   my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
   God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
   down. Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far to

Words: Isaac Watts (Galations 6:14)
Music: HAMBURG - Lowell Mason

Extinguish Seventh Candle

Closing Prayer

Silent Recessional
Following the recessional, all are welcome to leave in silence. Those who wish are welcome to stay in an attitude of prayer, to come forward as you wish to the altar rail or to kneel before the cross.
WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgists
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Reverend Michael Mumme
Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist
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