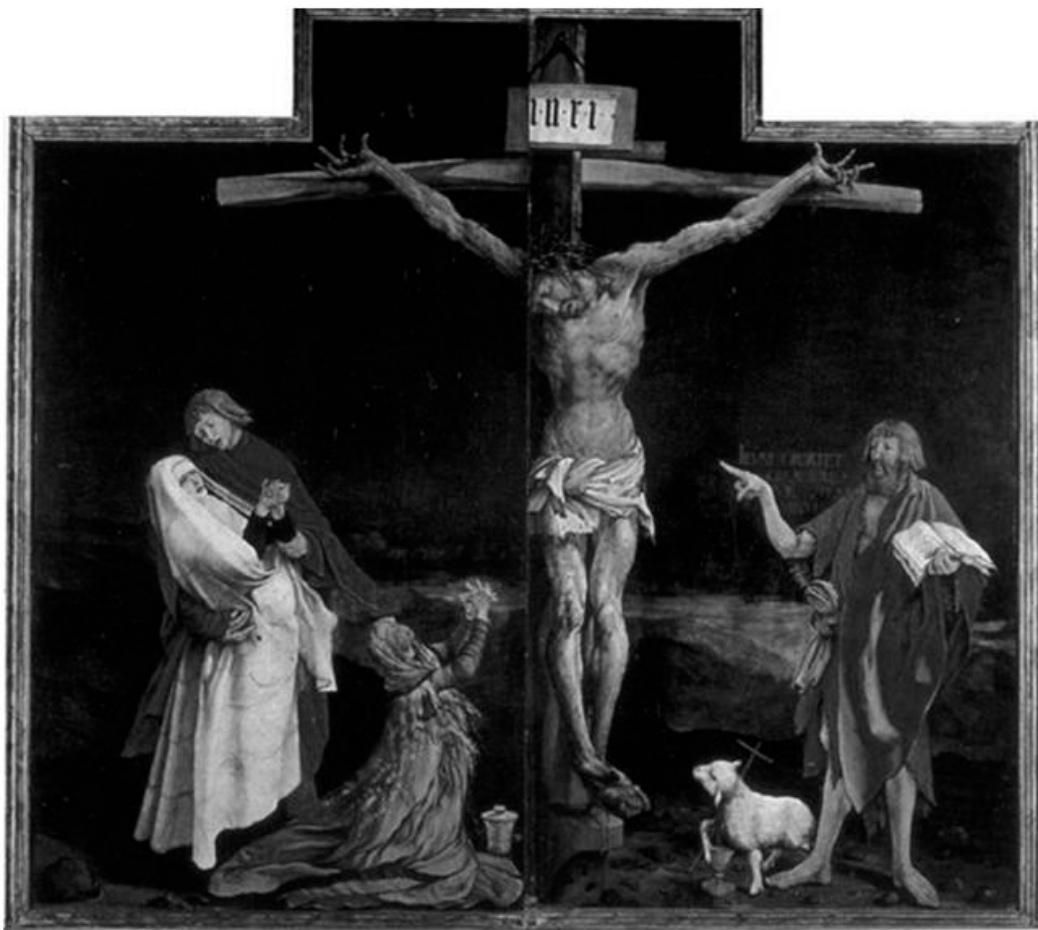


IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS



*This is a meditative service with several periods of silence.
Upon arriving, take a few minutes to find the still, deep places within you,
where God's Spirit dwells.
Relax the body; quiet the mind.
Focus on breathing, feeling, being.
Be mindful of your center.
Be aware of being together in silence with others.
Feel the spirit of the community.*

Good Friday, April 14, 2017, at 8:00pm

⌘ In the Shadow of the Cross ⌘

*The Passion according to John
with the Solemn Reproaches of the Cross*

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow*

Tappan/Bradbury

D CALL TO WORSHIP

God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
and we loved darkness rather than light.

D HYMN 220 *Go To Dark Gethsemane*

REDHEAD 76

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, as the shadows lengthen and darkness falls, speak to us once more your solemn message of death and of life. Call to our memory our many transgressions. And look with mercy, we beseech you, on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. AMEN.

SILENCE

⌘ The Shadow of Betrayal ⌘

D HYMN 212 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

MARTYRDOM

SCRIPTURE John 18:1-14

SILENCE

FIRST SOLEMN REPROACH OF THE CROSS

O my people, O my church,
what have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you?

Testify against me.

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love;
but you draw the sword to strike in my name
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

The first candle is extinguished.

✻ The Shadow of Desertion ✻

SCRIPTURE John 18:15-18

SILENCE

SECOND SOLEMN REPROACH OF THE CROSS

I led you forth from the land of Egypt
and delivered you by the waters of baptism;
but you scatter and deny and abandon me:
you seek your own glory in my kingdom,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

The second candle is extinguished.

☞ The Shadow of Denial ☞

D HYMN 223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

SCRIPTURE John 18:19-27

SILENCE

THIRD SOLEMN REPROACH OF THE CROSS

I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with manna:
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

The third candle is extinguished.

☞ The Shadow of False Witness ☞

SCRIPTURE John 18:28-32

SILENCE

FOURTH SOLEMN REPROACH OF THE CROSS

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I defeated your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

The fourth candle is extinguished.

☧ The Shadow of Accusation ☧

D HYMN 221 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

PASSION CHORALE

SCRIPTURE John 18:33-40

SILENCE

FIFTH SOLEMN REPROACH OF THE CROSS

I gave you a royal scepter,
And bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
But you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

☧ The Shadow of Mockery ☧

D HYMN 209 *My Song Is Love Unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

SCRIPTURE John 19:1-11

SILENCE

SIXTH SOLEMN REPROACH OF THE CROSS

What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

The sixth candle is extinguished.

☧ The Shadow of the Crucifixion ☧

D HYMN 218 *Ah, Holy Jesus*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

SCRIPTURE John 19:12-25a

SILENCE

SEVENTH SOLEMN REPROACH OF THE CROSS

I grafted you onto the tree of my chosen Israel,
and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

☧ The Shadow of Grief ☧

D HYMN 216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (verses 1 and 2)

ST CHRISTOPHER

SCRIPTURE John 19:25b-27

SILENCE

EIGHTH SOLEMN REPROACH OF THE CROSS

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
But to the voice of the Spirit you close your hearts.
I pray that all may be my mother, my sister, my brother,
but still you quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

The eighth candle is extinguished.

☩ The Shadow of Death ☩

D HYMN 219 *They Crucified My Lord*

CRUCIFIXION

SCRIPTURE John 19:28-30

SILENCE

NINTH SOLEMN REPROACH OF THE CROSS

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

Holy God, holy and mighty,

Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

The Christ Candle is extinguished.

MUSIC *Were You There*

Melva Wilson Costen

SILENCE

All depart in silence. With Christ in the tomb, there is nothing more to say until Easter morning.

D Please rise in body or in spirit: **unison responses are in bold.**

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

6:30am Sunrise Service

9:30am Worship Service; Childcare (infants and toddlers)

10:30 Easter Egg Hunt

11:00am Worship Service; Childcare (infants and toddlers)
