

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 2, 2021 8:00 p.m. Good Friday

Order of Worship

Prelude O Sacred Head Now Wounded

(this piano solo: Hope Publishing Co., 1994)

arr. D. Wrytzen

Call to Worship

L: Today the carpenter's hands are nailed to a cross,

P: the King of kings is crowned with thorns and wears the purple robe of mockery.

L: Today he sets us free, himself imprisoned on a tree.

P: Today is God's Friday.

L: We come in worship.

Prayer

Hymn —218 Ah, Holy Jesus

Scripture Reading Matthew 27: 32-36; 45-50

Homily

The Shadow of Agony of the Spirit

Scripture Reading Luke 22: 39-46

Silence

Hymn—220 Go to Dark Gethsemane

The Shadow of Betrayal and Arrest

Scripture Reading John 18: 1-8

Silence

The Shadow of Denial

Scripture Reading Matthew 26: 69 - 27: 5

Silence

Solo Lamb of God arr. L. Larson

Lorri Yawney, piano solo

(this piano solo: Straightway Music/Mountain Music, admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing, 2006)

The Shadow of Accusation

Scripture Reading Mark 15: 1-15

Silence

The Shadow of Mockery

Scripture Reading Matthew 27: 27-31

Silence

Hymn—221 O Sacred Head Now Wounded

The Shadow of Crucifixion

Scripture Reading Luke 23: 26-43

Silence

The Shadow of Death

Scripture Reading Luke 23: 44-49

Silence

Hymn—223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (stanza 1-3)

The Shadow of Burial

Scripture Reading Mark 15: 42-47

Silence

Solo Were You There arr. A. Miller

Allison Miller, solo

(Traditional African American Spiritual, year unknown; various arrangers; words are public domain)

Silence

Hymn—223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (stanza 4)

Benediction

Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows") is the oldest of special services within the Christian tradition. In a series of readings the immediate events of the crucifixion are read in their entirety. At the end of each reading a candle is extinguished, making visible the growing darkness and retreating light.



This beautiful English paraphrase of a German meditation on Christ's Passion bears testimony to the unobtrusive poetic skill and musical sensitivity of a future Poet Laureate of England. The associated chorale is no less carefully crafted and rewards singing in parts.

220 Go to Dark Gethsemane



The composer intended this tune for "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (no. 438), but its solemn tone and small range make it an effective setting for this series of somber vignettes portraying what Christians can learn from Christ: to pray, to bear the cross, to die, and to rise.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221



This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focused on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this text since the mid-17th century.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223



This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.