



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 7, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday

Order of Worship

Prelude

Near the Cross

arr. L. Larson

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Call to Worship

L: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ.

P: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice.

L: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

P: Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.

L: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid. Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why this Friday is called "Good."

P: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

All: We come to 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

Jesus Paid It All
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(this piano solo: Word Music/Word, Inc., 1993)

arr. W. Mayo

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
Allison Miller, solo

arr. A. Miller

(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.