



Centenary  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**March 29, 2024**

**Good Friday**

*As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.*

**Prelude**

*Processional Psalm for Lent*

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**Call to Worship**

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**People: Christ died for our sins that he might bring us to God.**

Leader: God did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all.

**People: Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for a friend.**

**Hymn No. 285**

*To Mock Your Reign*

KINGSFOLD

1. To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns;  
set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns.  
They could not know, as we do now, how glorious is that crown;  
that thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.
2. In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they snatched a purple cloak;  
your passion turned, for all they cared, into a soldier's joke.  
They could not know, as we do now, that though we merit blame,  
you will your robe of mercy throw around our naked shame.
3. A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, they thrust into your hand,  
and acted out their grim charade to its appointed end.  
They could not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall,  
your kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.

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## **THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS**

### **THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL**

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 26:20-25

*The first candle is extinguished.*

**Hymn No. 290**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane (verses 1 & 2)*

REDHEAD 76

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour.  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
2. See him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.

## THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF THE SPIRIT AND ARREST

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:36-50

*The second candle is extinguished.*

Hymn

*Stay With Me*

STAY WITH ME

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and  
pray. Watch and pray.

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a bass line with a half note G2 and a treble line with a half note G4. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with a bass line of a half note G2 and a treble line of a half note G4. The third system has a vocal line with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment has a bass line of a half note G2 and a treble line of a half note G4. The fourth system has a vocal line with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment has a bass line of a half note G2 and a treble line of a half note G4.

## THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:69-75

*The third candle is extinguished.*

Hymn No. 2200

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

HEAR MY PRAYER

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O  
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a bass line with a half note G2 and a treble line with a half note G4. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with a bass line of a half note G2 and a treble line of a half note G4. The third system has a vocal line with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment has a bass line of a half note G2 and a treble line of a half note G4. The fourth system has a vocal line with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment has a bass line of a half note G2 and a treble line of a half note G4.

## THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Gospel Reading

Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

Hymn No. 292

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

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 caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
2. 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 caused the Lord of life  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

## THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION AND HUMILIATION

Gospel Reading

Matthew 27:31-43

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

Hymn No. 488

*Jesus Remember Me*

REMEMBER ME

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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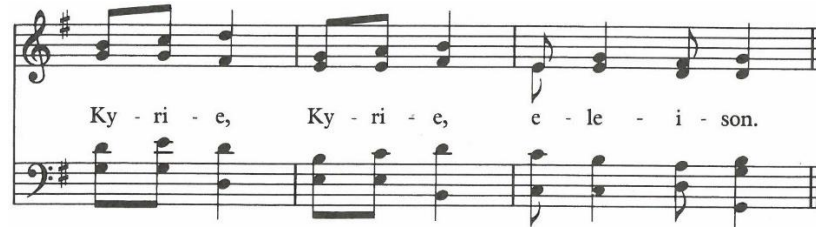
The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus Remember Me'. Each staff consists of a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef of each staff.

## THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Gospel Reading

Matthew 27:45-54

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*



### THE SHADOW OF BURIAL

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 27:57-60

*The seventh candle is extinguished.*

#### Solo

*Were You There?*

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The *Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows)* is a traditional service of night prayer focusing on the death of Jesus. It is the story of the crucifixion. The extinguishing of the lights and candles represents the desertion of the Apostles and followers of Christ. This service helps us to experience the reality of the cross - thus preparing us for the victory of the resurrection.

Taizé Prayer is a distinctive style of meditative prayer developed by an ecumenical community of monks in rural France. Short songs or chants, repeated over and over, create a meditative environment and express basic realities of faith which can be easily grasped by the mind and the heart. The Taizé Community explains "As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God."

## Scriptures

### Matthew 26:20-25

<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, <sup>21</sup> and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup> And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup> He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." <sup>25</sup> Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

## **Matthew 26:36-50**

### **Jesus Prays in Gethsemane**

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup> He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want.” <sup>40</sup> Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>42</sup> Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” <sup>43</sup> Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

### **The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus**

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup> At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

## **Matthew 26:69-75**

### **Peter’s Denial of Jesus**

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A female servant came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” <sup>70</sup> But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” <sup>71</sup> When he went out to the porch, another female servant saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.” <sup>72</sup> Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” <sup>73</sup> After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” <sup>74</sup> Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup> Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

## **Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29**

### **Pilate Questions Jesus**

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” <sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” <sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” <sup>23</sup> Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

## **Pilate Hands Jesus Over to Be Crucified**

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup> Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup> So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

## **The Soldiers Mock Jesus**

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

## **Matthew 27:31-43**

<sup>31</sup> After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

## **The Crucifixion of Jesus**

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup> then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup> Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

<sup>38</sup> Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Son.' "

## **Matthew 27:45-54**

### **The Death of Jesus**

<sup>45</sup> From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup> And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." <sup>48</sup> At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup> After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

## **Matthew 27:57-60**

### **The Burial of Jesus**

<sup>57</sup> When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who also was himself a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup> He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup> So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth <sup>60</sup> and laid it in his new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.