

## The Worship of God on the Occasion of Holy Week

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

6:30pm

Prelude

Invocation

\*Hymn 171

### "What Wondrous Love is This"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

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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.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

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.

\*Prayer for Illumination

Almighty Father, as we hear your word tonight, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Responsive Corporate Prayer

*Leader: As shadows lengthened over the city of Jerusalem, Jesus gathered with His disciples in an upper room. They met to remember God's love and faithfulness throughout the ages. Yet, the Savior knew the deep darkness that was to come...a dark journey that He would undertake for our sakes, because of His love and His faithfulness. Just as Jesus and the twelve met in that upper room, so we too have gathered, to remember what God has done.*

***All: We have come to recount God's wonderful acts toward all people.***

*Leader: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, so that all who believe in Him, might have everlasting life. As we trace the steps of our Savior on the dark journey that led to Calvary,*

***All: We are humbled to be the recipients of this divine mercy that has been poured out upon us.***

*Leader: We are called to turn our hearts to the Lord,*

***All: As we draw near with sincerity and gratitude.***

*Leader: We are invited to accept God's overwhelming gift of grace,*

***All: As we recommit to live each day as people who have been offered such an extravagant gift.***

*Leader: We have come to consider the height and depth, and the length and width of God's love,*

***All: As we accept anew this tremendous love and seek to share it with our world.***

*Leader: It was a mission of love that burned in the heart of our Lord as He and His friends left the upper room and made their way to the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane.*

Musical Meditation

"When Jesus Wept"

### The Passion of Our Lord

Lesson I – Matthew 26:36-46

*Jesus' disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane*

FIRST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE (REDHEAD 76)

#### Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane, you who 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.

Lesson II – Matthew 26:47-56

*Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss*

SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE (HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR!)

#### "Man of Sorrows!" What a Name

"Man of sorrows!" what a name for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lesson III – Matthew 26:57-68

*Jesus before the Sanhedrin*

THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE (WERE YOU THERE)

#### Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Lesson IV – Matthew 26:69-75

*Peter's denial*

FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE (HERZLIEBSTER JESU)

Ah, Holy Jesus

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, o most afflicted!

Lesson V – Matthew 27:15-26

*Jesus before Pilate*

FIFTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE (TOWNEND)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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.

Lesson VI – Matthew 27:27-44

*The soldiers mock Jesus*

SIXTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE (PASSION CHORALE)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;  
how pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

Lesson VII – Matthew 27:45-50

*The death of Jesus*

SEVENTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*(Silence will be observed while the cross is draped in black.)*

Lesson VIII – Matthew 27:51-60

*Surely, He was the Son of God*

SILENT COMMUNION

*The service has ended. 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, then to take their communion. When each person has finished their communion and silent prayer, please depart in silence.*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

# *A Celebration of Holy Week*



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