

Do this in Remembrance of Me



All: **Loving God, give us the courage that we must have in times of greatest need. Give us enough faith to believe that the darkness of this night will lead to a beautiful Easter morning. Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 92** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” St. Christopher

***Opening Prayer**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, this evening, we gather as friends gathered with Jesus in the upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. In the breaking of bread, remind us of our great need for your help and your promise to fulfill that need. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. This evening, draw us nearer to one another and to you. Deepen within us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend, and our redeemer.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri**

“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.”

Offering . . . *“Freely we have received, freely let us give.”*

(Please note: Regular offering envelopes support the church budget. Yellow envelopes and any undesignated offering this evening will support the work of our Deacons.)

Offering Anthem

“Steal Away”

Gwyneth Walker

“Steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain’t got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain’t got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending, poor sinner stand a-tembling.
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain’t got long to stay here.

Steal away, steal away home. I see the lightning,
the thunder and the lightning, O Lord.
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain’t got long to stay here.”

*** Unison Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

(The congregation is asked to hold the elements of Communion until everyone has been served. At that time, you will be invited to share in the elements together.)

Tenebrae, A Service of Shadows

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows” has been practiced by the Church since medieval times. Tonight, we join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

Tenebrae is a meditation of Christ’s suffering. There are seven shadows that represent seven stages of the Good Friday events. At each stage, a light will be extinguished, until only the Christ candle remains. This will be carried into the Sanctuary on Easter morning as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Darkness of Betrayal (p. 1209) Matthew 26:20-29

***Hymn No. 85** “What Wondrous Love Is This” Wondrous Love

Agony of the Spirit (p. 1209) Matthew 26:30-42

Choir “Via Dolorosa” Sandi Patti
Birgit Fioravante, solo

Darkness of Desertion (p. 1210) Matthew 26:45-56

***Hymn** “In the Garden” Miles

“I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The son of God discloses.

Chorus

And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me, within my heart is ringing.

Chorus

I’d stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.

Chorus”

Darkness of Broken Trust (p. 1211) Matthew 27:1-10

Choir “Ah Holy Jesus” Herzliebster Jesu

Darkness of False Trial (p. 1211) Matthew 27:11-26

***Hymn No. 98** Passion Chorale

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Darkness of the Agony of the Cross (p. 1212) Matthew 27:27-44

Choir “Were You There” African-American Spiritual

Darkness of Abandonment (p. 1213) Matthew 27:45-50

*The congregation is invited to stand, if able.

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*(Following the service this evening, the congregation is asked to leave the Sanctuary in **silence**, quietly reflecting upon the meaning of this sacred night.)*