



GOOD FRIDAY

THE SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB



CALL to WORSHIP

“Tenebrae Interludes”

arr. Nicholas Palmer

String Quartet

SILENT PRAYER

GATHERING WORDS

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the shadow of sin.

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the weight of the world.

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the suffering of our Savior.

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the sorrow of Jesus Christ.

P: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

C: Like one from whom men hide their faces

He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

P: Surely He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.

C: He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

P: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to His own way;
and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

C: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth;

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter,

and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.

P: By oppression and judgment He was taken away.

For He was cut off from the land of the living;

for the transgression of My people He was stricken.

C: He was assigned a grave with the wicked, though He had done no violence nor was any deceit in His mouth.

P: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

WE RESPOND to GOD’S LOVE with OUR OFFERINGS

“Introduction: Seven Last Words”

Franz Joseph Haydn

String Quartet



THE SHADOW of GETHSEMANE Mark 14:32-42

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

³⁵Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶“Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” ³⁷Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

⁴¹Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

MEDITATION – *Rev. Jim Mueller*

THE RESPONSE

“What Wondrous Love is This”

arr. Duane Funderburk

Violin & Piano

HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane” [verse 1]



THE SHADOW of BETRAYAL Mark 14:43-52

⁴³Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶The men seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁴⁷Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁴⁸“Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰Then everyone deserted him and fled. ⁵¹A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, ⁵²he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

MEDITATION – *Rev. Wichiang Wetnyangran*

THE RESPONSE

“Variations on PICARDY”

Piano Trio

arr. Duane Funderburk



THE SHADOW of DENIAL Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.”

⁵⁷But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said. ⁵⁸A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” “Man, I am not!” Peter replied. ⁵⁹About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

⁶⁰Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” ⁶²And he went outside and wept bitterly.

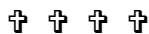
MEDITATION – *Chris Schneider*

THE RESPONSE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

String Quartet & Flute

arr. Ric Flaudig



THE SHADOW of TRIAL Matthew 27:1-2, 11-31

¹Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. ²So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

¹¹Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “You have said so,” Jesus replied. ¹²When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” ¹⁴But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

¹⁵Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.” ²⁰But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. ²¹“Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor. “Barabbas,” they answered. ²²“What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!”

²³“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” ²⁴When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!” ²⁵All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!” ²⁶Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. ³⁰They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

MEDITATION – *Rev. Yohannes Mengsteab*

HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane” [*verse 2*]

THE RESPONSE

“A Lenten Introspection: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

arr. Matthew Compton

DNP Handbells



THE SHADOW of CRUCIFIXION Matthew 27:32-46

³²As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³They came to a place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). ³⁴There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is Jesus, the king of the Jews.

³⁸Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴²“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” ⁴⁴In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

MEDITATION – *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

THE RESPONSE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Viola & Piano

HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” [*verse 1*]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (*Matthew 11:28*)

C: **He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

P: Let us lay our sins at the cross of Christ.

C: **I come to you, Jesus, burdened with my own sin. You know the sins I carry and how they weigh me down. I bring these to your cross, asking your forgiveness and mercy. You suffered because of me. You bled because of me. You chose to die instead of me. Change me from the inside out and cleanse me from my sin.**

P: Receive the forgiveness Jesus gives to you. By His wounds you are healed. His blood has set you free. In Jesus' name,

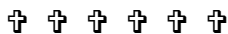
C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

arr. Dan Forrest

Voices of Peace, Violin



THE SHADOW of DEATH John 19:25-30

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

MEDITATION – *John Vawar*

HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" [*verse 3*]

THE RESPONSE

"O the Deep, Deep Love"

Piano Quintet

arr. Duane Funderburk



THE SHADOW of BURIAL John 19:31-42

³¹Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. ³²The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

³⁸Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

MEDITATION – *Rev. Jim Mueller*

THE RESPONSE

"Were You There"

arr. Erik Kihss

String Quartet

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" [*verse 4*]

REMOVING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Light has always been a symbol of God's presence with His people. As the Christ Candle is removed from the Sanctuary, we recall how the presence of Jesus was removed from His disciples, but only for a time. Easter morning, the candle will return, just as Jesus rose from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true!

THE STREPITUS

The loud noise, or "strepitus," signifies the end of our service of darkness. Jesus is shut in a tomb. The Word of God has been fulfilled. The sacrifice is complete. Yet in the darkness, there is a promise of hope...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken in a whisper)

~ PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE ~

There is no Benediction at this service, for this is not the end.

Our service continues on Easter!

Come and experience the Joy of Easter.

Sunrise Worship is at 7:00 am with communion.

Easter Celebration is at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am.

Easter breakfast will be served from 7:00-9:30 am.