

*Leaders Edition*  
**GOOD FRIDAY  
TENEBRAE  
SERVICE**

**April 7, 2023  
7:00 PM**

*PLEASE, enter the sanctuary in re-  
spectfully reverent silence.*

**INTRODUCTION**

*The service of Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness”) emphasizes the solemnity of Christ’s death on Good Friday in a sharp contrast to the glory of Easter. The lights are gradually dimmed as the service continues reaching total darkness. The gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles is symbolic of the flight of the disciples and the resentment of the world leading to the final isolation of Jesus on the cross.*



**CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 52:13-15

<sup>13</sup> See, my servant will act wisely;  
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.  
<sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him—  
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man  
and his form marred beyond human likeness—  
<sup>15</sup> so will he sprinkle many nations,  
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.  
For what they were not told, they will see,  
and what they have not heard, they will understand.

*(Please Rise.)*

**RESPONSIVE READING** Isaiah 53 (*congregation: indented*)

Who has believed our message  
**and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?**  
He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
**and like a root out of dry ground.**  
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him,  
**nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him.**  
He was despised and rejected by men,  
**a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.**

Like one from whom men hide their faces  
**He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.**  
Surely He took up our infirmities  
**and carried our sorrows,**  
yet we considered Him stricken by God,  
**smitten by Him, and afflicted.**  
But He was pierced for our transgressions,  
**He was crushed for our iniquities;**  
the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him,  
**and by His wounds we are healed.**  
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
**each of us has turned to his own way;**  
and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.  
**He was oppressed and afflicted,**  
**yet He did not open His mouth;**  
He was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
**and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,**  
**so He did not open His mouth.**  
By oppression and judgment He was taken away.  
**And who can speak of His descendants?**  
For He was cut off from the land of the living;  
**for the transgression of my people He was stricken.**  
He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
**and with the rich in His death,**  
though He had done no violence,  
**nor was any deceit in His mouth.**  
Yet it was the LORD'S will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer,  
**and though the LORD makes His life a guilt offering,**  
He will see His offspring and prolong His days,  
**and the will of the LORD will prosper in His hand.**  
After the suffering of His soul,  
**He will see the light of life and be satisfied;**  
by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
**and He will bear their iniquities.**  
Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great,  
**and He will divide the spoils with the strong,**  
because He poured out His life unto death,  
**and was numbered with the transgressors.**  
For He bore the sin of many,  
**and made intercession for the transgressors.**

HYMN "Savior, Thy Dying Love" ..... Majesty # 501

Sylvanus D. Phelps

Robert Lowry

1 Sav - ior, Thy dy - ing love Thou gav - est me,  
2 At the blest mer - cy seat, Plead - ing for me,  
3 Give me a faith - ful heart, Like - ness to Thee,  
4 All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,

1 Nor should I aught with - hold, Dear Lord, from Thee:  
2 My fee - ble faith looks up, Je - sus, to Thee:  
3 That each de - part - ing day Hence - forth may see  
4 In joy, in grief, thro' life, Dear Lord, for Thee!

1 In love my soul would bow, My heart ful - fill its vow,  
2 Help 'me the cross to bear, Thy won - drous love de - clare,  
3 Some work of love be - gun, Some deed of kind - ness done,  
4 And when Thy face I see, My ran - som'd soul shall be,

1 Some of - f'ring bring Thee now, Some - thing for Thee.  
2 Some song to raise, or pray'r, Some - thing for Thee.  
3 Some wan - d'rer sought and won, Some - thing for Thee.  
4 Thro' all e - ter - ni - ty, Some - thing for Thee.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(Please kneel.)*

P: Let us pray together:           **C: Grieving God, on the cross  
Your Son embraced death even as He had embraced  
life, with faithfulness and good courage. Grant that we  
who have been born out of His wounded side may hold  
fast to our faith in Him and at all times find mercy in  
Him, our Savior and Lord, Whom with You and the  
Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and  
forever. AMEN.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Let us pray as our Lord taught us to pray:   **C: Our Father,  
Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom  
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into  
temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the king-  
dom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.**

**THE PASSION ACCOUNT - John 18:1-19:42....Pg. 1681**

*(Please be seated.)*

**FIRST LESSON - *Jesus Arrested* John 18:1-14.....Pg. 1681**

<sup>1</sup>When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and he and his disciples went into it.

<sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?”

<sup>5</sup>“Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied.

“I am he,” Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>Again he asked them, “Who is it you want?”

And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

<sup>8</sup>“I told you that I am he,” Jesus answered. “If you are looking for me, then let these men go.” <sup>9</sup>This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: “I have not lost one of those you gave me.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.)

<sup>11</sup>Jesus commanded Peter, “Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?”

<sup>12</sup>Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him <sup>13</sup>and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people.

*(The First Candle is extinguished.)*

### **HYMN “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” (favorite) .... SBH # 486**

Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
*In flowing style*

HUGH WILSON, 1764–1824

1. A - las! and did my Sav - iour bleed, And did my Sov - ereign die?  
2. Was it for sin that I had done He groaned up - on the tree?  
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,  
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;  
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred Head For sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.  
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

## **SECOND LESSON - *Jesus is Disowned* John 18:15-27**

<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, <sup>16</sup>but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

<sup>17</sup>"You are not one of his disciples, are you?" the girl at the door asked Peter.

He replied, "I am not."

<sup>18</sup>It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

<sup>19</sup>Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

<sup>20</sup>"I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said."

<sup>22</sup>When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby struck him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded.

<sup>23</sup>"If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?" <sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

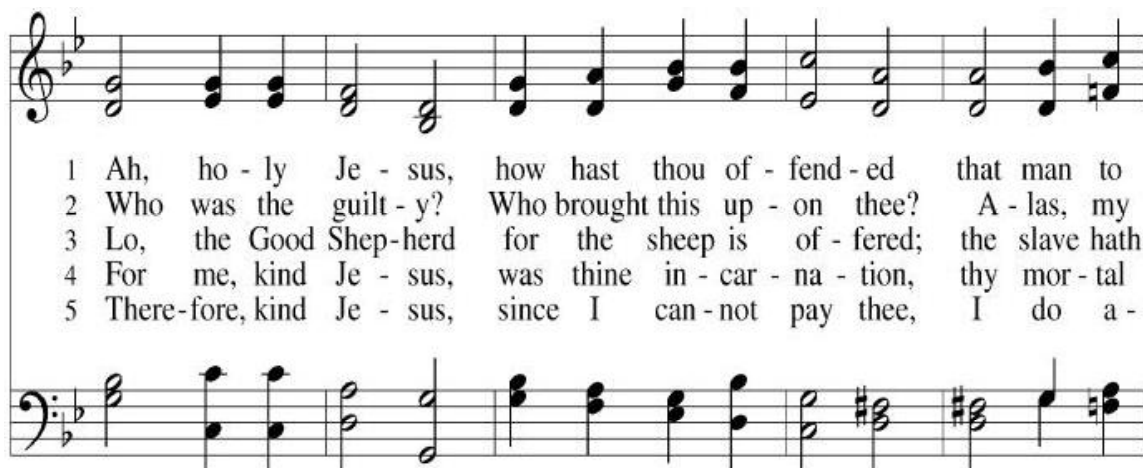
<sup>25</sup>As Simon Peter stood warming himself, he was asked, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?"

He denied it, saying, "I am not."

