

Liturgy for Corporate Worship

Good Friday	April 18, 2025
Prelude	Chris Holmberg
Call to Worship	Hebrews 12:2
Hymn	272 (Hymns of Grace)
The Power of the Cross	
Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession	
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment for our offense, so we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen	
Assurance of Forgiveness	Colossians 2:13-14
Good Friday Meditation	Rev. Pete Scribner
John 10:11-18	
Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1 & 2	
Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?	
A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.	
Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?	
A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.	
Celebration of The Lord’s Supper	
Hymn	343 (Trinity Psalter Hymnal)
What Wondrous Love Is This?	

The Service of Shadows

The Shadow of Sin	Romans 8:12-14
Special Music	Holmberg Family
Beautiful, Scandalous Night	
The Shadows of Betrayal and Denial	
John 18:1-11 Luke 22:54-62	
Hymn	342 (Trinity Psalter Hymnal)
Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted	
The Shadow of Accusation	
Matthew 27:11-23	
Hymn	321 (Celebration Hymnal)
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	
The Shadows of Humiliation and Crucifixion	
Mark 15:15-20 John 19:16b-24	
Special Music	Holmberg Family
Why	
The Shadow of Death	
Mark 15:33-38	
Hymn	315 (Celebration Hymnal)
Were You There?	
The Shadow of the Burial	
Matthew 27:57-60	
Streptitus and Dismissal in Silence	

Please remember to depart tonight’s service in silent meditation, reflecting upon all that Christ endured for us.

272 The Power of the Cross

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark-est day, Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
2. Oh, to see the pain writ-ten on Your face, Bear - ing the awe-some weight of sin;
3. Now the day-light flees, now the ground be-neath Quakes as its Mak - er bows His head.
4. Oh, to see my name writ-ten in the wounds, For through Your suf-f'ring I am free.

Tried by sin - ful men, Torn and beat-en then Nailed to a cross of wood.
Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, Ev - 'ry e - vil deed Crown - ing Your blood-stained brow.
Cur - tain torn in two, Dead are raised to life, "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
Death is crushed to death, Life is mine to live, Won through Your self - less love.

1.-3. This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us; Took the
4. This the pow'r of the cross, Son of God, slain for us. What a

blame, bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
love! What a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

Good Friday Meditation...John 10:11-18

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

- He lays down his life for the sheep
- We belong to him
- He knows us and we know him
- There is one church, united in him
- His death is no tragic accident
- He is loved by the Father, and we are loved in him

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; when I was sink - ing
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
down be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

Beautiful, Scandalous Night

Verse 1

Go on up to the mountain of mercy,
To the crimson perpetual tide.
Kneel down on the shore,
Be thirsty no more.
Go under and be purified.

Verse 2


Follow Christ to the holy mountain,
Sinner, sorry and wrecked by the fall.
Cleanse your heart and your soul
In the fountain that flows
For you and for me and for all.

Chorus


At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree
On that beautiful scandalous night
You and me were atoned by His blood
And forever washed white—
On that beautiful scandalous night.

Verse 3


On the hillside you will be delivered,
At the foot of the cross justified,
And your spirit restored
By the river that pours
From our blessed Savior's side.




1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;



'Tis the Christ by man re - lect - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;
 here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;
 man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!




by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

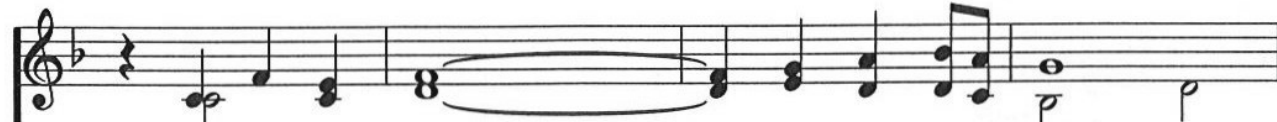
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 321

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 6:14


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1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

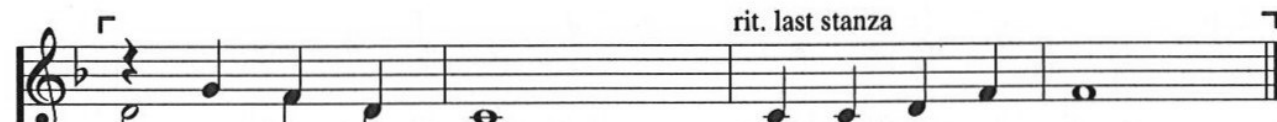


On which the Prince of Glo - ry died,
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down;
 That were a pres - ent far too small:



My rich - est gain I count but loss,
 All the vain things that charm me most -
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

rit. last stanza



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Why

Why did it have to be a friend
Who chose to betray the Lord?
And why did he use a kiss to show them?
That's not what a kiss is for.

Only a friend can betray a friend,
A stranger has nothing to gain.
And only a friend comes close enough
To ever cause so much pain.

And why did it have to be a thorny crown
Pressed upon his head?
It should have been a royal one
Made of jewels and gold instead.

It had to be a crown of thorns,
Because in this life that we live,
For all that would seek to love a thorn
Is all the world has to give.

And why did it have to be a heavy cross
He was made to bear?
And why did they nail His feet and hands?
His love would have held him there.

It was a cross for on a cross
A thief was supposed to pay.
And Jesus had come into the world
To steal ev'ry heart away.
Yes, Jesus had come into the world
To steal ev'ry heart away.

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Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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*Thank you so much to everyone who played a part in making
tonight's Good Friday Tenebrae Service possible:*

Chris Holmberg: Piano, Guitar, Timpani, Vocals

Carol Holmberg: Vocals

Grace Holmberg: Oboe

Lydia Holmberg: Guitar

Jeff & Lori Austin: Sound System & Livestream

Jacob Tebo: Communion Preparation & Lights

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Explanation of Tenebrae Service

Tonight's Good Friday service is what is called a Tenebrae Service. *Tenebrae* is a Latin word, meaning "shadows" or "darkness." A Tenebrae Service, therefore, is one which is characterized by diminishing light. Light is a symbol of joy and life, while darkness is a symbol of mourning and death. Jesus, who is the Light of the World, came that we might have life in him, but when he was crucified, we read in Luke 23:44, "there was darkness over the whole land." So it is that throughout the service tonight, candles will be extinguished and the sanctuary will progressively become more dark as we work our way through our readings of Scripture.

It is worth noting that this is a reversal of sorts of what happens during Advent. In that season, we light a candle each week, leading up to Christmas Eve when we light the Christ Candle, signifying his birth in human flesh. Tonight, we will extinguish those very same candles one-by-one, realizing Good Friday as an "anti-Advent" of sorts. Whereas in Advent we anticipate the light of Christ breaking into a world darkened by sin, tonight we remember when that light was overcome (at least for a time) by the darkness of sin and death.

You will notice that the chancel area of our sanctuary is far more bare than usual, pointing to the fact that this is an occasion of somber penitence and reflection. Flags, flowers, paraments, and other items are absent, focusing our visual attention on the aforementioned candles, the communion elements, and the cross placed upon the communion table.

One other item you should note is that there will be a *Strepitus* marking the conclusion of our service. *Strepitus* is another Latin word, meaning "great noise," and traditionally in Tenebrae Services that noise represents either the earth quaking at the death of Jesus, or the sound of the tomb being closed. In our service tonight, that sound will be made on the timpani. At this time, some lights will come back on so that you are able to see your way out of the sanctuary. Please depart in silence, meditating upon all that Christ endured for our sake and on our behalf.

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In the cross of Christ I glory,
There for all was grace made free.
None deserving, yet receiving
Life thru death at Calvary.