



7:00 p.m. ~ April 18, 2025

PRELUDE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

arr. Hayes/Gaspard

Piano & Organ

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle”

OPENING SENTENCES

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the shadow of sin.

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the weight of the world.

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the suffering of our Savior.

P: All you who pass this way

C: look and see the sorrow of Jesus Christ.

P: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

**C: Like one from whom men hide their faces
He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.**

P: Surely He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: 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.**

P: By oppression and judgment He was taken away. For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of My people He was stricken.

C: He was assigned a grave with the wicked, though He had done no violence nor was any deceit in His mouth.

P: Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is about to be extinguished.

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P: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

C: Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

P: Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

C: Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells

arr. Jason Krug

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN of RESPONSE "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

THE OFFICE of TENEBRAE



THE SHADOW of GETHSEMANE *from Mark 14:32-42*

REFLECTION *Pastor Jay DeBeir*

HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

ANTHEM

“Gethsemane Hymn”

Amber Heady, soloist

Keith & Kristyn Getty



THE SHADOW of BETRAYAL *from John 18:1-12*

REFLECTION *Louis McKenna*

HYMN “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

ANTHEM

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Voices of Peace

arr. L. Eugene Oldham



THE SHADOW of DENIAL *from John 18:15-27*

REFLECTION *Pastor William Rowland*

HYMN “What Wondrous Love is This”

ANTHEM

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

Praise Team

Bowell, Papa, & Getty



THE SHADOW of TRIAL *from John 18:28-19:11*

REFLECTION *Dusty Marten*

HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

ANTHEM

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

arr. Gilbert Martin

Piano Duet



THE SHADOW of CRUCIFIXION *from John 19:12-22; Matthew 27:39-44*

REFLECTION *Pastor Brian Weaver*

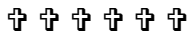
HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ANTHEM

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

Chris Tomlin

Praise Team



THE SHADOW of DEATH *from John 19:23-30; Matthew 27:45-47*

REFLECTION *Melanie Marten*

HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

C: **For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

P: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Moment of Silent Confession

P: Jesus, our Great High Priest,

C: We humbly confess to You that we are weak. In our weakness, we sin against You and one another with our words and actions, and in our thoughts and the lack thereof. Our sins cut us off from You. We know that the wages of sin is death, and we keep on sinning. We deserve death. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Change our hearts and lives and conform them to Yours, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. Jesus freely gives us what we do not deserve: forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM

“Cross of Christ, O Sacred Three”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Voices of Peace; Becky Cotton, horn



THE SHADOW of BURIAL *from John 19:31-42*

REFLECTION *Pastor Brian Weaver*

HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ANTHEM

“Were You There?”

arr. Joel Raney

Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells; Sean Reed, clarinet

REMOVING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Light has always been a symbol of God's presence with His people. As the Christ Candle is removed from the Sanctuary, we recall how the presence of Jesus was removed from His disciples, but only for a time. Easter morning, the candle will return, just as Jesus rose from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true!

HYMN of RESPONSE “Rest, O Christ, From All Your Labors”

READING: 1 Corinthians 15:53-57

For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken in a whisper)

THE STREPITUS

The loud noise, or “strepitus,” signifies the end of our service of darkness. Jesus is shut in a tomb. The Word of God has been fulfilled. The sacrifice is complete. Yet in the darkness, there is a promise of hope...



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