

VII. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46

*Behold the Lamb of God*

Behold the Lamb of God, bowed down in bitter pain; to God His dying prayer ascends. In death, my Lord and Savior, may I cry with Thee: "My Father, I commend my spirit into Thy loving hands." I die in Thee.

(Dale Wood, 1934-2003)

*Please leave the sanctuary in silence.*

**Childcare** is provided tonight in Room 104.

**We thank our guest conductor, Dr. Jerry Blackstone, for directing the Chancel Choir this evening. Additional musical leadership includes Laura Schipper, flute, and Angie Noble, oboe.**

**Greeters** are Sara Vander Vort, Elsa and Dick Stuber, Pat Gilbreath, and Carol Fletcher. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Jim Rogers, Charlie Rogers, Rob Van Renterghem, Cynthia Van Renterghem, Mac Van Renterghem, Vivian Van Renterghem, and Sandy Talbott.

**Please join us for Easter Sunday worship at one of five worship services.**

A **sunrise service** led by Rev. Ervin is at 6:30 a.m. on the Circle Terrace. In case of unfavorable weather the service will be in Monteith Hall.

**Traditional worship services** are in the Sanctuary at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Fair will preach. Musical leadership includes Chancel Choir, brass quintet, organ, and timpani.

A **worship service for those for whom a less-crowded worship experience is preferred, is at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall.** This service will be led by Rev. Ryo and will include a sermon and music.

**Please make considerate parking choices** to leave open as many spaces near the church as possible for people with mobility issues. Handicapped spaces will be designated in the parking lot on the Hillegonds Chapel side of the church. Parking is permitted on Hill Street and Washtenaw Avenue on Sunday mornings and free parking is available in the nearby parking structure at 650 South Forest Avenue.

**You are invited to bring fresh flowers to add to our Flowering Crosses** located outside the Sanctuary on the front steps and on the Monteith Hall Terrace. Store-purchased flowers are welcome.

**Easter morning fellowship** is in the Lounge on the 200 level before the 8:00 a.m. service. Join us for pastries, fruit, and beverages.

**Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day.** Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available for the 9:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. services, and for the 8:00 a.m. service by reservation.

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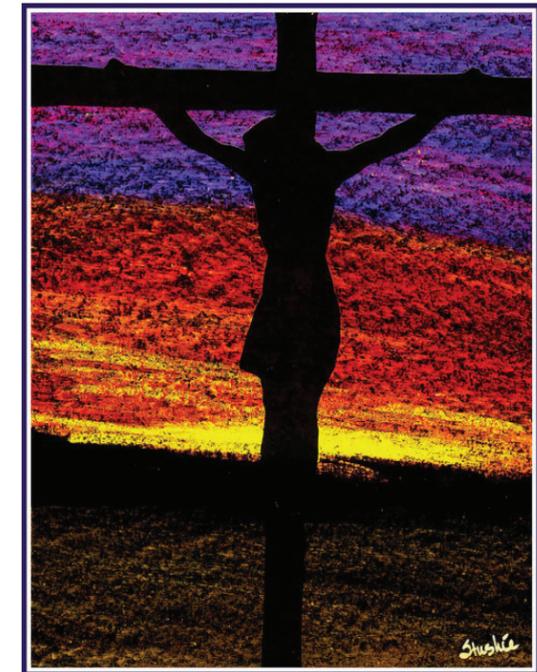
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APRIL 14, 2017  
GOOD FRIDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
7:00 p.m.



*Good Friday - Christ on the Cross* © 2017 John Stuart

**The Order of Worship**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:** Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.  
**All:** **He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.**  
**One:** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,  
**All:** **and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

\* **HYMN 98** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

PASSION CHORALE

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PSALM Psalm 22:1-11, 22-29

*Please join the choir singing:*

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul?**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down . . .**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!**

GOSPEL READING Matthew 27:32-37

\* CREED

**We confess that in the execution of Jesus  
the sin of the human race reached its depths.**

**The only innocent One was condemned and put to death,  
not by the sinfulness of one nation,  
but by the sinfulness of us all.**

**In the presence of Jesus,  
who lived out what God wants us all to be,  
we were threatened beyond endurance.**

**Blinded by our rebellion against our Creator,  
we killed His Son when we met Him face to face.**

**Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father's will.**

**He was acting on behalf of God,  
manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself  
the loneliness, pain, and death  
that result from our waywardness.**

**In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself,  
not holding our sins against us.**

**Each of us beholds on the cross  
the Savior who died in our place,  
so that we may no longer live for ourselves,  
but for Him.**

**In him is our only hope of salvation.**

— from *A Declaration of Faith*

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## Tenebrae Service of Deepening Shadows

### *A Service of Darkness*

Dale Wood

Seven choral meditations on the last words of Christ,  
adapted from the ancient Tenebrae

### Jesus' Death Upon the Cross

#### PRAYER

#### HYMN 93

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*Please remain seated to sing.*

I. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34

*O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile*

O come and mourn with me awhile; O come ye to the Saviour's side;  
O come, together let us mourn; Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Have we no tears to shed for Him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride?  
How patiently, how patiently He hangs; Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Seven times He spoke, seven words of love; and all three hours His silence cried  
For mercy on the souls of men; Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

O love of God, O sin of man! In this dread act your strength is tried;  
And victory remains with love, for He, our Love, is crucified.

(F. W. Faber, 1814-63)

II. "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

*Hear Us, Holy Jesus*

Jesus, pitying the sighs of the thief, who near Thee dies,  
Promising him Paradise: Hear us, Holy Jesus.

May we, in our guilt and shame, still Thy love and mercy claim,  
Calling humbly on Thy Name: Hear us, Holy Jesus.

May our hearts to Thee incline, looking from our cross to Thine;  
Cheer our souls with hope divine: Hear us, Holy Jesus.

(Thomas Benson Pollock, 1836-96)

III. "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." John 19:26-27

*At the Cross Her Station Keeping*

At the cross her station keeping stood the mournful Mother weeping,  
Where He hung, the dying Lord; for her soul, of joy bereavèd,  
Bowed with anguish, deeply grieved, felt the sharp and piercing sword.

O how sad and sore distressèd now was she, that Mother blessèd  
Of the sole-begotten one! Deep the woe of her affliction,  
When she saw the crucifixion of her ever-glorious Son.

Jesus, may her deep devotion stir in me the same emotion,  
Fount of love, Redeemer kind, that my heart fresh ardour gaining,

IV. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46

*Bound Upon the Accursed Tree*

Bound upon the accursèd tree,  
Faint and bleeding, who is He?  
By the eyes so pale and dim,  
Streaming blood, and writhing limb,  
By the flesh with scourges torn,  
By the crown of twisted thorn,  
By the side so deeply pierced,  
By the baffled, burning thirst?

Bound upon the accursèd tree,  
Dread and awful, who is He?  
By the sun at noonday pale,  
Shivering rocks, and rending veil?  
Lo! Beneath the blackened sky,  
Hear His last and bitter cry.  
Crucified, we know Thee now:  
Son of God! 'tis Thou! 'tis Thou!

(Dean Milman, 1791-1868, adapted from "Stanzas for Good Friday")

V. "I thirst." John 19:28

*Jesus, in Thy Thirst and Pain*

Jesus, in Thy thirst and pain,  
While Thy wounds Thy life-blood drain,  
Thirsting more our love to gain.

Thirst for us in mercy still,  
All Thy holy work fulfil,  
Satisfy Thy loving will.

May we thirst Thy love to know;  
Lead us in our sin and woe  
Where the healing waters flow.

(Thomas Benson Pollock, 1836-96)

VI. "It is finished." John 19:30

*O Perfect Life of Love*

O perfect life of love!  
All, all is finished now,  
All that He left His throne above  
To do for us below.

No pain that we can share  
But He has felt its smart;  
All forms of human grief and care  
Have pierced that tender heart.

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

(Henry William Baker, 1821-77)