



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE – GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 14, 2017

6:30 P.M. SERVICE



Père pardonne-leur: Ils ne savent pas ce qu'ils font ("Father, forgive them: they know not what they do") by Macha Chmakoff
From the series "Les sept dernières paroles du Christ"

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The service of Tenebrae, which is Latin for “shadows” or “darkness,” is an observance of Jesus’ passion and death. Tenebrae services usually occur between Wednesday and Friday of Holy Week as a way to mark Jesus’ dark journey to Golgotha. This is a solemn opportunity to reflect on the passion and suffering of Jesus, who was killed at human hands. Through the reading of scripture and the successive extinguishing of light in the Sanctuary, we are invited to enter into the dramatic narrative of Jesus’ betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion.

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

OFFICIANT – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

*Congregation please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

Serving for Altar Guild: Nancy Hill, Donna Sibley

Serving as Ushers: Chase Fell, Gordon Short

Serving as Acolytes: Callie Nash, Wilson Nash

Serving as Lay Readers: Mark Hughes, Pam Simpson

Serving as Verger: Brian Bellenger

CHORAL INTROIT

That Virgin's Child

The Choir

*That Virgin's Child, most meek and mild, a lonely for my sake, His Father's will for to fulfill,
He came great pains to take. And suffered death, as scripture saith, that we should saved be, on Good Friday:*

Wherefore I say, he mourned sore for me. Now Christ Jesú of love most true, have mercy upon me.

I ask Thee grace for my trespass that I have done to Thee.

For Thy sweet Name, save me from shame and all adversity:

For Mary's sake, to Thee me take, and mourn no more for me.

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

Text, John Gwynneth

*SILENT PROCESSION

(The congregation stands as the procession begins.)

*COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Blessed be our God. Forever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Text, Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

PSALM 22:1-2, 7-8, 14-21 (Sung by The Choir)

Plainsong (Tone IVe)

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *by night as well, but I find no rest. All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying, He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him." I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *my heart within my breast is melting wax. My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; * they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; * they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing. Be not far away, O LORD; *you are my strength; hasten to help me. Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth, * my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls. I will declare your Name to my brethren; * in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.*

BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved; that all who believe in Him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with Him of everlasting life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

FIRST LESSON

John 18:1-14

FIRST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE:

Behold the Lamb of God

The Choir

*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
 Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
 He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.
 Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

Healy Willan (1880-1968)

Text, John 1:29 and Isaiah 53:4,5

SECOND LESSON

John 18:15-27

SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE:

In the Departure of the Lord

The Choir

*In the departure of the Lord, of mortal body's vital breath,
 There lies a mystery worth record, which He did show us here on earth:
 Who doth prepare to die each hour must follow Christ our Savior.*

John Bull (1563-1628)

Text, John Bull

THIRD LESSON

John 18:28-40

THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE:

O Savior of the World

The Choir

*O Savior of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us.
Save us and help us. O Savior of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood
hast redeemed us Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.*

John Goss (1800-1880)

Text, Edited by James McKelvy

FOURTH LESSON

John 19:1-16a

FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE:

Surely He Hath Bourne of Griefs

The Choir

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

Text, Isaiah 53:4

FIFTH LESSON

John 19:16b-25a

FIFTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE:

Eli, Eli

The Choir

*Et circa horam nonam clamavit Jesus, voce magna, dicens: Eli, Eli! lama sabachthani?
Translation: And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice saying:
My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?*

Gyorgy Deak-Bardos (1905-1991)

Text, Mark 15: 34

SIXTH LESSON

John 19:25b-30

SIXTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE:

In Paradisum

The Choir

*In paradisum deducant angeli: in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere aeternam habeas requiem.*

*Translation: God's holy angels lead you to paradise: may saints in their glory receive you at your journey's end,
guiding your footsteps into the Holy City Jerusalem.*

Choirs of angels sing you to your rest: and with Lazarus raised to eternal life, may you forevermore rest in peace.

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Text, Antiphon from the Burial Service

After the anthem, the Paschal Candle is removed.

RESPONSE:

Truly, This Was the Son of God
from The Saint Matthew Passion
The Choir

Truly, this was the Son of God, the Son of God.

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Text, Matthew 27:54b

SEVENTH LESSON

John 19:31-42

*DISMISSAL BLESSING

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on the cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever more. Amen.

*SILENT PROCESSION

The verger will lead The Choir in procession to the Narthex.

*Silence is observed throughout the Sanctuary from this time forward.
Each person is encouraged to pray and meditate as long as he or she desires.*

Depart in silence.

The Choir

SOPRANO

Naomi Archer
Ellen Buckner
Savannah Busby
Lindsay Dawson
Rachel Hancock
Kim McRae
Renee Peacock
Rachel Satterwhite
Laura Thomas

ALTO

Kathy Burdette
Jeannine Carmichael
Sumter Coleman
Emilee Falcon
Mary Elizabeth Neal
Gracie Phillips
Lucy Phillips
Suzanne Phillips
Lee Stayer
Jordan Towns

TENOR

Denny Bearce
David Busby
Jamie Bowman
Paul Gentry
Ellis Landers

BASS

Jay Archer
Brian Bellenger
Stan Hart
Thomas Head
Brett Huffman
Xavier Johnson
Jack Smith
Scott Welch
Randall Wells
Goodloe White



We Welcome Our Guests

Highlands United Methodist Church affirms that nothing can separate anyone from the love of God. We invite all to worship, wonder, and discover God's grace as we aspire to create a safe space for all to participate fully in the life of this community of faith.

We are called to shine as a beacon of hope, grace, belonging and respect for all people. Regardless of age, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family, financial status, nationality, physical or mental ability, past or future, there is room for you at Highlands.



Vision Statement

Highlands United Methodist Church is a community of disciples of Christ: a beacon of hope, inviting all to become new persons in Christ to be sent into the world to share the Gospel and to serve our neighbors; and a sanctuary for those in need of God's love and grace.