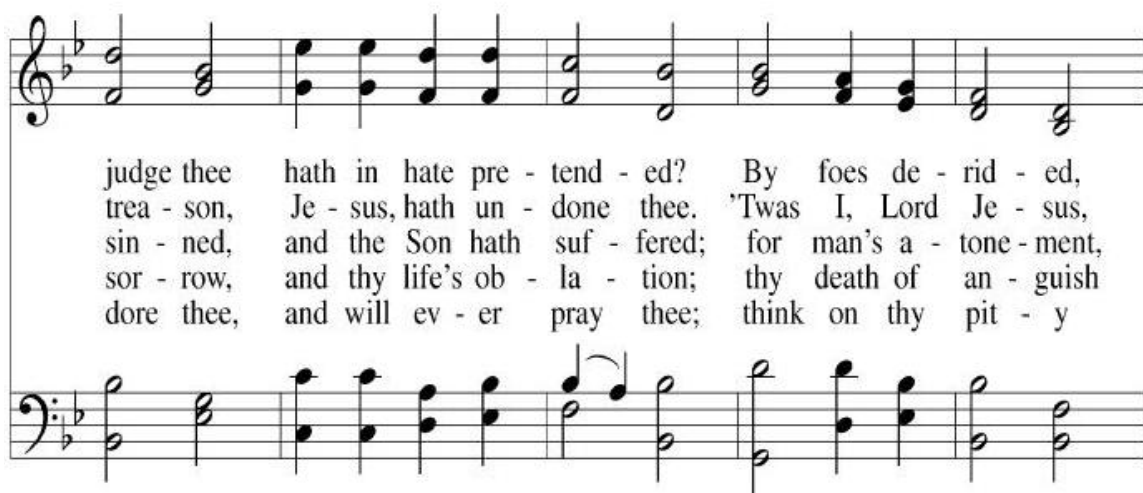
<sup>26</sup>One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the olive grove?" <sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

(The Second Candle is extinguished.)

**HYMN** “Ah, Holy Jesus” (favorite) ..... **SBH # 85**



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,  
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

### **THIRD LESSON** - *Jesus Before Pilate* John 18:28-40

<sup>28</sup>Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?”

<sup>30</sup>“If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.”

<sup>31</sup>Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.”

“But we have no right to execute anyone,” the Jews objected. <sup>32</sup>This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

<sup>33</sup>Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup>“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

<sup>35</sup>“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

<sup>36</sup>Jesus said,

“My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”<sup>37</sup>“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

<sup>38</sup>“What is truth?” Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him. <sup>39</sup>But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews’?”

<sup>40</sup>They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.



(The Third Candle is extinguished.)

**HYMN** "There's Room At the Cross For You" ..... Majesty # 486  
(favorite - Ira F. Stanphill)

1. The cross up - on which Je - sus died Is a shel - ter in  
2. Tho mil - lions have found Him a friend And have turned from the  
3. The hand of my Sav - ior is strong, And the love of my

which we can hide; And its grace so free is suf -  
sins they have sinned, The Sav - ior still waits to  
Sav - ior is long; Through sun - shine or rain, through

fi - cient for me, And deep is its foun - tain—as wide as the sea.  
o - pen the gates And wel - come a sin - ner be - fore it's too late.  
loss or in gain, The blood flows from Cal - v'ry to cleanse ev - 'ry stain.

**CHORUS**

There's room at the cross for you, There's room at the cross for you; Tho

mil-lions have come, There's still room for one—Yes, there's room at the cross for you.

#### **FOURTH LESSON** - *Jesus Scourged and Condemned* John 19:1-16a

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup>The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe <sup>3</sup>and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they struck him in the face.

<sup>4</sup>Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.” <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

<sup>6</sup>As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!”

But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.”

<sup>7</sup>The Jews insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

<sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, <sup>9</sup>and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>“Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

<sup>11</sup>Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

<sup>12</sup>From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

<sup>13</sup>When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). <sup>14</sup>It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

“Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews.

<sup>15</sup>But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”

“Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked.

“We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.

<sup>16</sup>Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

(The Fourth Candle is extinguished.)

