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## We Worship, We Love, We Serve - No Matter What!

March 29, 2024 Good Friday, Service of Tenebrae 7pm

#### \* Those who are comfortably able, please stand

Tonight, as we enter our sanctuary, the cross, altar and remaining symbols are draped in black as the darkness covered the earth and the disciples' hopes.

#### Music to Prepare our Hearts for Worship

The Savior's Lament by L. Dengler Stephani Bell, Violin

Welcome Rev. Steve Davis

#### \*Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

#### \*Call to Worship

Written by Roddy Hamilton Liturgist: Sharon Czekner

#### All: Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.

One: Here is love, caught between the powers of the world and the breaking of heaven on the long journey home. We do not know what it is we do, and yet the Last Word forgives.

#### All: Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.

One: Here is love, found between two thieves crucified among the lost, and yet the Last Word turns and promises paradise.

#### All: Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother.

One: Here is love, lonely on the cross and with nothing left, yet the Last Word even now brings together mother and son.

#### All: My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

One: Here is love, abandoned by heaven, and yet the Last Word breaks with loneliness.

#### All: I thirst.

One: Here is love, seeking solace in the last moments of life, and yet the Last Word in the final moments appeals to humanity.

#### All: It is finished.

One: Here is love, and this is what it is like when every hope comes

to an end, and the Last Word is finished.

#### All: Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

One: Here is love, clinging to one last hope that not everything is

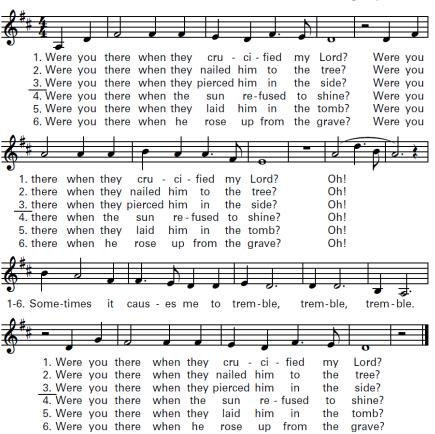
lost, and the Last Word dies.

#### \*Opening Hymn

Were You There? Verses 1, 2, and 4

#### Were You There

WERE YOU THERE Arranged by Tom Booth



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Please be seated once the hymn is completed

# The Shadow of Betrayal Mark 14: 32-42

Read by: Tyler Shankweiler

**Anthem** 

Silently, Tears Were Flowing

J. Raney

First Candle is extinguished.

The Shadow of Arrest Mark 14: 43-65

Read by: Sean Hartman

**Anthem** 

Dark Gethsemane

I. Rouse

Second Candle is extinguished.

The Shadow of Denial Mark 14: 66-72 Read by: Tyler Shankweiler

**Anthem** 

When I Am Lifted Up

C. Courtney

Soloist: Emily Szuter

Third Candle is extinguished.

The Shadow of Accusation Mark 15: 1-15

Read by: Sean Hartman

**Anthem** 

What Love is This B. Nix

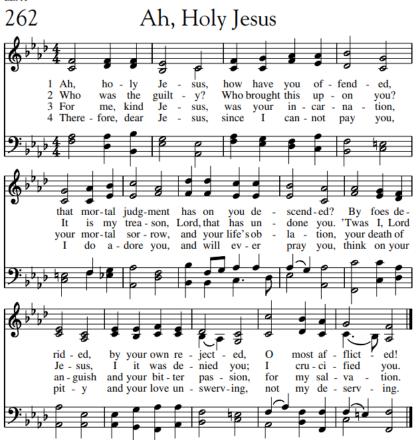
\*Hymn with Congregation

Ah, Holy Jesus

Please join in singing verse 1, found on page 4 of the bulletin.

Fourth Candle is extinguished.





#### \*Good Friday Reflection

Liturgist: Sharon Czekner

One: My Most Glorious and Suffering Lord, it is Your Hour. It is the Hour by which You conquered sin and death. It is the Hour for which You came into this world, taking on flesh so as to offer Your precious life for the salvation of the world.

All: May we be with You, dear Lord, in these moments of suffering and death. May we, like Your Mother, John and Mary Magdalene, stand at the foot of the Cross, gazing upon the perfect Gift of Love.

One: My suffering Lord, may we see in Your Cross the most perfect act ever known in this world. May we see Love in its most pure form. May our eyes and soul look beyond the

blood and pain and see Your Divine Heart, pouring forth Mercy upon us and upon the whole world.

All: Today we quietly behold the great mystery of our faith. We behold God, beaten, bruised, mocked, tortured and killed. But in this act, we see all grace and mercy flowing from Your wounded Heart. Bathe the world in Your Mercy, dear Lord.

One: Cover us with Your grace and draw us to new life through Your death.

All: We love You, dear Lord. We love You with all of our hearts. Jesus, we trust in You.

#### The Shadow of Mockery Mark 15: 16-32

Read by: Tyler Shankweiler

**Anthem** 

Man of Sorrows, What A Name B. Nix

\*Hymn with Congregation

To Mock Your Reign

Please join in singing verse 1, found on page 6 of the bulletin.

Fifth Candle is extinguished.

The Shadow of Crucifixion Mark 15: 33-41

Read by: Sean Hartman

**Anthem** 

He Suffered For You P. Drennan

\*Hymn with Congregation When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Please join in singing verse 1,
found on page 7 of the bulletin.

Sixth Candle is extinguished.

### To Mock Your Reign



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### When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 2



# The Shadow of Burial Mark 15: 42-46

Read by: Tyler Shankweiler

**Anthem** 

Face the Cross
D. Lantz III

Soloist: Julie Mertus

Seventh Candle is extinguished.

**Sermon** Rev. Davis

# He Did this for You! "I Will Love You Forever"

#### Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Davis

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen

\*Closing Hymn

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

found on page 9 of the bulletin

\*The Benediction/Removal of the Christ Candle Rev. Davis

Tonight, we depart the sanctuary in silence.

You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for a time of prayer and quiet reflection following the service.

A word of thanks to Stephani Bell for sharing her musical talent with us this evening and enhancing our service with the violin.

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Liturgist – Sharon Czekner Scripture Reader – Sean Hartman Ushers – Bob Czekner, Wayne Lichtenwalner Tyler Shankweiler Worship Tech – Bill Castello

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 284



WORDS: Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th c.; tr. James W. Alexander (1804-1859) MUSIC: Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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