

GOOD FRIDAY

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"It Is Finished"

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As we enter a holy space and time this evening, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation.

* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

Our Good Friday service is a somber reflection remembering the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. The Tenebrae service is characterized by gradual extinguishing of candles.

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Media Vita* arr. Michael McGlynn
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Media vita in morte suumus.
Quem quaerimus ad lutorem nihi site domine.
Qui pro peccatis nostris.
Sancte Deus Sancte fortis,
Sancte miserico salvator,
Amare mortis ne tradas nos.
In te speraverunt patres nostris,
Speraverunt et liberasti eos.

*In the midst of life we are in death.
What helper do we seek except you, O Lord.
You who for our sins.
Holy God, holy and powerful,
O holy compassionate Savior,
Do not give us over to the harshness of death.
In you, our fathers placed their hopes,
They placed their hopes and you freed them.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Tonight, God makes common cause with our human suffering.
**We read the Scriptures, sing the hymns, feel the feelings
of the day Christ died.**

Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.
But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.

From this night forward we know that
there is nowhere we can go
where God is not with us.
God, into your hands we commend our spirits.

* HYMN 218 *Ah, Holy Jesus* HERZLIEBSTER JESU

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ, at times we act as if we do not know you,
at times we say of you, "Away with him!"
When we think of those times we weep
and ask you to forgive us...**

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE



Abby Kasenow, Cantor

Where are those who thirst for justice?
Where are those who yearn for peace?
Why must fear and hatred bind us?
When will captives find release?
Make us ones who thirst for justice.
Make us ones who work for peace.
Help untie the fears that bind us.
Grant our captive hearts release.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

DETROIT



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST WORD

Luke 23:33-34

HYMN 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

* HYMN 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

ANTHEM

My Song Is Love Unknown
Chancel Choir

Edwin T. Childs

My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to our King.
Then "Crucify!"
is all our breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done
 To cause this rage and spite?
 He made the lame to run,
 And gave the blind their sight.
 What injuries! Yet these are why
 The Lord most high
 So cruelly dies, my Savior dies,
 My song of love so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing,
 Of him my soul adores.
 Never was love, dear king,
 Never was grief like yours!
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.
 My song is love.

FOURTH WORD

Mark 15:33-34

HYMN 809

Why Has God Forsaken Me?

SHIMPI

FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

* HYMN 217

On a Barren Hilltop

KING'S WESTON

SIXTH WORD

John 19:29-30

ANTHEM

Thy Will Be Done
 Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Our cup was filled with darkness.
 Our cup was filled with death.
 Christ took our cup and drank it,
 And gave us life, and gave us hope,
 Gave us Himself.
 My Father, let this cup pass from me;
 Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will,
 O Lord, but Thine be done.

In blackest night we hear him in dark Gethsemane.
 Pleading with the Father for one more way,
 For one more hope, for one more day.
 My Father, let this cup pass from me;
 Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will,
 O Lord, but Thine be done.

Then they took our Savior,
 And led him to a tree;
 And there they broke his body.
 Poured out his life,
 Put him to death to rise again!
 My Father, let this cup pass from me;
 Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will,
 O Lord, but Thine be done.
 Thy will be done.

ANTHEM

Gethesmane

Carol Muehlig

Abby Kasenow, Soloist

text: Linda Muehlig

Garden of memory by torchlight and moon,
 In a night sharp with stars Gethsemane blooms.
 The gatherings, the ancient fields of war;
 A kiss of greeting where we had me before;
 The breath of sacrifice rising up once more.

Garden of enmity by torchlight and moon,
 In a night sharp with stars Gethsemane blooms.
 The old offerings, trade for a traitor's cost;
 The years returning to mend the winding cloth,
 To take the earth for trees and make another cross.

Garden of agony by torchlight and moon,
 In a night sharp with stars Gethsemane blooms.

SILENCE

CLOSING RESPONSE

Were You There

Andrew Smith, Soloist

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 pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

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?



Please depart in silence.

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Leading in Worship

David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*

Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*

Hannah Lundberg, *Transitional Pastor for Resident Ministry*

Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

CELEBRATE Easter

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION

03.31.2024

7 AM SUNRISE SERVICE
Circle Terrace

9:30 & 11:15 AM SERVICE
Sanctuary
livestream at 9:30 AM

Pre-service music will begin 15 minutes before the 9:30 and 11:15 AM services.

Overflow seating available in Monteith Hall
Additional parking available at the Forest Avenue parking structure

You are invited to bring fresh flowers to place on the Easter cross
that will be located outside the front Sanctuary doors.