**HYMN** "O, Sacred Head Now Wounded" ..... SBH # 88 2nd tune  
(favorite)

1. O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
2. How art thou pale with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn;  
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank thee, dear - est friend,  
4. Be near when I am dy - ing, O show thy cross to me;

Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
How does that vis - age lan - guish Which once was bright as morn!  
For this thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - ty with - out end?  
And for my suc - cor fly - ing, Come, Lord, to set me free:

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, What bliss till now was thine!  
Thy grief and bit - ter Pas - sion Were all for sin - ner's gain;  
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, And, should I faint - ing be,  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, From thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But thine the dead - ly pain.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love to thee.  
For he who dies be - liev - ing Dies safe - ly in thy love.

## **FIFTH LESSON - *Jesus is Crucified* John 19:16b-24**

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. <sup>17</sup>Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). <sup>18</sup>Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

<sup>19</sup>Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. <sup>21</sup>The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

<sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

<sup>24</sup>“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said,

“They divided my garments among them  
and cast lots for my clothing.”

So this is what the soldiers did.

*(The Fifth Candle is extinguished.)*

**HYMN** “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” ..... **Majesty # 225**  
*(favorite - Text: Isaac Watts; Tune: Lowell Mason)*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down, Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

**Psalm 22 (read in unison) ..... Pew Bible p. 860-862**

**My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?**

**Why are You so far from saving me,  
 so far from the words of my groaning?**

**O my God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer,  
 by night, and am not silent.**

**Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;**

**You are the praise of Israel.**

**In You our fathers put their trust;**

**they trusted and You delivered them.**

**They cried to You and were saved;  
in You they trusted and were not disappointed.  
But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by men and despised by the people.  
All who see me mock me;  
they hurl insults, shaking their heads:  
“He trusts in the LORD;  
let the LORD rescue him.  
Let Him deliver him,  
since he delights in Him.”**

**Yet you brought me out of the womb;  
you made me trust in You  
even at my mother’s breast.  
From birth I was cast upon You;  
from my mother’s womb You have been my God.  
Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.  
Many bulls surround me;  
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.  
Roaring lions tearing their prey  
open their mouths wide against me.  
I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint.  
My heart has turned to wax;  
it has melted away within me.  
My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
You lay me in the dust of death.  
Dogs have surrounded me;  
a band of evil men has encircled me,  
they have pierced my hands and my feet.  
I can count all my bones;  
people stare and gloat over me.  
They divide my garments among them  
and cast lots for my clothing.**

**But You, O LORD, be not far off;  
O my Strength, come quickly to help me.  
Deliver my life from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dogs.  
Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;  
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.  
I will declare Your name to my brothers;  
in the congregation I will praise You.  
You who fear the LORD, praise Him!  
All you descendants of Jacob, honor Him!  
Revere Him, all you descendants of Israel!  
For He has not despised or disdained  
the suffering of the afflicted one;  
He has not hidden his face from him  
but has listened to his cry for help.  
From You comes the theme of my praise in the great as-  
sembly;  
before those who fear You will I fulfill my vows.  
The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
they who seek the LORD will praise Him—  
may your hearts live forever!  
All the ends of the earth  
will remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
will bow down before Him,  
for dominion belongs to the LORD  
and He rules over the nations.  
All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;  
all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him—  
those who cannot keep themselves alive.  
Posterity will serve Him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord.  
They will proclaim His righteousness  
to a people yet unborn—  
for He has done it.**

**HYMN** *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”* ..... *Majesty # 230*  
(favorite)

Fanny J. Crosby

NEAR THE CROSS  
William H. Doane

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross— There a pre - cious foun - tain,  
2 At the cross I stood one day, Love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

1 Free to all, a heal - ing stream, Flows from Cal - vary's moun - tain.  
2 There the bright and morn - ing star Shed its beams a - round me.  
3 Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ow o'er me.  
4 'Til I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.

In the cross, in the cross, Be my glo - ry ev - er,

'Til my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er. A - men.

## SIXTH LESSON - *Jesus Dies for the Sins of the World* John 19:25-30

<sup>25</sup>Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," <sup>27</sup>and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.



