



**7:00 p.m. ~ April 7, 2023**

## PRELUDE

“Jesus, I will Ponder Now”

arr. Paul Manz

*Organ*

## WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

## OPENING HYMN “Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle”

## OPENING SENTENCES

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.**

*[Moment of Silent Confession]*

- P: Christ understands our weaknesses because He was truly human. “Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”
- C: **“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

## **HYMN “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 22 [ESV]**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; “He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!” Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

R: This is the Word of Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**STATEMENT of FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

**HYMN of RESPONSE** “My Song is Love Unknown”

**SERMON** “JESUS REDEEMED US IN HIS DEATH”

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

arr. Arnold Sherman

*Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells*

# THE OFFICE of TENEBRAE



**THE SHADOW of GETHSEMANE** *from Mark 14:32-42*

**HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane”**



**THE SHADOW of BETRAYAL** *from John 18:1-12*

**HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**



**THE SHADOW of DENIAL** *from John 18:15-27*

**HYMN “What Wondrous Love is This”**



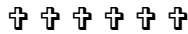
**THE SHADOW of TRIAL** *from John 18:28-19:11*

**HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane”**



**THE SHADOW of CRUCIFIXION** *from John 19:12-22; Matthew 27:39-44*

**HYMN “At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”**



## THE SHADOW of DEATH *from John 19:23-30*

### HYMN “Jerusalem”



## THE SHADOW of BURIAL *from John 19:31-42*

### HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

### 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!*

### HYMN of RESPONSE “Rest, O Christ, From All Your Labors”

### READING: 1 Corinthians 15:53-57

*For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### 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...



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