

TENEBRAE, MARCH 29, 2018

Invitation to Enter Into the Darkness

Prelude - What Wondrous Love Is This - arr. Dale Wood

Hymn: What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this!
that Christ should come in bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.
3. 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!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

The Invocation and Prayer of Confession

Leader: Oh God, this is a night filled with memory and hope. Let us remember.

People: We remember that we are made of clay, molded in your image.

Leader: We think about yesterday and sigh. We are anxious about tomorrow and become consumed with worry.

People: May your presence fill this place. Remove the guilt of yesterday and give us purpose for tomorrow. Remind us again that we are accepted.

Leader: Make our acceptance of ourselves and each other complete, through Christ Jesus. AMEN

Mark 14:12-16

Preparations are made for the Passover meal

Setting the Table and Preparing the Meal

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

3. What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest friend;
For this your dying sorrow, your pity without end?
May I be yours forever; and though my days be few,
O Savior, let me never outlive my love for you.

The Eighth Light Is Extinguished

The Benediction

Silence

After a time of darkness, during which you are invited to reflect and pray, the lights will be turned on so that you may exit the Sanctuary safely. The return of the light is a sign of hope. You may place your evening offering in the offering plates as you leave. You are asked to depart in silence.

Worship Leaders

Sue Bertolette, Addie Stong, David Furniss, Matt Carson, Aidan Gage, Ted Kasander, Bill Leslie, Gerry Linderman, Dan Panachyda, Connor Sivco, and the Chancel Choir

Mark 14: 17-21

The conversation at the table in the Upper Room

The Words of Institution

Hymn: Eat This Bread (from the Taizé Community)

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

The Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

(wine outer circle, grape juice inner circles; gluten free bread is available)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all of Christ's gifts, undeserving as we are. Strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another, and let us proclaim your praise by the way we live; through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN

The Second and Third Lights Are Extinguished

Mark 14: 26-31

Peter's denial is foretold

Anthem Lamb of God - F. Melius Christiansen
Chancel Choir

The Fourth Light Is Extinguished

Mark 14: 32-36

Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane

Mark 14: 37-42

The disciples sleep while Jesus prays

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
that mortal judgment has on you
descended? By foes derided, by your own
rejected, O most afflicted!

The Fifth Light Is Extinguished

Mark 14:43-50

Judas betrays Jesus

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?
It is my treason, Jesus, that has slain you.
And I, dear Jesus, I it was denied you; I crucified you.

The Sixth Light Is Extinguished

Mark 14: 66-72

Peter denies Jesus

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

3. For me, kind Jesus, was your incarnation,
your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation,
Your death of anguish and your bitter passion, for my salvation.
4. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay you,
I do adore you, and will ever pray you,
Think on your pity and your love unswerving, not my deserving.

The Seventh Light Is Extinguished

The Darkness of the Cross

Leader: As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children." (Luke 23:26-28)

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1. O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown,
How pale you are with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does your visage languish which once was bright as morn!

Leader: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:32-34)

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

2. What you, dear Savior, suffered was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgressions, but yours the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior, for I deserve your place;
Look on me with your favor, O grant to me your grace.

Leader: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this he breathed his last. (Luke 23:44-46)

The First Light Is Extinguished

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus within my mind I see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
And from my grieving heart with tears two wonders I confess ~ the
wonders of Christ's glorious love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of Christ's face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Remembering the Last Supper

Leader: We have seen ourselves in the darkness of the night, but the table is prepared and the host awaits. Let us join our sisters and brothers in this fellowship.

People: At this table we find forgiveness and hope. At this table we are fed by the One who gave all for us. We come in a spirit of humility and prayer.

Hymn: Just As I Am

1. Just as I am, without one plea but that your blood was shed for me,
And that you called inviting me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
2. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
3. Just as I am, you will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve; Because your promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
4. Just as I am, your love unknown has broken every barrier down;
Now to be yours, and yours alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!