



Seeking the Light

“Silence is the language of faith. Action—be it church or charity, politics or poetry—is the translation. As with any translation, action is a mere echo of its original, inevitably faded and distorted, especially as it moves farther from its source. There the comparison ends, though, for while it is true that action degrades that original silence, and your moments of meditative communion with God can seem a world away from the chaotic human encounters to which those moments compel you, it is also true that without these constant translations into actions that original, sustaining silence begins to be less powerful, and then less accessible, and then finally impossible.”

Christian Wiman
My Bright Abyss

**The Worship of God
Maundy Thursday**

April 17, 2014

7:30 p.m.

** Congregation may stand, if able
Please turn off cell phones and pagers.*

PRELUDE "Wondrous Love"

Dale Wood

* CALL to WORSHIP

LEADER: On this night, Christ calls us from north and south and east and west.

PEOPLE: **As we gather, we remember with thanksgiving the first meal shared with friends.**

LEADER: On this night, Christ's journey toward death continues through the shadows of betrayal and judgment.

PEOPLE: **As we gather, we remember – sometimes it causes us to tremble.**

* HYMN 94 "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" O WALY WALY

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken: we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us. We betray our neighbors and, like Simon Peter, desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though you have bound yourself to us, we seem unable to bind ourselves to you. Compassionate God, when we are weak and willful people, we depend on your mercy. Lead us now to your table, and once more, unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news.

PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

OFFERTORY

The offering this evening will be added to the Pastors' Emergency Fund to address emergency pastoral needs.

ANTHEM "Crucifixus"
(from *Mass in B minor*)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis;
sub Pontio Pilato passus
et sepultus est.

*For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death
and was buried.*

From The Nicene Creed

FIRST LESSON **The Shadow of Weakness**

Luke 22:1-6
Martha C. Langford

SECOND LESSON **The Shadow of Betrayal**

Matthew 26:20-25
Randall Carlson

HYMN
of PREPARATION "It Happened on That Fateful Night"

(The Gathering of the Servers – congregation remains seated)

TALLIS' CANON

1. It hap - pened on that fate - ful night when
2. Be - fore the bit - ter scene be - gan, he
3. "My bod - y bro - ken for your sin re -
4. "Do this," he said, "till time shall end, re -
5. O Lord, your feast we cel - e - brate: we

4
pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose a - gainst the Son, our
took the bread and blessed and broke. What love through all his
ceive and eat as liv - ing food." He took the cup and
mem - ber - ing your dy - ing Friend; meet at my ta - ble
show your death, we sing your name till you re - turn, when

7
God's De - light, and friends be - trayed him to his foes.
ac - tions ran! What won - drous words of love he spoke!
blessed the wine: "Share this new tes - ta - ment, my blood!"
and re - cord the full o - be - dience of the Lord."
7 we shall eat the mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION
TO THE LORD'S TABLE
GREAT PRAYER
OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

LEADER: You are holy, O God of majesty...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a common time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It starts with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a melodic line for the lyrics. The lyrics are: "Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!" The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, along with rests. There are two instances of "(organ)" in parentheses above the staff, one at the beginning and one at the end of the piece. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

setting by William Mathias

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD

(Gluten-free bread is provided this evening for the Lord's Supper. Each bread tray contains pieces of gluten-free bread individually packaged in small plastic bags. Please hold the elements until all have been served.)

MOTET

"Ave Verum Corpus"

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Ave verum Corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine: Vere
passum, immolatum in
cruce pro homine: Cujus
latus perforatum, vero
fluxit sanguine: Esto nobis
praegustatum in mortis in
examine. O clemens, O
pie, O dulcis, Fili Mariae.
Amen.

*All hail, O true Body, of the
blessed Virgin born, Which in
anguish to redeem us did'st suffer
upon the cross; From whose side,
when pierced by spear, there
came forth both water and
blood: Be to us at our last hour
the source of consolation. O
tender, O loving, O Jesu Son of
Mary. Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and cup in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 98
(seated)

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

PASSION CHORALE

THIRD LESSON

The Shadow of Desertion

Matthew 26:30-35
Lucinda B. Hedges

FOURTH LESSON

The Shadow of Temptation

Mark 14:32-41
Roderic P. Frohman

ANTHEM

"God So Loved the World"

Bob Chilcott
Keely Futterer, *soprano*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that
whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- John 3:16

FIFTH LESSON

The Shadow of Judgment

Mark 15:6-10
Luke 23:18-25
Ann Prince

SIXTH LESSON **The Shadow of Death**

Luke 23:33-46
Lynette Sparks

ANTHEM "Ah, Holy Jesus"

John Ferguson
Jenny Väitalo, *viola*

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended? By foes derided, by thine
own rejected. Who was the guilty, who brought this upon thee?
Alas my treason Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I Lord Jesus, I
crucified thee.

- *Johann Heerman*

SEVENTH LESSON **The Shadow of the Tomb**

Mark 15:42-46
Ralph Carter

SOLO "Were You There?"

Traditional

THE FALL of DARKNESS

PRAYER of SUPPLICATION

*Though the Christ Candle is removed from our presence,
the Light is not extinguished.
We wait—in darkness—for the Resurrection.*

*You are invited to remain as long as you wish for meditation and prayer.
Please depart in silence.*

Participants in this evening's service:

LITURGISTS: Martha C. Langford, Lynette Sparks
John Wilkinson

ACOLYTES: Elena Pochodylo, Randall Carlson

READERS: Randall Carlson, Ralph Carter, Roderic P. Frohman,
Lucinda B. Hedges, Ann Prince

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Tom Mueller

USHERS: Robb Adams, Hope Herting, Beth Sieber,
Jeff Weis, Rob White

TENEBRAE is derived from the Latin word meaning darkness or shadows. In this ancient service we begin with a sanctuary filled with light, but as we hear the story of our Lord's passion read from the Scriptures, the shadows begin to overtake us. With each step our human sin and faithlessness deepen and gradually blot out the light.



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Holy Week and Easter at Third Presbyterian Church

9:00 a.m.

GRCC Good Friday Walk for Solidarity and Justice

Pentecostal Miracle Deliverance Church, 923 Portland Avenue
Plenty of parking.

12:15 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy in the Chapel

6:30 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service

**at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
1100 S. Goodman Street, on the Terrace**

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Festival Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary



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