<sup>28</sup>Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” <sup>29</sup>A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. <sup>30</sup>When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

*(The Sixth Candle is extinguished. During the solo, the altar is stripped, the Light of Christ (eternal candle) is carried out, all lights are turned off. After the solo a loud, painful sound is heard, signifying His death.)*

**SOLO** “O Perfect Life of Love” (SBH # 89 / CSB #103)

GORTON. S. M.

Arranged from BEETHOVEN, 1807

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with accompaniment consisting of chords and moving lines in the bass. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. O per - fect life of love! All, all is fin - ished now:  
 2. No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;  
 3. No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;

All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.  
 His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - ture have ful - filled.  
 All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart. A - men.

4 In perfect love He dies;  
 For me He dies, for me;  
 O all-atoning Sacrifice,  
 I cling by faith to Thee.

5 Work then, O Lord, in me,  
 As Thou for me hast wrought;  
 And let my love the answer be  
 To grace Thy love has brought.

*Henry Williams Baker, 1875*

**SEVENTH LESSON - Jesus is Buried in a Tomb** John 19: 31-42

<sup>31</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. <sup>32</sup>The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>In-

stead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. <sup>35</sup>The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," <sup>37</sup>and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

<sup>38</sup>Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. <sup>39</sup>He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. <sup>40</sup>Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. <sup>41</sup>At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(please kneel)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.**

*(Pause while the Light of Christ is carried back into the sanctuary.)*

**On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

P: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

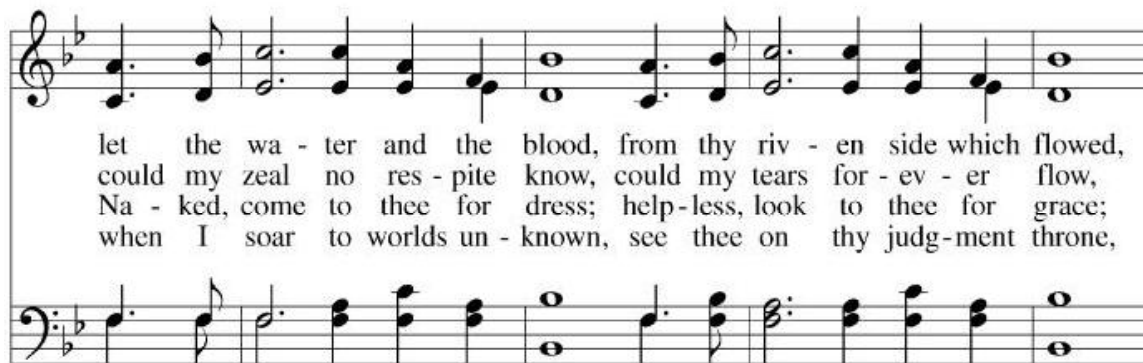
**C: By Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.**

*(Please Rise. Dim light returns.)*

**HYMN** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" ..... *SBH # 379 2nd tune*  
*(favorite - Text: Augustus M. Toplady; Tune: Thomas Hastings)*



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

**SENDING EXHORTATION** - Hebrews 10:16-25.....Pg. 1873

<sup>16</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with them  
 after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
 and I will write them on their minds."

<sup>17</sup> Then he adds:

"Their sins and lawless acts  
 I will remember no more."

<sup>18</sup> And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any  
 sacrifice for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. <sup>25</sup>Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Depart in silence. Worshipers may remain for prayer and meditation.*

## **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**

**April 7, 2023 - 7:00 PM**

### **PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE**

**ACOLYTE:** *Volunteer Needed*

**PASTOR:** The Rev. David L. Brown

**ORGANIST:** Nancy Cook

**GREETER:** Sally Stein

**SOUND & LIGHTS:** Lyn Stryker

**LIVESTREAM:** Jan Stryker

**PROJECTOR:** Karen Brown

**READERS:** Lyn & Jan Stryker

**SOLOIST:** Nancy Cook

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jan Stryker, Marianne Sands

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