

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

April 2, 2021

7:00 p.m.



*Black Cross*  
Georgia O'Keeffe

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es  
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -  
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior  
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to  
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my  
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and  
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that  
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 at my need his life did spend!  
 for his death we thirst and cry.  
 he his foes from thence might free.  
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

Please know that, in recording all the parts of this liturgy — spoken, sung and played — we have carefully observed responsible norms of social distancing.

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**. It is not yet safe to sing together as a congregation. (The choral ensemble sings with special singers' masks.) As you listen to the hymns and responses, we encourage you to read along and reflect on the text.

\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Sanctus Ringers

### \* OPENING SENTENCES

All you who pass this way

**look and see the shadow of sin.**

All you who pass this way

**look and see the weight of the world.**

All you who pass this way

**look and see the suffering of our Savior.**

All you who pass this way

**look and see the sorrow of Jesus Christ.**

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

### \* HYMN 209

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

*This hymn is found on the preceding page of this bulletin. As you listen to the hymn, we encourage you to read along and reflect on the text.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Hear our prayers, O living God, even on this night of death.**

**We avoid the pain of Christ on the cross,**

**for we cannot face our own pain in the mirror.**

**We are quick to blame others for crucifying Jesus**

**and slow to recognize our role in systems of injustice.**

**We will condemn Peter for denying his Lord,**

**and yet we are prone to leave our faith at the church doors.**

**Bear our sins, O living God, even on this night of death,**

**that in Christ's death we may die to sin**

**and move through his holy story into your promise of new life.**

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

**At First Pres, we strive to use inclusive language for God.**

The use of only masculine nouns and pronouns for God and of masculine generic terms for humankind has hidden the rich feminine imagery for God and God's people in scripture. The rediscovery of the complementarity of female and male metaphors in the Bible and the literature of the early church forbids Christians to settle for literary poverty in the midst of literary riches.



*Agony in the Garden*  
John August Swanson

**FIRST WORD**

Luke 23:33–34

Ava Westfall

**REFLECTION**

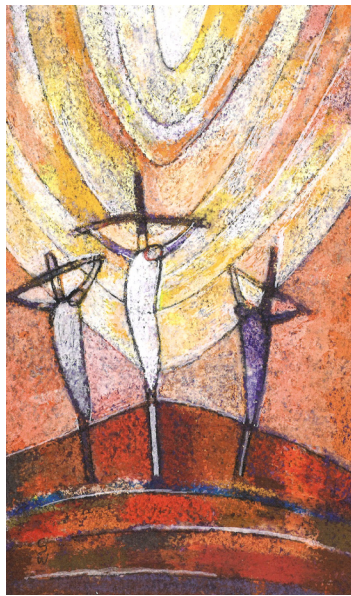
Peter Bubriski

**ANTHEM**

*When Jesus Wept*

William Billings

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.



*Jesus Was Crucified Between Two Soldiers*  
Soichi Watanabe

**SECOND WORD**

Luke 23:39–43

**REFLECTION**

Alice Holderby

**ANTHEM**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*  
Sanctus Ringers

arr. Arnold B. Sherman



*Christ on the Cross with Mary and John*  
Rogier van der Weyden

**THIRD WORD**

John 19:25–27

**REFLECTION**

Lynne Lande

**ANTHEM**

*Mary Speaks*

Daniel Gawthrop

O you who bear the pain of the whole earth, I bore you.  
O you whose tears gave human tears their worth, I laughed with you.  
You, who when your hem is touched, give power. I nourished you.  
Who turn the day to night in this dark hour, light comes from you.  
O you who hold the world in your embrace, I carried you.  
Whose arms encircled the world with your grace, I once held you.  
O you who laughed and ate and walked the shore, I played with you.  
And I, who with all others, you died for, now I hold you.  
May I be faithful to this final test, in this last time I hold my child, my son;  
His body close enfolded to my breast: the holder held, the bearer borne.  
Mourning to joy, darkness to morn. Open, my arms; your work is done.



