

Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church
24110 Cherry Hill Road
Dearborn, Michigan
Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 29, 2024

7:30 pm

This service commemorates the suffering and death of Christ and is based on the ancient order of Tenebrae. The church is brilliantly lit at the beginning of the service. The lights are dimmed as the service continues until, at the end, there is total darkness, except for the master candle on the Communion Table. The gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles symbolizes the flight of the disciples and the world's resentment leading to the final isolation of Jesus on the cross. Following the final reading, the master candle is extinguished in recollection of the crucifixion, and the tolling of thirty-three bells – one for each year of Christ's life – is begun.

THE SILENT VIGIL

(Please maintain a reverent silence until the time of service.)

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The Coming of the Light - John 1:1-14; 8:12

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, today the earth has lost its light.

Darkness wove a shroud for the sun.

My God, my God, what have we done?

Jesus our Lord is crucified.

Meet us in this dark place, O Lord, and give us strength.

Give us strength to overcome the darkness.

COLLECT

Forbid, O God, that we should forget, amid our earthly comforts, the pain and mortal anguish that our Lord Jesus endured for our salvation. Grant us this night a true vision of all that He suffered, in His betrayal, His lonely agony, His false trial, His mocking and scourging, and the torture of death upon the cross. As you have given yourself utterly for us, may we give ourselves entirely to you, O Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Savior. Amen.

***HYMN No. 98**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE & BIDDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Johannes Brahms

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Part I – The Arrest of Jesus

Matthew 26:47-68

Anthem

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Theodore Dubois

Christ, we do all adore Thee and we do praise Thee forever. For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed. Christ, we do all adore Thee.

Part II – Peter's Denial of Jesus

Matthew 26:69-75

Hymn No. 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

Part III – Jesus Before Pilate

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-23

Hymn No. 92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

Part IV - Pilate Hands Jesus Over to Be Crucified

Matthew 27:24-31

Anthem

I Saw the Cross of Jesus

James Denton

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin: I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within; I brought my soul to Jesus, he cleansed it in his blood; and in the cross of Jesus I found my peace with God. I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am; a lost and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb; no righteousness, nor merit, no beauty can I plead; yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read. Close to the cross of Jesus, there rest my weary heart; my faith and hope unshaken, till with him, ne'er to part. Through ages then I'll praise him, with countless hosts arrayed, and for the cross of Jesus, where he my ransom paid.

Part V – Jesus Carries His Cross

Matthew 27:32-37

Anthem

Jesus Died on Calvary's Mountain

arr. Alice Parker

Jesus died on Calvary's mountain long time ago, and salvation's rolling fountain now freely flows. Once his voice in tones of pity melted in woe, and he wept o'er Judah's city, long time ago. On his head the dews of midnight fell, long ago; now a crown of dazzling sunlight sits on his brow. Jesus died, yet lives forever, no more to die, bleeding Jesus, blessed Savior, now reigns on high. Children, let your lights be burning in hope of heaven, waiting for our Lord's returning at dawn or ev'n. When he comes a voice from heaven shall pierce the tomb; Ah, children, come home.

Part VI – Jesus is Crucified

Luke 23:32-43

Hymn No. 599

Jesus, Remember Me (Sung three times)

Part VII – Jesus Dies

Matthew 27:45-54

Solo

Were You There?
Charles Miller, soloist

African American Spiritual

Tolling of the Bell

Please depart in silence.

Participants in This Service

Mr. Charles Miller, Director of Music & Organist

Rev. Mark Phillips, Liturgist

EASTER SUNDAY AT CHERRY HILL

9:00 am Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Festive Worship Service

11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt