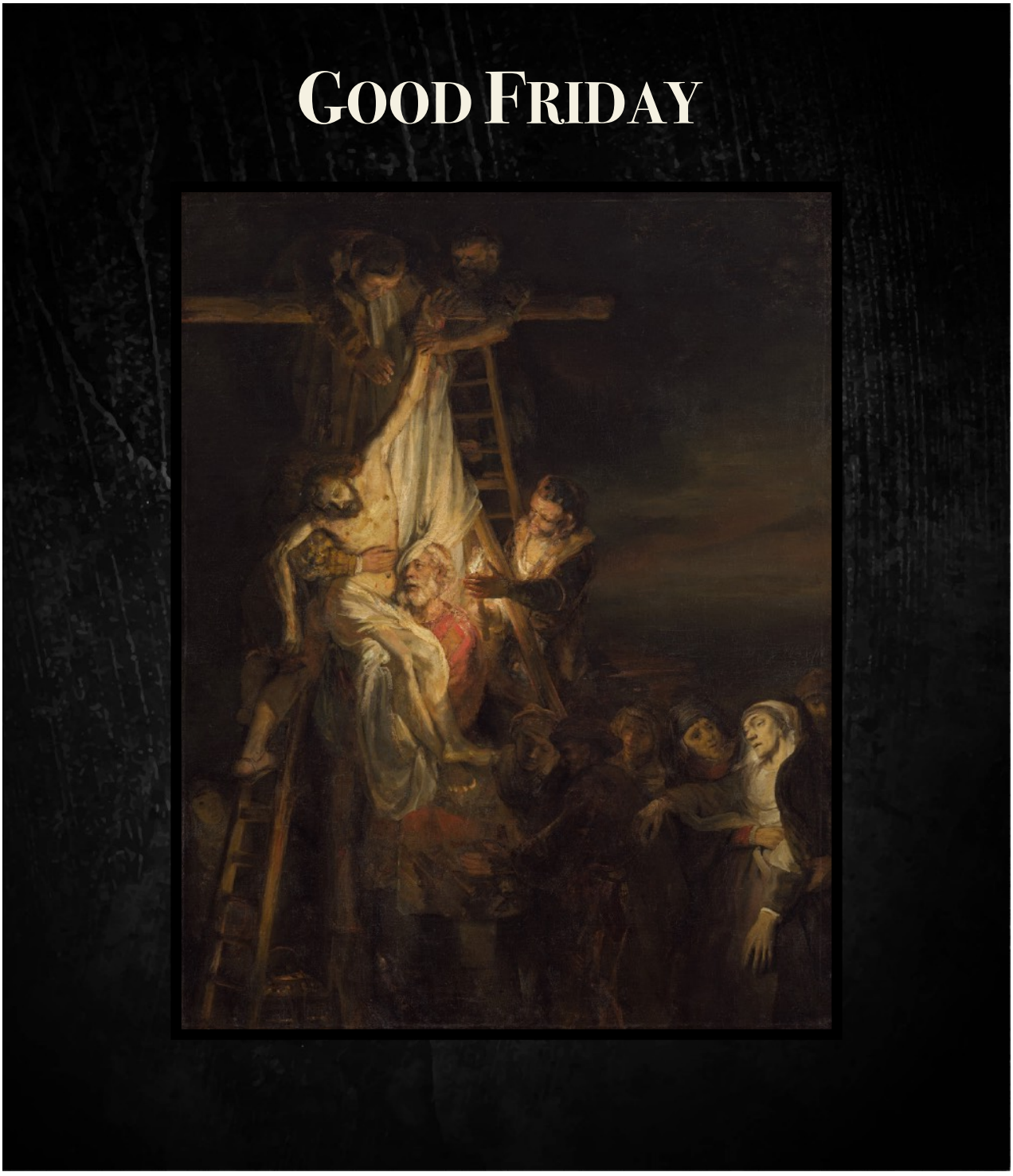
GOOD FRIDAY



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TENEBRAE

A Service of Shadows

Good Friday | Covenant Presbyterian Church



The liturgy for Good Friday is a dramatic retelling of the Passion of Christ, and so is filled with aesthetic elements intended to move us to adoration and awe. We will see a candle-lit sanctuary where Christ's suffering is commemorated through Scripture, prayer, poetry, and song. Candles are extinguished one by one as we listen to the Passion narrative and walk with Jesus through the encroaching darkness.

This service, which is called Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") and observed since the Middle Ages, was originally enacted in monasteries on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week. It was part of matins and lauds (daily Scripture-reading and prayer services) which began at two in the morning. Our version of the Tenebrae service is a simple reforming of these medieval practices.

During this pseudo-monastic season in which we're cloistered in our homes, we can still keep liturgical rhythms that echo redemptive history and allow us to connect through shared spiritual disciplines. The goal here is not to adhere to a tradition merely, but to "share in the sufferings of Christ, that we may be glad and rejoice when his glory is revealed" (1 Peter 1:13).

For this Good Friday service, we pray that the Holy Spirit will draw our minds and our hearts into Gethsemane with the Lord Christ, and up with him to Golgotha. May we stand at the foot of the cross and behold the very embodiment of Love itself, the broken body of Christ, "pierced for our transgressions" and "crushed for our iniquities" (Isa 53:5).

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Reading & Hymn of Response | **Isaiah 53:1-12**

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Reading | **Isaiah 53:1-3**

Stricken smitten and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes my soul 'tis he 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's, Son yet David's Lord,
by his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

Reading | **Isaiah 53:4-6**

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress,
many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;
but the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Reading | **Isaiah 53:7-9**

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great
here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load,
'Tis the Word the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Reading | **Isaiah 53:10-12**

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

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Homily and Prayer

Rev. Eric Irwin

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

The Shadow of Betrayal | **Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16, 20-25**

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended (vs 1 and 2)

Ah holy Jesus, How hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty who brought this upon thee?
Alas my treason. Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee.

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THE SHADOW OF AGONY OF SPIRIT | **Mark 14:32-42**

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended (vs 3 and 4)

Lo the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered:
for mans' atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation:
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

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THE SHADOW OF ARREST | **Luke 22:47-53**

Jesus, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

Jesus, Lamb of God (Jesus, Lamb of God)
Jesus, Lamb of God (Jesus, Lamb of God)
Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us;
Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Bearer of our sins (Bearer of our sins)
Bearer of our sins (Bearer of our sins)
Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us;
Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God (Jesus, Lamb of God)
Jesus, Lamb of God (Jesus, Lamb of God)
Redeemer, Redeemer, grant us your peace;
Redeemer, Redeemer, grant us your peace.

Ross Hauck | Book of Common Worship

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL | **Matthew 26:69-75**

MEDITATION: "Judas, Peter" | a poem by Luci Shaw

The Shadow of Accusation | **Matthew 27:1-2, 11-18, 21-31**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouch safe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, Thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

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The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation | **Matthew 27:32-44**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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The Shadow of Death | **Matthew 27:45-54**

"Jesus Dies on the Cross" | Malcolm Guite

Christ Candle is Removed

Strepitus (earthquake)

The Shadow of Burial | **Mark 15:42-46**

Meditation | *My Song is Love Unknown*

Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood
See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all.

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Prayer and Benediction

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