*Vale of Tears*  
Julie Quinn

**FOURTH WORD**

Mark 15:33–34

**REFLECTION**

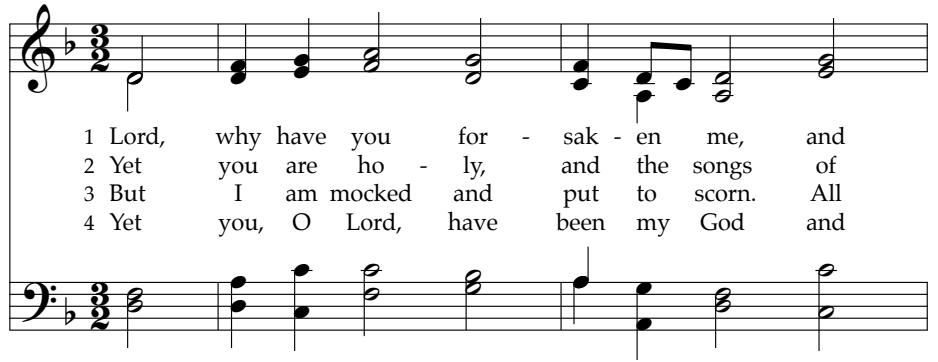
John Whittier-Ferguson

\* HYMN 210

*Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me*

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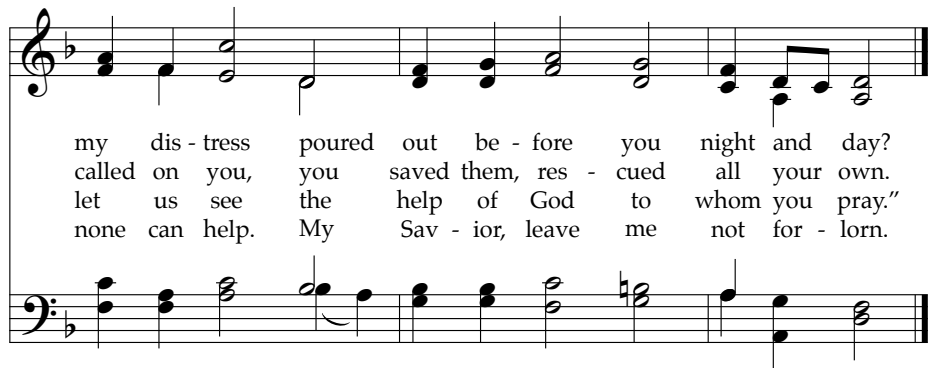
*As you listen to the hymn, we encourage you to read along and reflect on the text.*



1 Lord, why have you for - sak - en me, and  
2 Yet you are ho - ly, and the songs of  
3 But I am mocked and put to scorn. All  
4 Yet you, O Lord, have been my God and

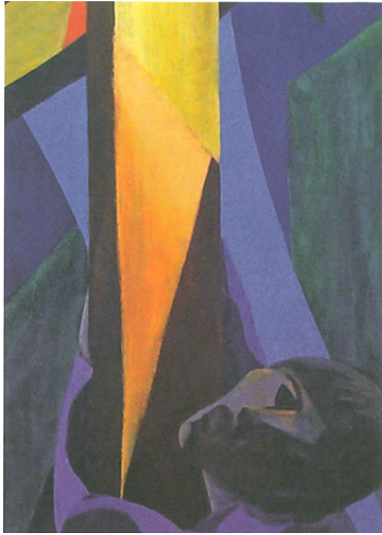


why are you so far a - way from my com - plaint and  
praise of Is - rael are your throne; when our an - ces - tors  
those who see me laugh and say, "You trust in God, so  
on - ly hope since I was born. With trou - ble near me,



my dis - tress poured out be - fore you night and day?  
called on you, you saved them, res - cued all your own.  
let us see the help of God to whom you pray."  
none can help. My Sav - ior, leave me not for - lorn.





*Crucifixion*  
Anonymous

**FIFTH WORD**

John 19:28

**REFLECTION**

Hadley and Harper Feyen

**ANTHEM**

*Ave Verum Corpus*

W. A. Mozart

*Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine  
Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine.  
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine:  
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

Jesu, Word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born;  
On the cross thy sacred body for us with nails was torn.  
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side.  
Feed us with thy body broken now and in death's agony.



*It Is Finished*  
Sandra Bowden

**SIXTH WORD**

John 19:29–30

**REFLECTION**

Lucy Schneidewind

*As you listen to the hymn, we encourage you to read along and reflect on the text.*

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of  
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;  
 life ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his  
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.





*Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit*  
Felipe Venancio

**SEVENTH WORD**

Luke 23:46

**REFLECTION**

Meg Brown

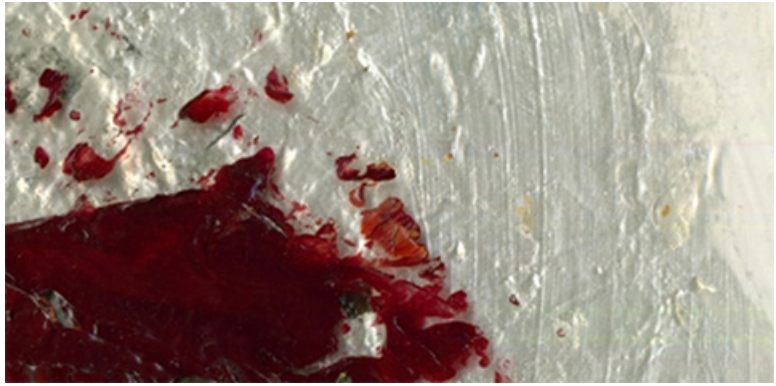
**ANTHEM**

*Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee*

Johannes Brahms

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee;  
Heed God's good will, my soul, compose thee.  
Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God's help benign  
And grace sublime in mercy.  
Be true in all endeavor and ever ply bravely;  
What God decrees brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee. Amen.

*(A moment of silence is observed for personal prayer and reflection.)*



*According to the Burial Custom*

Jan Richardson

**ANTHEM**

*Were You There*

WERE YOU THERE

Daniel Washington, 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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**Leaders of Worship:** Liturgists – Jay Sanderford and Andrew Frazier; Vocalists – Leslie Smith, Imani Mchunu, Heidi Hess-Willis, Catherine Moore, Joseph Sevig, David Magumba, Tyrese Byrd, Elijah Emmons, Benton DeGroot, Brent Ivey, and Daniel Washington; Organist – Paul Haebig; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Videographer – Bill Hall; Sound technician – Rol Kibler

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